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**St. Pat's Senior Center news**

The St. Patrick's Senior Center Board of Directors will meet in regular session on Wednesday, May 21 at 12 noon in the Center office. Among the agenda items are issues regarding rental of space and responsibilities of parties involved; also nominations of potential new members will be offered. Other business includes completion and discussion of the details of the Memorial Dinner to be held on Sunday, May 25.

United Methodist volunteers for the May 7 lunch at the Center were Barbara Gilbert, Jim and Cam Wishart, Carolyn Willey, Joy Krein and Peggy Connor. Pastor Keith Brudevold offered the table blessing. Near the close of the meal, the volunteers offered an appropriate benediction: together they sang, "There are smiles that make us happy; there are smiles that make us blue; but the smiles that steal away the teardrops are the smiles that I give to you." (An "oldie and goodie")

The lunch menu for Wednesday, May 21 is hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls and butter, cottage cheese and pears, and pudding. Members of the Heppner Christian Church will be the volunteers of the day.

**Mustangs sweep Tigers to clinch first place in CBC East**

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang baseball team swept the Stanfield Tigers 9-0 and 11-4 on Saturday, May 10 to clinch first place in the Columbia Basin Conference East Division. The Mustangs improved to 8-0 in the CBC and 18-3 overall and have a doubleheader at home against Weston-McEwen on Saturday, May 17 and will be at Umatilla for a single game on Tuesday, May 20 before going to the district tournament on Saturday, May 24 in Pendleton.

The Mustangs Chuy Elguezabal completely dominated the Tigers in the first game allowing just two hits, one walk and one hit by pitch, while striking out 16, including the side in the third, sixth and seventh innings. He also accounted for 19 of the 21 outs for the game.

The Mustangs gave Elguezabal all the runs he would need by scoring three in the top of the first inning. Elguezabal led off with a ground-rule double, Brad Adams reached on a fielder's choice, Elguezabal scored on a wild pitch, Kory Paullus had

a RBI triple and scored as Billy Gates grounded out.

They added two more in the second when Kyler Lovgren singled, Josh Gutierrez reached on an error and 'went to second' on the throw, Lovgren scored on a wild pitch and Elguezabal had a RBI single.

In the fifth, Paullus reached on a fielder's choice, Gates reached on a fielder's choice and Donald Adams drove both home with a double to make it 7-0.

They added two more in the seventh when Paullus walked and Gates hit a long home run to centerfield to make it 9-0.

Elguezabal and Paullus each went two for three with a RBI. Donald Adams went two for four with two RBI and Gates scored twice and had three RBI.

The Mustangs jumped out early in the second game when Elguezabal was hit by a pitch and sacrificed to third on a bunt by Josh Winters. Brad Adams had a RBI double, Luke Murray walked, Gates singled and Donald Adams reached on an error to score Murray.

**Spray announces its annual rodeo events**



**Spray Rodeo Queen Ashley Nichols**

The 56th annual Spray Rodeo will be held May 24-25, along with the 38th annual Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon.

The popular Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon, a 13.2 mile run from Service Creek to Spray, will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 24 near Service Creek. Water will be available at several locations along the way and the race will end in front of the school at Spray.

A "Buckaroo Breakfast" will be available at the Spray school cafeteria from early morning to 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The breakfast will be prepared by the Spray High School athletic program participants and their parents to help pay for their athletic activities.

The rodeo parade will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Spray General Store and will be led by Spray Rodeo Queen Ashley Nichols from The Dalles.

Nichols is a sophomore at The Dalles High School where she competes in

cross-country and track. She has also been involved in 4-H for three years. She grew up in Pilot Rock and moved to The Dalles in 1998. Rodeo has been a part of her life for as long as she can remember. Her grandfather is the late Mac Griffith, who grew up in Spray and had a very successful rodeo career.

The Spray Rodeo will feature cowboys and cowgirls from all over the Northwest who are members of the Northwest Professions Cowboys' Association, Idaho Cowboys' Association and Pro-West Rodeo Association. The events will begin with the grand entry at 1 p.m. and will feature the Rodeo Bandits from Molalla, an all-girls team who will perform a drill during the rodeo.

The stock will be furnished by 2002 Rodeo Stock of the Year, B-Bar-D Rodeo's. Returning for his sixth year is NPRA Rodeo Announcer of the Year Scott Allen, from Klamath Falls.

A rodeo dance will be held at 8 p.m. at the Spray school gym on Saturday evening, with music by "Boogie Man" Productions.

A cowboy church service will be held Sunday at 9 a.m. in the rodeo arena grandstands and the final rodeo performance will begin at 1 p.m.

For additional information about the events, call (541) 468-2442.

**Brad Adams went the distance striking out eight while allowing three hits and give walks and helped himself at the plate doubling twice and getting two RBI.**

Gates went four for five with a double and two RBI. Winters went two for three with four RBI and scored twice. Elguezabal went two for three and scored three times. Donald Adams went two for four with two RBI, Murray doubled and scored twice and Coil scored twice.

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Chuy Elguezabal and Billy Gates; Jake Flemmer and A.J. McQuown. W-Elguezabal. L-Flemmer. 2B-  
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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 \$7.)*

**Join us in voting for Craig Miles**

To the Editor:  
To those of you voting in the Morrow County School Board elections, we would like you to consider Craig Miles for Position No. 1.

We have worked with Craig for more than five years and have found him to be an honest and hardworking person.

Craig will work hard to understand the business of the school district, but first he

will insure that all students in the district will have the opportunity to receive the best education possible. The children will be his top priority.

Craig will not have any hidden agendas and will not be a Yes-man for the superintendent.

Please join us in voting for Craig Miles for Position No. 1.

(s) Tim and Shannon Rust Echo

**Don't criticize the soldier**

To the Editor:

An opinion on social justice: "No one should be allowed to criticize the government during times of war because of unnecessary stress."

It was not a difficult idea to understand: less stress, more concentration on the job at hand, get the job done faster.

The opposing side: I won't criticize those people that are out there pulling the trigger. They don't deserve it. Why? Because they have no choice. They either do what there are told or go to jail. That is military law, straight from the "Uniform Code of Military Justice." And of course there are those that sincerely believe that "expediency" still has some righteousness to it.

Back to the point: "Should not be allowed" because of "social justice." Point: Without criticism there is no freedom of speech. Without freedom of speech, there is no freedom. Without freedom, there is no learning. Without learning, there is no understanding. Without understanding, each person loses his or her individual power. Without individual

power, we lose the freedom to choose.

Those readers who have never had to point a rifle at another human and pull the trigger will never understand the changes or the hurt that lasts a lifetime.

One more time: I won't criticize the troops because they don't deserve it.

We all saw on TV the one man who couldn't make the quantum leap between "thou shalt not kill" and the supposed need to kill.

Some will call him a coward. No, not a coward. His religion taught him well that killing is wrong. He simply couldn't make that quantum leap, that massive "change" from civilian to soldier. I won't criticize him either, not for being human.

The catch phrase to the 60s and 70s was "Give peace a chance." How about giving the United Nations a chance?

Another catch phrase: "United we stand." The operative term is united. United in an effort to stop the blood baths called war.  
(s) Phillip L. Kight Heppner

**Armato, a good candidate for the job**

To the Editor:

As the May 20th election deadline approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to urge our voters to cast their ballots. We have several special district elections on the ballot including a crucial school board election.

Five out of seven positions on the Morrow County School Board are open. In this critical time of funding decreases, it is imperative that we elect individuals to these positions who are forthright in their views and have shown a keen interest in the affairs of the school district. The new school board members must have shown that they hold the education of our children as their number one priority. They should have demonstrated their knowledge of and their commitment to meeting the challenges of educating our children.

With four active years of service on the Heppner/Lexington Advisory Committee (School Committee) and three years of service on the Morrow County School District Budget Committee, it is clear that Mike Armato fits this description. His commitment to our schools has been demonstrated by his record of attendance of school board meetings over the past five years and his volunteer work in our schools.

Furthermore, Mike is a multi-issue candidate who will serve all of the

communities of the district. I urge you to cast your vote for Mike Armato, position four, of the Morrow County School Board.  
(s) Judy Buschke Heppner

**Clarifies omission**

To the Editor:

Last week when the candidates were given a chance to answer questions from the Gazette my answers were not included. I did not hear about the questionnaire until Tuesday night when I got home and there was a message on my answering machine. The Gazette was unable to send me the questionnaire until Thursday morning via email. I spoke to the editor of the Gazette and received a nice apology for the mix up.

I have attended the debates both in Boardman and in Heppner. Some of the candidates have not been at either one. I have answered all reporters promptly and happy to do so. I am concerned about the voters getting the wrong impression of my dedication and myself to this position.

I am very concerned about the statement in the paper that said, "Debbie Radie did not respond to the questionnaire." I would like the voters to know that I would have responded promptly had I had the opportunity.

(s) Debbie Radie Morrow County School Board Candidate Position #3

**After 35 years of teaching...  
LES PAYNE IS RETIRING!**

**Join us for a Roast and Toast  
Hors d'oeuvres and No-Host Bar  
Saturday, May 17, 6:30 p.m. - ?  
at the Heppner Elks Lodge**

**Please RSVP to (541) 922-3294  
or (509) 782-2135**

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**OHV PARK**

**GRAND OPENING**

**Saturday, May 17th**

**Join us for ribbon cutting at 11 a.m.**

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Over 60 miles of trail open to ride!

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**Morrow County  
Public Works**



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Near Heppner, Oregon**

4,400 sq. ft. home on 10.5 acres 6.5 miles south of Heppner with four bedrooms, three bath, two-car garage, central air and heat, woodstove, hardwood floors, 40'x60' steel clear-span shop with concrete floor, 26'x60' four-bay shop, kennels, two pastures with new fences; creek runs through the property, has a good well, one-of-a-kind, turnkey.

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