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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.

Support county infrastructure

To the Editor:

Due to the size and rural nature of Morrow County we have a very large county road system, comprised of both paved and gravel roads. Keeping the road system safe and viable is very important for the economic sustainability of the county. With the ever increasing costs of oil and fuel, it seems as though a local option levy, specifically for projects that have been identified as in critical need or repair, is a reasonable approach to managing the problem.

The current county value is just over \$1 billion dollars, which generates approximately \$4.5 million dollars in taxes to the county. Without a local option levy, the county value would have to increase by approximately \$480 million dollars, or 48% in order to generate the additional taxes needed to fund these projects.

Let's not put off for tomorrow (and future generations) what we should and can do today. Please join us in supporting a safe and viable road system by voting yes for the Morrow County local option levy.

Steve and Lisanne Currin
Heppner

Levy an investment in the future of Morrow County

Dear Editor:

I am writing to encourage support of the passage of the Morrow County Road Levy. The roads in Morrow County are critical for the movement of commodities as well as getting county citizens to and from work each day.

There is not enough money in the county budget on an annual basis to do the big jobs of repaving and reconstruction of some of our most important roads that we all travel over.

This is a large amount of money but it does projects in all corners of the county. Although it raises taxes a small amount, because of another debt being paid off, it will be paid off in a short five year period. It also gives needed funds to all of the communities of Morrow County for their budgets.

This levy is an investment in the future of Morrow County. Let's pull together and support these needed improvements.

Please vote yes on the Morrow County Road Levy.

George Koffler
Heppner

Health district board approves preliminary architectural remodeling plans for long term nursing care

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other requirements, once the person completes the paramedic school, he will have to work two years for the district. "Growing your own is a great idea in a rural community," said Vander Does. "It's a great way to give back to the community. -discussed the district's annual contribution to the Columbia River Health Services migrant clinic in Boardman. Board Chair Larry Mills expressed a desire to talk with their board before the district decides on a donation figure. The district currently also pays for a full-time Boardman Ambulance staff. However, Vander Does said that he does not believe that many are aware of the district's contributions to the Boardman area. "I'm not seeing it in the newspaper," said Vander Does.

-appointed Dr. Dale Alter to the medical staff.

-heard the following report for March: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 469

total visits with 20 new patients and 45 seen by a nurse; Irrigon Clinic had 195 total visits with 29 new patients, 33 seen by a nurse and 15 no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 25 page-outs and 23 transports for \$22,636 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 15 page-outs and 11 transports for \$11,020 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 17 page-outs and 11 transports for \$9,821 in revenue; there were four flights out; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had 11 admissions for acute care, six swing bed admissions and 16 observation admissions; PMH had 460 total outpatients with 73 emergency room encounters, 1662 lab tests, 137 x-ray procedures, 40 CT scans, 36 EKG tests, 68 respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 220 home health visits; Hospice had 98 total days; and the pharmacy had 2316 drug doses for \$147,101 in drug revenue.

Birth Announcements

Sierra Mary Colleen Greenup - A daughter, Sierra Mary Colleen Greenup was born to Travis and Tiffanie Greenup on Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Sierra joins her sister Blake, 10, and her brother Hunter, 4, at home. Grandparents are Barry and MaryAnn Munkers, and Bill and Cindy Greenup. Great-grandparents are Leonard Munkers, Rocky and Nita Proctor, and Herb and Nancy Ekstrom.

Morrow County Road Levy - exercise your right to vote

To the Editor:

We are writing in support of the Morrow County Road Levy.

The county road system is important to all of us as it connects the county and all the communities together. The road system provides needed economic transportation as well as recreation access. One of the most important functions of the road system is the transportation of the children of the communities to school and their many activities.

It is important that everyone exercise their right to vote on this issue. In order for the levy to pass it must have a 50% voter turnout, so even if you are opposed to the levy it is important that you cast your ballot.

We think passage of the road levy is extremely important and we encourage Morrow County voters to join us in voting yes for the Morrow County Road Levy.

Larry and Betty Mills
Heppner

Pulitzer Prize winner connected to Heppner

Debby Applegate, a descendant of James G. and Catherine Doherty (early immigrant settlers of Heppner), granddaughter of Gertrude Doherty Applegate, and daughter of Paul Applegate, both Heppner High School graduates, was recently awarded The Pulitzer Prize for Biography.

Applegate won the Pulitzer for her book *The Most Famous American*. The book is about Henry Ward Beecher, brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe. She spent 20 years researching writing about Henry Ward Beecher after first discovering him as an undergraduate in the college archives Amherst College.

Applegate graduated summa cum laude in 1989 from Amherst College and then went on to Yale where



Pulitzer Prize winner Debby Applegate

she received her Ph.D. in 1998. She received \$10,000 in addition to the title of Pulitzer Prize winner.

Applegate currently lives in New Haven, CT and Portland, OR with her husband, management writer Bruce Tulgan. For more information www.pulitzer.org or www.themostfamousinamerica.com.

HHS students compete in Knowledge Master Open

Thousands of students throughout the country and in many foreign countries competed Wednesday, April 25, in the 48th Knowledge Master Open academic competition. Middle school, junior high, and high school students faced their computers and 200 tough questions to vie for the top scores based on the accuracy and speed of their answers.

A team of 12 high school students and 14 junior high school students at Heppner Jr. Sr. High competed. The high school team scored 1,006 and the junior high team scored 1,125 of 2,000 points possible. Once again Heppner students enjoyed competing in the Knowledge Master.

Students on the high school team included: Brendan McElligott, Sean Murray, Kelsey Wolf, Sarah

Ballard, Grant Smith, Maggie Armato, Sherylin Peck, Frank Meyer, Lane Wright, Ashley Wolff, Emily Thompson, and Spencer Palmer. The junior high team included: Karlie Crumbliss, Eric Chick, Julia Meyer, Ian Murray, Justin Smith, Zach Yocom, Zech Hintz, Devin Robinson, Jordan Wright, Willy Gentry, Joe Armato, Stephanie Schuller, Tren Cannon, and Joanna Patton.

The Knowledge Master Open was designed to stimulate enthusiasm for learning and recognition for academic accomplishment. The contest runs on classroom computers to allow all students the opportunity to compete in a large academic event without the expense of traveling to a central site. Results of the contest are tabulated into overall, state, and enrollment -size rankings by Academic Hallmarks, a Colorado publishing firm that hosts the event. Contest results and example questions are available at www.greaktak.com.

Fair Board meeting to be held

The next Fair Board meeting will be Monday, May 7, at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the fair office.

Heppner flood noted in national magazine

Editor's Note: The following information ran in Sunday's edition of American Profile. This portion of the article was found under the Did You Know Tidbits.

Oregon - When a storm-fueled flash flood hit the community of Heppner (pop. 1,395) without warning on June 14, 1903 - killing at least 247 people - residents Leslie Matlock and Bruce Kelley mounted horses to ride ahead of the waters that were flooding Willow Creek to warn residents and ranchers downstream of the impending disaster. The two are credited with saving many people and livestock.

Did you know...

On three minutes and four seconds after 2 a.m. on May 6 this year, the time and date will be 02.03.04.05.06.07. This interesting bit of information was sent in by Anna Mae Steagall.

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