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**HHS Booster Club news**

After the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted, the treasurer reported that last year's scholarship recipients had requested when they wanted their money. There was also discussion about changing the scholarship form.

Missy Cutsforth requested monies for Colt Volleyball supplies but it was decided that she should request the money from the Parent Club at the elementary school rather than the high school.

The Club learned that this year (or next) the baseball team is in rotation for new uniforms and the team is looking at possibly needing a new batting net.

Band shirts that were previously ordered have arrived and the students like them.

In old business, the snack shack revenue was discussed. There was discussion about some profit going to tsunami relief. The Club decided to allow the high school staff and student council to run the shack during the home game on Friday, Jan. 21, with the money earned going to UNICEF for help with the tsunami victims.

Class representatives were nominated with Rita Bergstrom representing the seniors; Karen Smith-Griffith, juniors; Janice Huddleston, sophomores; Cindi Doherty, freshmen; Dewayne Disque, eighth

grade; and Judy Eckman, seventh grade.

In other business, Morrow County Grain Growers wants Heppner and Ione Booster Clubs to put on a dinner. It was discussed that a good time for that would be between basketball and baseball/softball. Ron Bowman will check on the best dates for everyone.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9 in Mrs. Gentry's room at the high school.

**Volunteer training for Domestic Violence Services**

Domestic Violence Services is offering free volunteer training in Hermiston and Pendleton. Volunteers are needed to work on the crisis line and other areas of volunteer services.

The classes will be held Feb. 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 25, March 1 and 3 in Hermiston from 6-9 p.m.; and on March 15 in Pendleton from 6-9 p.m. All classes will be held at the D.V.S. offices. Sexual Assault classes will be announced later.

For more information or to register for the classes, call (541) 276-3322 or (541) 567-0424.

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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.)

**Support proposal for math and science teachers**

To the Editor:  
Recently, a news story listed the United States 29<sup>th</sup> out of 32 worldwide countries in the abilities of our math and science students.

Senator Kennedy has called for a student's

loans to be forgiven if he is a math or science major and consequently teachers for four years.

Please call your congressman and legislator in support of this proposal. (s) Margaret G. Murray Ione

**Ferrioli speaks on Oregon's economy**

To the Editor:  
The first week of the session made one thing clear: Some of our colleagues just don't understand what makes Oregon tick. It isn't higher government spending. It isn't more taxes. It isn't partisan attacks on our President or threatening to sue the feds.

The only thing that will help get Oregon back on track, pay for our schools and eliminate the need for more welfare programs is growth in the economy.

The only way to get growth in the economy is to remove obstacles like overly restrictive land use regulations that strangle communities, burdensome and illogical environmental regulations like the Pesticide Use Reporting Act and political hacks pandering to

the anti-growth, anti-people Green agenda.

It's time we realize that Oregon is a special place in competition with many other special places—like Idaho, Montana, Washington, California and Nevada—the states of the Great Intermountain West.

All are special. All have an environmental, cultural and historic heritage worth fighting for and worth preserving. The only difference is that these special places have something Oregon does not have: Jobs.

Elected officials need to understand that a thriving economy is what sustains us all.

(s) State Senator Ted Ferrioli - District 30 Senate Republican Leader

**Tillamook County Creamery Association offers scholarship to local students**

Tillamook County Creamery Association is offering one \$2,000 scholarship to local graduating high school seniors. TCCA encourages all students that are eligible, to apply for the scholarship.

Students applying for TCCA's excellence in leadership scholarship should be a 2005 graduating senior from Heppner High School, Ione High School or Riverside High School, or the son or daughter of a Columbia River Processing, Inc. employee so long as the student applying is living in the immediate area. Students need to be accepted to attend an accredited college, university or technical school for a degree program on a full-time basis. All students must have a GPA of 3.0 or above.

"Our youth and the communities where TCCA is located are very important to us," said Jim McMullen, TCCA president and CEO. "We feel that it is important to encourage our youth to strive for a college education and be a leader in their community." The

scholarship will be awarded based on leadership, community and school involvement and scholastic achievement.

Scholarship applications and directions are available at the three Morrow County high schools or by calling the Columbia River Processing, Inc. main office in Boardman at 481-3770. Students can also contact Christie Lincoln, TCCA corporate communications manager, at (503) 815-1358. All application components must be returned to the scholarship committee by April 1, 2005.

The Tillamook County Creamery Association, formed as a farmer-owned cooperative in 1909, has earned a reputation as one of the nation's premier brands of cheese. Tillamook is a national marketer of naturally aged cheddar and a variety of other cheeses, butter and an extensive line of premium ice cream, sour cream and yogurt. TCCA is most famously known for its internationally award-winning Tillamook Cheddar Cheese.

**GEODC to hold membership meeting**

The Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) annual membership meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Port of Morrow in Boardman. Call (541) 276-6745 to RSVP for lunch.

*The Heppner High School softball team is holding a fundraiser dinner on Friday, Jan. 28 in the HHS cafeteria from 5-7 p.m. The dinner will be homemade tostadas, with beans and rice for \$3.50, with extra tostadas for \$1 each. The meal will be prepared by the Elguezabal Family.*

**Sheriff's Report**

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

**Jan. 20:** Boardman PD arrested Michael Scott Greer, 26, on a Parole and Probation detainer warrant. Greer was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO cited Elidoro Flores Macias, 43, for DUII (BAC .28), Driving while Suspended, Open Container and on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

**Jan. 21:** Boardman PD cited David Jose Villegas, 19, for Minor in Possession.

-MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Bobbie Leslie Wade, 21, was arrested on a Circuit Court warrant for Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle.

**Jan. 22:** Boardman PD cited Kaycee Kim Simpson, 30, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 83 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO, Umatilla PD cited Jeffrey Linn Ring, 24, for Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

**Jan. 23:** MCSO received a report from Malheur County that Gregory Howard Bybee, 37, was arrested for Parole Violation/Attempted Manufacture of a Controlled Substance. Bybee was lodged at Malheur County Jail.

**Jan. 24:** Boardman PD arrested Clinton Andrew Shepardson, 23, on a Umatilla County Sheriff's Office warrant for Failure to Appear/Interfering, Felon in Possession of a Weapon, Interfering Wildlife Law Violation and on a Parole and Probation detainer warrant. Shepardson was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-Boardman PD cited Abraham Reyes, 23, for Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance.

-MCSO received a report from Tualatin PD that Pablo Organiz Mendoza, 42, was arrested on a warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended. Mendoza was lodged at the Washington County Jail, with local charges.

**BMCC announces Fall honor roll**

Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton has recently announced its honor students for Fall Term 2004. Following is a list of local students that were honored as President's List, Dean's List and Honor Roll students.

President's List: Boardman- Tatyana Lieurance and Alyssa Schaible; Heppner- Rebecca Cherry and Justin Mattair; and Irrigon- Jeanne Lee, Carol McCurdy and Crystal Munoz.

Dean's List: Boardman- Brandi Purcell and David Chavez; Heppner- Jennifer Hammons and Bradly Adams; Irrigon- Rocio Macias; and Lexington- Gabriel Owen.

Honor Roll: Irrigon- Christi Gettmann, Julie Gordanier, Faviola Macias, Andrea Marlow, Elizabeth Richardson and Laurence Rill; and Lexington- Rebecca Owen.

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**Obituaries**

**Jewell F. May**

Jewell F. May, 77, of Heppner, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service was held Jan. 21 at the Christian Life Center in Heppner. Private burial was at Canyon City Cemetery.

May was born Dec. 23, 1927, at Ault, CO, to Frank and Rosa Baker Benintendi. She grew up and attended schools in Colorado.

On Nov. 25, 1943, she married Walter B. May. The couple lived at John Day until 1993.

May enjoyed being a wife, mother and homemaker. She enjoyed the time she spent teaching middle school at Prairie City during the 1980s. She had also spent many years teaching Sunday school and working with children.

Her hobbies included painting, ceramics, sewing, singing and playing the piano.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Walter May of Heppner; sons, Walter May Jr. of Hermiston, James May of Ione and Rick May of Vernal, UT; daughter, Susan Rees of Sacramento, CA; sister, Beverly Johnson; and brother, Cecil Benintendi; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Ezra Benintendi, Glen Benintendi, Leroy Benintendi, Garland Benintendi and Kenneth Benintendi.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health Care, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**DA's report**

Timothy George Foster was convicted of two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance 2, a Class C felony. For each count, Foster was sentenced to six months driver's license suspension, 18 months supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and a combined total of fines and fees of \$1830.

Merle James Floyd was convicted of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, a Class C felony. Floyd was sentenced to three years supervised probation, 90 days in jail, 80 hours community service and \$914 in fines and fees.

Rachel Renee Dyer pled no contest to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class C felony. Dyer was sentenced to 80 hours community service, 18 months formal probation, completion of a drug treatment package, driving privileges suspended for six months (only if conviction enters) and \$921 in fines and fees. Dyer also entered a DUII Diversion petition.

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