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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.

**Responses from
Tupper attendees...**

Dear Editor,
I am a sixth grader from H.E.S. and I would like for you to know how much we appreciate everyone who helped make Tupper great. Everyone who donated to Tupper and bought a magazine from our magazine sales, we appreciate you too. And to Pettyjohns for giving us supplies. And to all the people that volunteered their time and money to make Tupper great. We all greatly appreciate everyone that helped make many memories. And we appreciate the counselors who helped out. Now I have more to look forward to, like being a counselor. We all appreciate everything.
Sincerely, Zach Bredfield

Dear Editor,
I am a sixth grade student who got back from Tupper two to three weeks ago. Tupper was an amazing week and we couldn't have done it without all the support we got. Everyone at Tupper appreciates all the support we got and everyone who came up and helped.
For 40 years Tupper has been making memories. I came back with loads of fun memories from Tupper. The memories from Tupper will stay with me forever. I hope to make more memories at Tupper by going back as a counselor.
After getting back from Tupper we were all a little sad; we didn't want it to end. And I know that we were all very tired, but Tupper was amazing. We appreciate all everyone has done over the years.
Sincerely, Morgan Burch

Dear Editor,
Tupper is such a great experience for the sixth graders of Heppner and Ione. Many of us have looked forward to Tupper since we were young and now that it has gone by and we have many great memories, I want to go back as a counselor. Of course these memories couldn't have been made without the help of the wonderful communities of Heppner and Ione. They have been supporting Tupper for 40 years in many ways. I hope that in 40 years Tupper will be still be as great as it is now and the that the community will be supporting it just the same.
Sincerely, Jaiden Mahoney

Dear Editor,
I'm a sixth grade student at Heppner Elementary School and this is year was Tupper's 40th anniversary. I've been waiting for Tupper Outdoor School since second grade. Now that it's over I'm disappointed. It was so much fun that I want to go again.
We all appreciate your help with Tupper Outdoor School. I have wonderful memories that I won't ever forget with friends from Ione and Heppner. I wouldn't have those memories or friends if you hadn't purchased a magazine or made a donation. We will all remember and support Tupper for the years to come.
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Dear Editor,
I am a sixth grader at Heppner Elementary. It is hard to believe that this is Tupper's 40th year. I think Tupper is still going strong. This is because the community will keep on supporting Tupper. We appreciate that. Tupper would not happen without the support of the community. Tupper also would not happen without all the donations we get or the money we get from magazine sales. I also appreciate the help of the volunteers. Tupper would not be the same without them. The whole community made my Tupper experience possible.
Sincerely, Carson Brosnan

Dear Editor,
I am one of several sixth graders that had the privilege to attend the Tupper Outdoor School in May for its 40th anniversary. After attending the school three weeks ago, I still remember many of the people and things that were taught there. I am sure that some of the things that I learned will come in very handy when I go camping.

The students sold magazines to help raise money to pay for the school. I am grateful to the community and anyone who purchased magazines or donated money so that my classmates and I could attend Tupper Outdoor School. Thanks to your generous donations I was able to attend and do many activities. These activities included archery, water studies, gun safety, target practice, board games, night hiking, a pillow fight with my cabin mates in the large cabin, and sitting around a campfire. It was a lot of fun at the camp, but when we all got back to school we started working on papers and workbooks that related to all the fun things we did at camp. Who would have thought I would have learned so much while having such a good time.

I believe that the Tupper Outdoor School should be held in the future so more children will be able to learn and have the opportunity to the experience outdoors. Thank you for all your support, I appreciate what the community has helped my friends and I attend.
Sincerely, Charles Cason

Dear Editor,
Forty short years ago, when Tupper Outdoor School first started, every sixth grade student was excited about this new program where they got to go to the mountains and do stuff like fish and hike. In with that crowd of young boys and girls was a young troublemaking boy, just as excited as everybody else. He went to Tupper, managed to stay fairly well behaved, and came back with a boatload of great memories

Forty short years later, his youngest daughter got her turn to go, and although she was much more properly behaved, she came back with lots of memories, too.

It's cool to think of that, how something so important to a small community can last so long, and never die out. And that's why I'm writing this letter, to tell this small community of Heppner, Oregon how much I appreciated the opportunity to experience Tupper Outdoor School for myself, not just hear stories about it from my now not-so-young dad who went the very first year. I appreciate everyone who donated, volunteered and supported Tupper, and want to tell them how much I enjoyed it.
(s) Olivia Schmidt

**Relay for Life
rescheduled**

It's not too late to get involved to help raise funds for the American Cancer Society/Relay for Life. Morrow County's Relay for Life, to be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, has been rescheduled for August 3-4, 2013. Originally scheduled for June 29-30, the event has been rescheduled to August 3-4 to accommodate necessary maintenance on the water system.
Anyone who would still like to put a team together, sign up to be a sponsor or who wants more information on the event, still has time to get started.
Contact the chamber office at 541-676-5536 with any questions or to be redirected to a committee member.

**Italian dinner raffled
for Relay for Life**

Wheatland Insurance Center Inc, Heppner and Ione branches, will be selling raffle tickets for an Italian dinner for eight to benefit the Relay for Life of Morrow County. The tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Heppner Wheatland office and the Ione Wheatland office. Tickets also will be sold outside the Heppner office all day on Friday, June 14, during Celebrate Heppner. The dinner will be prepared by Carri Grieb and Missy Lindsay at the Snider home on Rhea Creek, with the Wheatland staff serving. The date and time of the dinner will be determined once the winner has been drawn.
The drawing will take place after the Relay for Life Morrow County Event the first weekend in August.
All of the ticket sales will go to the Relay for Life of Morrow County.

Over the Tee Cup

Fourteen ladies were out on the course for a cool but sunny play day at Willow Creek Country Club on May 28.
Low Gross of the field was held jointly by Virginia Grant and Carol Mitchell. Lorrene Montgomery had low net and Pat Dougherty scored least putts.
For flight A, Judy Harris had low gross. Virginia Grant had a third-shot KP.
On flight B, Sarah Rucher had low gross, Karen Thompson had low net and Betty Burns had least putts.
For flight C, Beverly Steagall held low gross, while Toni Nichols had low net and Jennifer Jaca had least putts.
For other events, it was Jennifer Jaca on the sand trap, and the long putt was "A" Judy Harris, "B" Betty Burns and "C" Jackie Allstott.

**Account established
for Taylor**

A bank account has been set up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon for local woman Krysti Taylor, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma. Donations will be used to help offset medical expenses for her treatment.

Kinzua lunch group

A small group attended the Kinzua lunch on May 17 at Service Creek. Those attending were OL and Jean Ann Adams, Bonnie Campbell, Frank and Melba Cecil, Pat Hyatt, and Midge Geer. No June lunch will be held, as the annual Kinzua reunion is June 15 in Fossil.



**BURNING
BAN**

Effective June 15, 2013, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner is imposing a CLOSED SEASON for open burning based on local fire safety concerns. This burning ban is for the City of Heppner. A reminder that open burning also includes a "burn barrel."
The closed season will remain in effect until further notice this fall as per ORS 478.960.

Forest road closures don't make sense

To the Editor:
Thank you for fulfilling my request in sending a copy of Andrew Di Salvo's March 6 article entitled, "Forest road closures spark controversy." I have several comments to make.

First, in reading the Umatilla National Forest website reports, some of these roads are being closed not for "Aquatic Organism Passage Improvement," but because the "road is no longer needed" by the Forest Service. Other roads are being "storm proof(ed) and stored," which means the UNF is keeping them in road inventory, but closing them to public access.

I question Todd Buchholz's statement that the road maintenance budget for the entire Umatilla National Forest is only \$50,000. Does he mean for the Heppner District or for the entire Umatilla NF, which includes land in Washington State?
Regardless, \$50,000 is indeed a small budget, which may explain why road maintenance is such a joke. Buchholz said there may not even be enough money to repair or maintain the 21 Road. That is prob-

ably a good thing because their maintenance practice of dumping gravel on gravel and spreading it out is not a sound maintenance practice. As a result, the road is getting narrower and narrower every year, and gravel is so deep in places that it doesn't take a lot of speed to lose control.
Buchholz said that many of the roads were built or maintained by logging companies, but now the UNF is getting no revenue from logging. Last fall, there was a lot of evidence of logging going on in the Heppner District. Are logging companies getting a free ride?
Regarding the steep terrain, Buchholz said, "Yeah, you gotta get out of your rig and walk. That can be hard as we get older."
This man just doesn't get it.
Of course, we have to get out of our rigs to go hunting. Hunters who don't, often don't score. The problem is with game retrieval. If you get an animal down in a canyon or up a draw, a game cart sometimes will not work, which means you have to quarter the animal out and either drag

or winch the quarters out or put the meat on a pack board and pack it out. Even for a 20-something, this is no tiptoe through the tulips. With more and more roads being closed every year, this adds a lot of work to game retrieval.

If Buchholz really understands, then he would be more accommodating to the requests of the 197 signers of the petition requesting that these roads stay open. He either doesn't understand or he just doesn't care.

As for me having had ample time to voice my concerns because of published notices in newspapers and notifications on the UNF website, I have something to say about that, too. The website is not user-friendly. I have been unable to locate the documents about the proposed changes on several occasions until someone sent me a link.
Newspaper notifications are also no longer an effective notification tool, as most people have found other ways to get their news.
A more effective way to notify hunters would be to post notifications of proposed changes at sign boards within the forest, at the OHV Park and at roads under consideration for closure. These notifications would need to be posted prior to the town hall meetings and prior to the window for comment period.

In his letter to me, Mr. Buchholz said he would add my name to their public scoping mailing list. I welcome that not only for myself, but for anyone who is concerned about road closures and other changes within our National Forest.

I have not given up on keeping the Hog Creek Road and the Sunflower Flat Canyon Road open. Chuck Bechtold of the Oregon Hunters Association is working on our behalf to get the Umatilla National Forest to keep these roads open.
Closure of these and other roads will turn the Heppner Unit into another Fossil Unit—a unit where you can get a tag, but have no place to hunt. We, the people who use this forest, do not want to see that happen.
(S) Molly Kernan, Tigard, OR

THE CEMETERY FLATSTONE AREA
MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEANED
OFF BY THURSDAY JUNE 6.
The cemetery staff will
begin cleaning that day
Heppner Masonic Cemetery

PLEASE HAVE YOUR
DECORATIONS REMOVED
FROM THE CEMETERY BY
THURSDAY JUNE 6TH
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