

**Other options available for old school, gym**

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Heppner school photo circa 1920 with Jerry Brosnan front left and Paul Hisler, Sr., front center.

**Letters to the Editor**

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**Dismissed without recognition**

To the Editor:  
One of our county's planning board positions came up for renewal or reappointment recently and our county court chose not to reappoint Marvin Padberg. Marvin has served for 16 years. I am of the opinion that is long enough to serve on any board. It is good to allow other people to participate in the planning process and congratulations go out to Anne Morter. I am sure she will do a good job.  
However, this letter is not about who is or who is not on the planning board, but how Marvin found out he had been replaced. It seems to me the court didn't have the stomach to notify him. The December meeting was about to close and Marvin asked if he had been reappointed only to be told he had been replaced. Marvin was dismissed without

recognition or even acknowledgement of his service throughout the years. How embarrassing. Why didn't the court notify him?  
I also understand all three county court members were present at the December meeting, which was a first in a long time. I wonder why?  
The court had an opportunity to redeem themselves when Doris Brosnan had a piece in the paper stating Anne Morter had been appointed to the planning board. Any mention of Marvin's service? No.  
I only hope the other planning board members visit with our county court about the incident.  
I would be interested to have a response to this letter, if I have my facts wrong.  
(s) Terry Mewhinney  
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**Column could make NY Times**

To the Editor  
Ha, ha, ha, I see the humorist was back again in the Jan. 9 Gazette-Times with another one of his little funnies. Looks like he did quite a bit of research on this one. This might indicate he is trying to impress the good editor in hopes he will be asked to do the weekly humor column. I think if he keeps up the good

work, he will step out of his front door some morning to find ESPN and ABC both set up in his front yard. Then his humor column might just end up in the New York Times.  
P.S.-If motorcycles are licensed, ATVs should also be licensed.  
(s) Mel Piper  
Lexington

**Remembers years in Heppner**



John Fuiten

To the Editor:  
I recently visited relatives in Salem and saw the 12/26 issue of the Gazette-Times. I found several interesting items that brought back memories of the years we spent in Heppner.  
I remember that July in 1938 when I arrived at the CCC camp from Western Oregon. It was so different that I was ready to leave as soon as possible. But I learned to love the place, found my wife there, and stayed seven years.  
Following my two years at the Camp, I worked for Case Furniture, for the post office and as Sheriff pro tem from 1942 to 1945, while Sheriff Bauman was in the Navy Shore Patrol. I also served as Scoutmaster for the Boy Scout troop.  
An item awhile back in the East Oregonian mentioned the plans for the centennial for the courthouse which was built in 1902. I hope to attend if there will be an observance. I will watch your publication for information.  
Since leaving Heppner in November 1945, my wife and I

have been in the ministry. We continue to serve on staff under our son, Joseph.  
(s) John Fuiten  
Cedar Park Assembly of God  
Bothell, WA.

**DA's Report**

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen has released the following report:  
-Felix Reyes Garcia plead guilty to Menacing, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended on the condition that he successfully complete probation conditions, and 12 months bench probation. He was also ordered to have no contact with the victim, obtain a mental health evaluation, follow any recommended treatment and pay \$339 in fines, fees and assessments.  
Kevin Haskell Bond was found in violation of his probation and his probation was revoked and reinstated. His probation was extended for 18 months and he was ordered to complete 80 hours of community service, serve five days in the Morrow County Jail, report to the Department of Corrections, Parole and Probation and appear at a review hearing to review misdemeanor treatment status.

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To the Editor:

Sitting at the Christmas concert of my young son with my family, we greatly appreciated the heritage of our old school and gymnasium that we have in Heppner. The stories that the walls could tell...  
Not only did I go to school in the buildings, but also my husband, his father and his father's father. Our family has a photograph of a school photo taken some time in the 1920's. We only know two of the people that are pictured, Jerry Brosnan and Paul Hisler, Sr., but this shows how

rich our history is. The two people in the photo have since left us, but they have left us with many memories that can never be replaced.  
There is discussion of these buildings being torn down, only to be replaced with new structures. Are we going to let this happen? These buildings are a part of Heppner; they have withstood the hundreds and thousands of footsteps that have gone up and down the stairs that still exist today after 80-plus years.  
We have a similar building located in Morrow County that was closed several years ago,

making office space available for our school system. This building was not torn down or condemned, we renewed an existing resource, why can't we do the same here?  
Whose choice was this to build a new gym, and whose choice was it to place it at a different location? The school system is talking about the shortage of children, and not the least, shortage of funds. We let our teachers go, with a large impact to our children. Concentrate on the job at hand, our children. Not who has the biggest and best

of...  
Why build something new when we can "recycle" what we already have? We owe this to Heppner to keep our history. This building is older than those of you who want to tear it down. I hope that the Historical Society will step in and research the historical factor of these two buildings.  
Please, let's not take the loss of these buildings so lightly, there are other options available. Let us take a look at these options, and make our decisions wisely.  
(s) Cindy Brosnan  
Heppner

**County Court hears Unocal property proposal**

At the January 9 meeting of the Morrow County Commissioners, Heppner Mayor Bob Jepsen and Larry Mills, member of the Morrow County Museum Commission, presented a proposal for the Unocal property, now owned by the city. They reminded the commissioners that a previous Court had agreed to help the city in development of the property, if it should gain ownership.  
Jepsen reported a commitment from the Oregon National Guard for construction plans and work on the property, which is to become a display area and park that will tie into the memorial area and the museum. He and Mills provided some details on the preliminary work by the city, specifics of the planned project, and the agreements between the city and the museum concerning finances and responsibilities. They explained the needs they hope the county can help with, and the Court agreed to further study the project and the requests.  
County counsel Bill Hanlon and planning director Tamra Mabbott reported that they continue work on the language of the Farm Exempt Permit agreement, which should be drafted by the next Court session. They also reported their discussion about hiring a contract attorney for the speedway project, who would review applications and provide guidance in the event of disagreements. Commissioner Dan Brosnan noted that Oregon Motor Speedway would provide financing for the position, and Port of Morrow economic development specialist Martin Davis said that the port is willing to assist. Hanlon explained the need for an agreement between the port and the county and between the county and the attorney.  
Director of Children and Families Commission Barbara Hayes reported the completion of phase II of that commission's comprehensive plan, adding that three department heads have yet to complete readings of their chapters and make changes if needed. Additional portions to phase II will need to be accomplished later, she reported. The court approved the phase II plan.  
Public Works director Burke O'Brien reported that the crew was working to correct a drainage problem on Bunker Hill Road and continues work on the Valby Road project. He reported on permission granted in 1954 by the Department of the Air Force for a road or street on the Boardman Bombing Range. He noted that the agreement is not typical, and the Court will need to acquire a proper easement in order to include the utility corri-

dors on both sides of the road. Judge Terry Tallman agreed to contact Senator Gordon Smith's office, and O'Brien agreed to contact the Navy.  
Other actions of the Court:  
-approval of a plat map for Meadows Addition, with a replat of lots 16 and 17;  
-approval of the order initiating the annexation of some territory into the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District and scheduling of a public hearing for Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. at the Boardman Annex on any other adjoining lands considered for addition;  
-approval of the domestic violence grant renewal application;

-approval of a permit for a driveway approach onto Columbia in Irrigon, a permit to CenturyTel for a line near Liberty School Road, a permit to Columbia River Processing for installation of signs near Rippee Road;  
-approval of the weed-chemicals bid by Wilbur Ellis.  
**Commission meeting**  
A meeting of the Oregon Chemical Demilitarization Citizens Advisory Commission will be held on Thursday, January 17, from 7-9 p.m. at Good Shepherd Health Care System in Hermiston.  
A social gathering will precede the meeting from 6:30-7 p.m.

**In the Service**

**Marine Corps Sgt. Christopher J. Blackman**, son of Glorine M. Blackman of Irrigon, was recently promoted to his current rank while serving with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 512, Marine Air Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.  
Blackman was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.  
Blackman is a 1996 graduate of Walla Walla Valley Academy of College Place, WA, and joined the Marine Corps in October 1997.

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