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**Voters to decide on county road fix up**

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In particular those residents of the Wagon Wheel Loop addition are very dependent on this road.

In the Boardman area we will be rebuilding that portion of Kunze from South Main Street to Tower Road with State Funds, leaving the remainder of Kunze and Miller Rd. to be done with no foreseeable funding. These roads serve the residents of the Boardman area. In the lone area we have, through State Dollars, rebuilt a portion of the Bombing Range to lone connection, that being the new Juniper Canyon Lane. We still need to complete the rest of the road to lone. We have no funds currently

available to do this, yet it is of significant importance to those folks in that area.

Sand Hollow Road has been upgraded and had preservation work done on over 50 percent of it however we are finding it impossible to get funding to finish the last 50 percent of that project. The road however is a very viable route from Heppner to the Hermiston area.

We realize that a great deal of traffic from Heppner uses or would use this road if it were in decent condition. The City of Lexington while not directly on the Sand Hollow Road, does have access by way of Black Horse Canyon as well."

**Head Start sign up to be held May 1**

Ana Maria Reynaud will be at Heppner Elementary School on Tuesday, May 1, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. to meet with parents and fill out applications for Head Start for the 2007-2008 school year.

For more information call 541-481-3254.

**"After Hours" to be held by Heppner Chamber of Commerce**

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will host "After Hours" at the Bank of Eastern Oregon on Thursday, April 26, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Coffee, punch, and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Quilts, artwork, and personal collections from bank staff and local families will be on display.

You are invited to

**Tour  
Madison Farms  
Biosolids Recycling Program**

**Monday, April 30, 2007  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Call Madison Farms 541-376-8107 for reservations

Learn more about the use of biosolids including management practices, regulatory controls and beneficial impacts on the soil.

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*~ 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.

**Urging support for road levy**

To the Editor:  
I am writing to urge support for the Morrow County Road Levy. Because of budget cuts, over which we have no control, and with ever rising costs of

construction, it is not possible to keep up with maintaining necessary county roads without a special levy.

Without continuing to maintain and improve our local transportation system it

will not be possible to keep our economy on track.

Very little, if anything would be saved by turning major roads back to gravel as has suggested. The additional cost of maintenance would use up

any savings from the lack of paving.

In order to keep our local economy moving forward I urge you to join me in passing this necessary levy.

Raymond French  
Heppner

**Support for the road levy**

Letter to the Editor:  
I am writing this letter in support of the Morrow County Road Department tax levy. Over the past 9 years we have been fortunate enough to do work on a substantial number of roads in our system. We have met needs in every area of the county. The projects we have done have all been needed. However many other projects are outstanding as well. The projects we have yet to do include four very large projects. These are the projects referred to in the

levy. Without levy dollars these projects will use all of our maintenance dollars. If the levy does not pass that is exactly what we will have to do. We cannot and will not ignore the problems with these roads. This will mean the new road plan will address only those four roads. It will take us another five to six years to get them to a standard that is acceptable and safer. Yet this

does not mean they will be rebuilt to a standard that we would be able to with the levy dollars. In the mean time we will not be repairing the narrow crossings, chip sealing, rebuilding sections of gravel roads or overlaying those sections of road that either need it now or will very soon.

To give you a feel of what the comparison is since 1998 we have chip sealed 164.0 miles, paved 18.6 miles, reconstructed and paved 11.3 miles, built 13 plus miles of gravel road that was once paved, added 3" of gravel to 21.45 miles of gravel roads, pave patched 14.5 miles, widened shoulder on 11.1 miles and replaced four bridges and rebuilt 7 others. These projects have all been done out of our regular road budget.

If forced to rebuild the four roads in question with our road fund dollars we would not be doing most

of these types of projects for several years.

We also have done the following projects with outside dollars. Reconstructed and paved 2.6 miles of Coal mine Hill, reconstructed and paved 4 miles of Juniper Canyon, replaced the Brenner Bridge, replaced the Rhea Creek Bridge, replaced the Clarks Canyon Padberg Bridge #2 and will be replacing the Padberg Bridge #1 very soon. With Title II dollars, 4.5 miles of the Penland Lake road, 3.8 miles of Ditch Creek road, as well as Shaw Creek grade and Tupper Lane very soon. We paved 10.5 miles of the Bombing Range road as well as added new turn lanes with Finley Butte Road Fund dollars.

We will still be able to do some of these types of projects, just not as many.

This does not speak to the snow plowing and sanding, or the rebuild work after storms to several roads,

or the twice per year road grading we do on our gravel roads

If we could find an option to this we would be happy to. However we to this point have no options. Our budget is not growing and will not grow because of the levy. During the 5 years of the levy we will be working hard on these projects with levy dollars. But at the same time we would still have our budget for all of the other roads we need to maintain. Please do not force us to make the choice between keeping our good roads maintained or sacrificing them for these four roads because at the end of the day we really have no choice.

John Vandenbrink, Burrell Cooley, Tom Currin, Roger Britt, John Ripple, Lee Palmer, Jerry Gentry, and Ron McKinnis  
Road Committee members

**Higher prices for recreation without forest management**

Letter to the Editor:  
Attentive forest practices guarantees needed dollars for campgrounds, outdoor recreational desires and the environment we have come to expect in the North West.

Historically forest management (timber

harvest) was the funding stream that provided the needed dollars for recreation. Special Interest groups have attacked forest management with lawsuits to stop forest harvest. With the lack of forest management we are setting our forests up for uncertain and unstable futures.

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I have issues with paying more for recreational opportunities, schools, roads, and social services, at the inclination of special interest.

Charles J. Hurliman  
Tillamook County  
Commissioner

**Mustang Mop Up to help meet graduation requirements**

Letter to the Editor:  
Well, our school year is almost done and the spring activities at the high school have definitely kept us hopping up here on the hill. With all the craziness that happens in the spring, I would like to introduce a new activity that I and my staff are extremely excited about that will serve both our community and our students. It is appropriately named the Mustang Mop Up.

The state of Oregon, and our nation in general, have really stepped up and imposed increased levels of school accountability at all levels. Because of this, we have had to put in place creative local control to meet the mandates of the larger governing body. We have

seen, implemented, and felt the impact of things like the No Child Left Behind Act, our state report card, and even increased college entrance requirements. Without speaking to idiosyncrasies with each of the afore mentioned, the premise of each is to increase the educational preparedness of each student to enter the workforce and our society as a whole.

This brings us to the new graduation requirements that the State of Oregon have just put in place that we have to implement. As many of you know-our GOAL (Graduate Options of Achieved Learning) requirement has to be implemented this year and our students and staff are working hard to make sure

our seniors are on track to finish in full stride.

One of the requirements to graduate is community service. The Mustang Mop Up is exactly that in a nut shell. We are targeting community-wide civic projects that benefit everyone as well as a few handicapped and elderly projects were need is viable. May third will be an amazing day where many of our students will get to use this opportunity for more than a work day. It will be a learning day. No, it will not be with books or the way you might see school traditionally, but our students will gain much benefit from this experience. Understanding and educating the whole child is

our focus as a school, a state, and a nation. For many, this may be one of the few opportunities to learn what their responsibility is with giving back. These principles are embedded in the planning, communication, and implementation of such an event. If you know of a project that would deem appropriate for this day, please contact me at 676-9138.

We are lucky to live in the South Willow Creek Valley. Our school is an extension of our communities and this is a chance to prove that.

Daye Stone  
Principal HHS

**ODFW to hold meeting**

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 2, from 6 until 8 p.m. at the ODFW office in Heppner. The ODFW office is located in the old Kinzua mill office at 54173 Hwy 74 in Heppner.

The meeting will include discussion about the proposed tag numbers for the 2007 big game seasons as well as the proposed season structure and bag limit changes for the 2008 seasons.

The public is invited to attend.

**Ione School**

**District Board of Directors to meet**

The Board of Directors of Ione School District will meet on Thursday, May 3, with the Educational Foundation at Wheatland Insurance Center on Main Street in Ione at 6 a.m.

**Heppner Little League**  
A Heppner Little League meeting will be held at the Heppner Neighborhood Center on Thursday, April 26th at 7 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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