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Educators and community must work together for solutions to fight drug problems

Well, summer is here, graduation is over and another great school year has come and gone. We can all be proud of our students' academic achievement and co-curricular successes. With all of the positive things that our school and community have experienced this past year, it is unfortunate that we end the year with some difficulties. As you have most likely heard, several of our youth are being investigated for the possible possession of illegal substances. It is important to point out that the investigation is confined to a small group of individuals and is not reflective of the entire student body at Heppner High School. There have been no charges or suggestion that any illegal activities happened on school district property.

In light of these allegations, our school district is examining our teachings on substance abuse. We are reviewing our curriculum to ensure that it is effective and relevant. The school district will also provide access to staff development opportunities for our employees. Substance abuse and illegal drugs have a negative impact on our schools. However, drug abuse is not an educational problem. Drug abuse is community problem: A problem that represents an assault on our entire community. We are anxious to work with parents, law enforcement and community organizations to create solutions. Educators often say that it takes a whole community to raise a child, and in light of our current difficulties that statement truly has merit. We all have responsibility to make Heppner a safe, inviting community.

Mark Burrows, MCSD Superintendent
Daye Stone, Heppner High School Principal

**50th Anniversary
Williams**



Chuck and Tobie Williams now



Tobie and Chuck Williams at their wedding

Chuck and Tobie (Thompson) Williams of Elgin will celebrate their 50th anniversary from 4-7 p.m., June 24, at the Elgin Community Center in a reception hosted by their children.

The couple was married July 3, 1956, in Elgin. They request no gifts.

**Engagement
Kinley-Morgan**



Korey Morgan and Michelle Kinley

Virgil and Debbie Morgan of Ione announce the engagement of their son, Korey Morgan, of Ione, to Michelle Kinley of Irrigon.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Les and Carol Kinley of Spokane, WA. She graduated from Jenkins High School and attended Eastern Oregon University majoring in Elementary Education. She now teaches in Irrigon.

The groom-elect graduated from Ione High School in 2001. He received a degree from Oregon State University in agriculture business and management. He is now employed by Lamb-Weston in Boardman.

The couple will be married on Aug. 11, 2006 at Centre Place in Spokane. The wedding ceremony beings at 7 p.m., with a reception following.

Marriage Licenses

June 14: Jack Benjamin Miller, 30, Irrigon and Naomi Victoria Plisek, 22, Irrigon.

June 16: Agustin Mendoza, 28, Boardman and Cilali M. Pacheco, 22, Boardman.

June 19: Brian Scott Harmon, 31, Ione and Rebecca Lynn Wigger, 36, Ione.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT 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 \$10.

Repaving Bombing Range Road unnecessary

To the Editor:

I recently discovered that bids for repaving the Boardman road (Bombing Range Road) are being accepted. I have driven over this road recently and there is nothing wrong with it.

There is another road, which is well used and does need work. It is the Sand Hollow Road. I think that the people who live

along the road would appreciate it a lot if that road were repaved.

It could be that the reason bids have been opened is that the county judge lives in Boardman and Sheriff Matlack lives in Irrigon.

(s) Barbara L. Cutsforth
Carter
Heppner

Chip seal work begins on Eastern Oregon highways

Oregon Department of Transportation and county maintenance crews will begin working Monday on a major chip seal operation along several eastern Oregon highways in Morrow, Grant and Umatilla counties. Below listed are the routes and estimated dates the work will take place. These dates may vary, depending on weather conditions. The project is expected to be completed by mid July. Motorists can expect delays of up to 20 minutes, loose gravel on the road and traffic controlled with flaggers and pilot cars. Travelers are reminded to slow down and drive with extra caution along these and all other road construction work zones.

State Route 402 (Kimberly - Long Creek Hwy.)
June 19-21

-from Monument (mile point 13.7) to Kimberly (mile point zero)

Oregon Hwy. 206/207: June 22-29

-mile point 35 to 41 (OR 207 Spray - Heppner Hwy.)

-mile point 15 to zero (OR 207 Spray - Heppner Hwy.)

-mile point 71 to 73 (OR 207/206 Wasco - Heppner Hwy., work ends at Ruggs)

State Route 334 (Athena - Holdman Hwy.): July

5-6

-Junction of Hwy. 335 (mile point 8.4) to Athena (mile point 17.4)

Chip seal operations include the application of emulsified oil and rock chips to help extend the useful life of the existing road surface.

Heppner team prepares for Relay for Life

Relay for Life, a way all of us can make a difference in the fight against cancer. In over 4200 communities across the country, teams of people camp out at schools, parks or fairgrounds to take turns walking or running around a track. Relay for Life is about raising awareness of cancer in the community and raising money for the American Cancer Society.

Everyone in our community knows someone, a family member, neighbor, friend or even yourself that has heard those haunting words, you have cancer. We can all help stop this disease by donating \$5 to \$10 or whatever you can to the American Cancer Society.

This will be the third year for Shannon Wicklund, Rebecca Swearingen, Jessica Roy and Ruth Maben and the second for Tom Wicklund, Dan Swearingen and Josh Roy. If you wish to make a donation, please drop it off at Murray Drug, or any of the team members, or call Shannon Wicklund evenings at 676-5259.

You can find more information on cancer and the ACS Relay for Life online at www.cancer.org.

Articles needed for Fair Tab

Those wishing to put articles regarding the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo in the Aug. 9 Fair Tab edition of the Gazette need to have the articles in by Monday, July 31 at 5 p.m. Articles may be mailed to P.O. Box 337, Heppner, OR 97836; faxed to 676-9211; or emailed to david@heppner.net.

Obituaries

James C. McLaughlin

Former Heppner resident, James C. McLaughlin, died June 4, 2006, in Spokane. He was 85. At his request, no services were held.

McLaughlin was born May 15, 1921, in the Heppner area, to Cor and Mary Doherty McLaughlin.

He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942. He was the first man in Morrow County to leave for World War II. He was wounded and received two Purple Hearts.

He is survived by ex-wife, Mary Kathryn Howell McLaughlin; daughters, Kathy Lagerquist and Peggy Beck; sons, Jim and Matt McLaughlin; sisters, Virginia Penner and Sarah Connelly; brothers, Bob, Herb, Mike and Terry McLaughlin; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Kathryn Wright and Nonie Pointer and brothers, Dan, Jack, Hugh and Joe McLaughlin.

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**HAPPY 1st
BIRTHDAY**

**OLIVIA
DAWN**

(on June 21st)

Love, Mama, Daddy, Grandma, Grandpa & Abbie

BOOK SIGNING

at **Armchair Books, Pendleton**

Tuesday, June 27 from 12 - 2 p.m.

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