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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$5.)

Fire department comes to the rescue

To The Editor:
Last Wednesday night a severe ice storm hit the hills of Heppner and caused six women to be stranded above Heppner Hill. A call to 911 for gravel was issued and within 20 minutes our trusty Fire Chief Rusty Estes was on hand to reassure us that the highway department was on the way. Once the gravel was down we edged down the hill at a snail's pace. Around the first corner was the Heppner Fire Department and we had quite a caravan going down the hill. They had gone out to assist others in peril. Once

again, we appreciate these great fellows, as well as the State Highway crew who made the highway passable so that we might get home. However, those of us who still had Jones Hill to climb chose to spend the night in town, with more than a little encouragement from the fire chief. We would have been literally "skating on thin ice".

From Ollie and Olga's
Bunko Club
(s) Claudia Hughes,
Marlene Currin, Jan Stroerber,
Debbi Marshall, Cam Wishart
and Pat Edmundson

BMCC spring term classes to begin

Spring term for Blue Mountain Community College will begin Tuesday, April 2, and registration for classes is currently underway. A variety of classes are being offered in the Heppner area. Interested students should contact Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator, at 422-7040 for further information.

An evening class called "Paint a Birdhouse" will be offered at Heppner Elementary School on Tuesday, April 16, from 5-8 p.m. Jannie Allen will lead the class in decorating a birdhouse for the home or garden. The cost is a \$10 lab fee payable at the class and students must bring their own ready-to-paint birdhouse (available at many craft stores). Space is limited so call to reserve a spot today.

A selection of computer classes has been scheduled. Computer Basics is a four-week class designed for beginners, starting Thursday, April 4, at Ione High School. Navigating the Internet is a two-session course, also at Ione, starting May 9. Intro to Excel is set to be held on two

consecutive Saturdays, April 6 and 13, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day at Heppner. Intermediate Microsoft Word is a four-week class beginning April 9 at Heppner High School. This class will go beyond the basic functions of MS Word into such things as headers, footers, mail merge, envelopes and much more. Also, an E-Commerce class is set for April 20 and 27 at HHS for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This course is designed to help small business and personal users decide how e-commerce can play a role in their businesses or lives. Call for tuition prices and more information.

Rounding out the schedule is Small Business Counseling, and 55 Alive. Small Business Counseling is set for Tuesday, April 23, from 6-9 p.m. at the school district office in Lexington. This class offers people interested in a small business a chance for one-on-one business counseling. Fifty-five Alive is a classroom defensive driving course offered for older drivers. Call Anne Morter, 422-7040, for more information.

School calendar for April

Heppner Jr/Sr High School
Monday, April 1-varsity boys golf at Wildhorse, 1 p.m.;
Tuesday, April 2-softball at Weston-McEwen, 3 p.m., track at Hermiston, 3:30 p.m., varsity baseball, Mac-Hi at Heppner, 4 p.m.;
Wednesday, April 3-advisory meeting at HES, 7 p.m.;
Thursday, April 4-JV golf at Willow Run, 3 p.m., varsity baseball at Wahtonka, 3:30 p.m., parent-teacher evening conferences in the HHS gym, 5-9 p.m.;
Friday, April 5-student-led conferences, 7:30-11:30 a.m., varsity boys golf at Echo Hills, 10 a.m., junior high track at Umatilla, 1 p.m., JV baseball at LaGrande, 2 p.m., two games;
Saturday, April 6-track at Umatilla, 11 a.m., softball, Wahtonka at Heppner, 1 p.m.;
Sunday, April 7-Daylight Savings Time begins;
Monday, April 8-boys golf at McNary, JV baseball, Pendleton at Heppner, 4 p.m., Morrow County Board meeting at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.;
Tuesday, April 9-freshmen/sophomore track meet at Boardman, 4 p.m., varsity baseball, Wahtonka at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.;
Wednesday, April 10-spring sports pictures, site council meeting, 7 p.m.;
Thursday, April 11-district math contest at Sam Boardman Elementary School;
Friday, April 12-varsity boys golf at Buffalo Peaks, 12 noon, junior high track at Boardman, 2 p.m., JV baseball at Wahtonka, 4:30 p.m.;
Saturday, April 13-track at Condon, 11 a.m., varsity baseball at Condon, 11 a.m. (two games), softball at Culver, 1 p.m.;
Monday, April 15-JV baseball, Riverside at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.;
Tuesday, April 16-varsity baseball at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.;
Thursday, April 18-
Friday, April 19-junior high track at Pilot Rock, 2 p.m., track at Boardman, 2 p.m., JV baseball, Hermiston at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.;
Saturday, April 20-varsity baseball at Pilot Rock, 11 a.m. (two games);
Sunday, April 21-Centennial Student Exchange week;
Monday, April 22-JV baseball at Pendleton, 4 p.m.;
Tuesday, April 23-softball, Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 4 p.m., track at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m., varsity baseball, Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.;
Thursday, April 25-girls golf at Pendleton, 1 p.m.;
Friday, April 26-boys golf at Buffalo Peaks, 12 noon, varsity baseball at Umatilla, 2 p.m. (two games), JV baseball at Hermiston, 4:30 p.m.;
Saturday, April 27-Biology III field trip to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, softball at Wahtonka, 1 p.m.,
Monday, April 29-JV baseball at Riverside, 4:30 p.m.;
Tuesday, April 30-boys golf at Wildhorse, pre-district tournament, 11 a.m., varsity baseball, Condon at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.

Ione Legion holds birthday dinner

The Ione American Legion and the Ione American Legion Auxiliary held the 83rd annual Legion birthday dinner at the Office Tavern in Ione on March 19.

A short meeting was held after the dinner. Conrad Tworek presented a 50-year membership pin to G. E. Tucker and Paul W. Tews. A 25-year pin was presented to Darrel Wilson. Eunice McElligott, vice-president, and Jean Jepsen presented five-year pins to Robin Moran and Anne Bedortha, a 10-year pin to Phyllis Dudley, a 15-year pin to Kristine George, 30-year pins to

Pat Pettyjohn and Betty Rietmann and 35-year pins to Irene Swanson and Maureen McElligott. Seven new members of the Ladies Auxiliary were presented membership pins - Sharon Burkhardt, Rondi Jeans, Robin Krebs, Kylie and Mary McElligott, and Elizabeth and Renee Peterson.

About 40 members were in attendance. The room was decorated in an Americana theme complete with red, white and blue balloons, top hats and stars by Irene Holtz and Jean Jepsen. The Office Tavern provided birthday cake and ice cream.

Old Time Fiddlers plan local concert

Oregon School Employees Association #59 (Morrow County) is once again hosting the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers on Saturday, March 30. Show time will be 6 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria. Desserts will be offered during the show this year.

The Blue Mountain Fiddlers

put on about 35 shows a year during the spring and summer months. Fiddlers range from people in their 90s to young people.

Proceeds will go to the scholarship fund for Morrow County seniors. Each year OSEA presents two to four scholarships for graduating seniors of Morrow County.

Wheat Commission plans meeting

The Oregon Wheat Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 2, at the Wheat Marketing Center Conference Room, 1200 NW Naito Parkway, Suite 240, Portland, at 9 a.m. Dress is

business casual.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities.

The commission meeting is open to the public and anyone wishing to attend is invited.

**Engagement
Kemp - Parish**



Toni Kemp and Travis Parish

Gary and Marcia Kemp of Lexington announce the engagement of their daughter, Toni Lee Kemp of Ontario, to Travis Charlie Parish of King Hill, Idaho.

The bride-elect graduated from Heppner High School in 1997 and from the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho, in 2001 with a degree in ag-business. She is employed at Farm Credit Services in Ontario.

Parish, the son of Terry and Penny Parish of King Hill, Idaho, is a graduate of Glenns Ferry High School in Glenns Ferry in 1997 and from the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho, in 2001 with a degree in ag-business. He is employed at Burks Tractor in Nampa, Idaho.

The couple plans a June 1, 2002, wedding at the Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner at 3 p.m.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes
Chamber Executive Director

Our great community and Willow Creek Valley did it again and, in spite of some old troll delivering the worst weather in 20 years, visitors had a great time and were making reservations for next year on the following Monday. A local commented that the "light came on for her" during Heppner's Irish weekend when she realized that it was about having fun while working to make visitors feel welcome. It's about putting Heppner on the map as a great community to visit, being recognized as a town of friendly people, having your house guests join in to help, and maybe even convincing visitors to start a business here and relocate. Right on!

When we go to events in other towns, kick back and just have fun, the people there are going through exactly what we did St. Pat's weekend. At work or at play we are on the receiving end as our local organizations and businesses realize dollars to keep our economy healthy. So it went March 15-17, as you, the "heartlight" of Heppner, made it a great weekend for one and all.

Lighthearted fun is in store for you during the April Fool's Tournament, on Tuesday April 2, at 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School gym. Many of the "star athletes" can't run, can't skip, can't jump, so if that's entertainment, be on hand to see a lot of fools performing as East Main meets West Main in the oldies but goodies tournament. The aim, even if no baskets are made, is fun for Heppner, laughter, and humiliation. It comes complete

with cake walk, half time hoop shoot for parents and children, and action of all sorts. Chairpersons Sharon Harrison, Doris Bronsman, and Darrell Raver have a great evening planned.

This week is National Agriculture Week. It's time to remember that the economy starts and stops with natural resources. No one realizes this more than rural communities who have felt the impact of decreased harvest, be it timber, wheat, cattle, or land. Many people are removed from any contact with the land and don't have a clue what it takes to get food to those grocery store shelves. Rural communities need to educate them. As cities cover more and more fertile land with concrete storage units, parking lots, high tech businesses, skyscrapers, malls, or homes; they are taking away America's ability to provide food for its citizens. There are myriads of challenges for producers and small businesses, too lengthy to cover, which are within the circle of life in rural America. While all else is escalating in price, America is still getting low cost food because farmers and ranchers put their heart and soul into stewardship of the land to grow products, resulting in by-products, which in turn grow jobs.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce salutes ag producers who continue to produce, often against difficult odds, for this great country. And we salute the small businesses that continue on making shopping convenient and close to home.

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**Marvin Brannon, Exalted Ruler-Elect,
Officers and Ladies
of
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*Request the pleasure of your company
at the
Installation of Officers
Saturday, March 30, 2002
Heppner Elks Lodge
Heppner, Oregon*

Installation, 4 p.m.
Cocktails, 5:30 p.m.
No-Host Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

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