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**Engagement**

**Robinson-Davis**



Robert Davis and Rondi Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and Delia Robinson, of Heppner, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rondi, of Portland, to Robert L. Davis, of Portland.

The bride-elect graduated from Heppner High School in 1995 and attended Portland Community College. She is currently self-employed in Portland.

The groom-elect is the son of James and Anita Fontenot, of Portland, and Robert and Jeanette Davis of Vancouver. He graduated in 1994 from Evergreen High School in Vancouver, WA. He also attended Portland Community College. He is currently employed at M&M Custom Cabinets in Portland.

The couple plans an Aug. 1, 2004 wedding at Lakeside Gardens in Portland.

**St. Patrick's honors first communion participant**



Father Condon (left) with Ryan Dougherty.

Ryan Dougherty received her First Holy Communion recently at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. She had prepared and studied for this special event through the past year. Following the event at Mass, the Altar Society had a reception for her in the parish hall. Friends and guests joined in the joy of the occasion.

Dougherty is the daughter of Cliff and Dawna Dougherty of Heppner.

**Proud of the 2004 Mustang Baseball Team!**

We just wanted to let the baseball team know how very proud we are of each and every one of you. What a great year it was, from the first game 'til the championship game was over. You never let us down. You kept us on the edge of our seats in some, but in most, you had total command of the game. We would not have missed this incredible journey for anything. Thank You for a FANTASTIC year of baseball; the memories will be with us for years to come.

Phil and Kathy Carlson

**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.)

**Heppner Is A SMART Community**

To the Editor:

The first year of the Heppner Elementary SMART Program is over. In retrospect, the challenges and accomplishments of SMART are phenomenal. The goal set by the Oregon Children's Foundation, which oversees the SMART Program, was to serve 25 students, 25 percent of the K-3rd grade. The number of volunteers that stepped up to read with our students, allowed us to have 39 students in the program this school year. There were 45 active volunteers that were willing to come in for one hour each week to Start Making A Reader Today.

I am proud and

overwhelmed that Heppner is the first school in the state to not only meet their goal, but to pass their goal, the first year in the program.

The involvement of this community and the staff of Heppner Elementary have made the SMART Program an enormous success. My hat is off to all of you for your support and encouragement.

Anyone interested in being a part of SMART this coming school year, please give me call at 676-9128 ext. 2630 and you can Start Making A Reader Today.

(s) Tracie Bunch  
Heppner Elementary SMART Coordinator  
Umatilla/Morrow SMART

**Blowing Heppner's Horn**

To the Editor:

Amidst all the fuss over relocating city hall, Heritage Plaza's agricultural relics, the cost of city water, and all the rest, it's important to keep things in perspective. These topics generate some controversy and are currently part of the ongoing debate over local conditions, which is fitting and proper. However, after having to spend much of my adult life in places such as Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, it occurs to me that Heppner actually has a good deal to crow about with respect to quality of life. Allow a relative newcomer to blow out a few notes on Heppner's horn:

In Heppner, everybody waves at each other; to neglect one's waving duty is to be guilty of the high crime of putting on airs. If you wave to people in San Francisco, they'll mug your hand.

In Heppner, there's a cross on the hill, lovingly maintained and lit up at night for the inspiration of all. San Francisco also has a cross — hidden from public view in a thick grove of trees on Mt. Davidson. The last time anybody paid any special attention to it was during the filming of "Dirty Harry," which contains a scene of Clint Eastwood being savagely attacked at the base of that cross by the film's villain.

In Heppner, it's easy to make a veritable snootful of fine friends. All you have to do is employ a reasonable amount of civility, show some respect for the other person's point of view and

refrain from taking yourself too seriously. Although it seems to come naturally to most folks here, this basic skill seems to have been lost to many of the larger U.S. cities, and I suspect that some of them never really got the hang of it in the first place.

Heppner is not a rich town in the sense of disposable cash, but it doesn't really need to be. When somebody's house burns down or there's a family in distress, neighbors come to the rescue with fundraisers, food and moral support. Some of the best volunteers I've ever seen regularly step up to the plate to take on projects like Heritage Plaza, which probably couldn't have been successfully completed without in-kind contributions of labor, equipment and materials. Sure, everybody runs for cover when they see John Edmundson coming, but eventually the same good ones emerge and John gets his volunteers (John's motto: You can run, but you can't hide).

Finally, no town of Heppner's size I've ever been in has done a finer job of preserving, recording and celebrating its history. Shoot, most of Heppner proper likely meets the eligibility criteria for a National Historic District, and perhaps that's something we should aim for.

And these things, ladies and gentlemen, make Heppner just about the hottest thing around.

(s) Glenn Baker  
Heppner

**Museum, a memorial to Marsha Sweek**

To the Editor:

Time passes, and with it, we lose the people whose vision and hard work have contributed toward making Heppner the wonderful community it is today. To those who have forgotten, and to those new in the community who didn't know — please remember every time you

pass it on Main Street, that there is no better memorial to Marsha Sweek's spirit than the Morrow County Museum. It is what it is today in large part due to her past service as curator. (s) Linda A. Shaw  
Heppner resident, 1978-2004

**Don't give up hope for Peck**

To the Editor:

To the friends, family and loved ones of Deanna Peck, Be encouraged and never, never give up hope. Our God is a mighty God and he rules. Deanna is now

in Hermiston at the Hermiston Good Samaritan Center at 970 W. Juniper Avenue, in room 503. She would be blessed by your prayers and visits. (s) Stuart Dick  
Pendleton

**Soccer registration extended until June 21**

The registration deadline for the local soccer team has been extended to June 21. Children ages 4-1/2 to 13 may participate in soccer. Anyone interested in signing up should contact Darrell Raver at 676-8710.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
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