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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.

**Heppner boasts 'Great Wall of China'**

Behold Heppner's own "Great Wall of China" above the highway adjacent to the grade school gym and the fairgrounds. That taxpayer-funded, supposed improvement might make that steep road safer, although I can't recall any bad wrecks of vehicles that failed to negotiate the old road; maybe a few stall-outs. On the positive side, this wall may improve access and impede run-offs from areas above that road, but the mass of rocks below that wall look like impending projectiles to me—hopefully they will stay put.

How sad that the carefully-tended area around the old Wishing Well across from fairgrounds now looks like a leftover rock quarry. Volunteers have spent hours beautifying this historic spot that became very eye-catching.

One aspect of all the construction in that area is the "stairway to heaven" that ascends from just above highway level all the way up to the hospital area. All you stair steppers take heed. Imagine all the calories that can be burned by daily jogging up and down these steps. Maybe instead of "walk-a-thons" the next competition could be "step-a-thons," with people running up and down steps like colonies of ants. However, oxygen tanks might need to be available at different elevations. If anyone is in need of medical care, these stairs wouldn't be the best way to get there. People should be sure of their fitness level before undertaking the climb. If hand rails had been added, then acrobatic skateboarders could have great fun. Some of that cement could have accommodated a lot of young folks if used to make a skate park for energetic skateboarders who lack a place to perfect their skills.

(s) Merlyn Robinson, Heppner

**Obituaries**

**Audrey J. Mounts**

Audrey J. Mounts, 84, formerly of Lexington, died Monday, July 29, 2013 at her home in Gresham, OR. A graveside service was held 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at the Lexington Cemetery; a luncheon reception followed at the Rebekah Lodge in Lexington.

retired from in 1980. She was a lifelong member of the Rebekah Lodge. Audrey enjoyed flower gardening, sewing, baking, cooking, recipe collecting, button collecting, reading and her family.



Audrey J. Mounts

She was born February 19, 1929 in Lexington, the daughter of Adolph and Freda Kurth Majeske. She was raised on the family wheat ranch and attended school in Lexington, where she graduated from Lexington High School.

On April 22, 1956 she married Jack Mounts in Lexington. Jack worked for the Forest Service, so the couple lived on many ranger stations in Oregon and Washington. While living in Gresham, Audrey was a store manager for the 88 Cent Store, which she

Survivors include: her husband, Jack Mounts of Gresham; son, Steve Mounts of Gresham; granddaughter, Jana Mounts of Kennewick, WA; and grandson, Ken Mounts of San Diego, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Pat Wright; and brother, Gene Majeske.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rebekah Lodge # 139, c/o Marlene Gray, 65308 Rhea Creek Road, Lone, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Padberg wins dinner raffle**



Wheatland Insurance has announced that Tanna Padberg of Lone won the raffle for the Italian Dinner. The winning ticket was drawn by Wheatland's new employee, Barbara Prucha. There were a total of 180 tickets sold to raise funds for the fight against cancer. All of the ticket sales will go directly to the Relay for Life cancer fund. —Contributed photo

**Church to raise funds for new roof**

Hope Lutheran Church is planning a fundraiser to raise money for the Hope Lutheran Church roof replacement.

A barbecue dinner and special event will be held on Sunday, Aug. 11, at Hope Lutheran, on the corner of Alfalfa and Cowins in Heppner. Cost for the dinner and event is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children

and \$25 for a family of four or more. Donations may also be made to Hope Lutheran Church c/o Irene Plocharsky, ATT: Roof repair, PO Box 74, Heppner, OR 97836.

For tickets or more information, contact Shelli Britt, 541-676-5478; Vicki Rayburn, 541-240-1427; or Pastor Katy Anderson, 541-676-9970.

**HHS to hold student registration**

Heppner High School student registration for grades seven through 12 will be held Aug. 12-13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Returning students may pay fees and pick up their class schedules either of these days.

New students will register on Aug. 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students may pay fees and register for classes, and Heppner High School Associated Student Body officers will be providing tours for new students during this time.

**MoCo Rodeo kicks off smoke free**

Unanimous. That's how the 2013 Morrow County Rodeo Board voted to become a smoke-free rodeo at their July 17 meeting.

The fair board voted to become smoke-free a couple years ago, and now the rodeo has followed in their footsteps. All events at the upcoming August fair and rodeo will be smoke-free.

The board discussed that the rodeo is a family event and that, as we all try to become healthier and provide a healthier environment for ourselves and others, this is a move in the right direction.

"This change will provide clean air and a healthy event for individuals and families from throughout the county," rodeo board member Judy Healy explained.

"In Morrow County, 89 percent of the adults report a no-smoking rule in their homes. The fair and rodeo going smoke-free is an extension of that value," stated Shelley Wight, the Tobacco Coordinator at Morrow County Health Department.

A smoke-free fair and rodeo will also help

smokers to quit. In Oregon, 80 percent of smokers want to quit smoking, according to data from the Oregon Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, and providing environments that are smoke-free make it easier for smokers to quit.

Reducing exposure to second-hand smoke and providing smoke-free environments at community events like the rodeo is part of a comprehensive approach to preventing tobacco use and supporting cessation. Anyone who uses tobacco and would like help quitting, can call the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or click to quit at <https://www.quitnow.net/oregon/>.

"With the tobacco-related diseases remaining the number-one cause of preventable deaths in Morrow County, it's a step in the right direction to help lower the risk and cost of healthcare in our county," said Wight.

The rodeo board invites all county residents and visitors to come enjoy the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo smoke-free this year, Aug. 14-18.

**HOT AUGUST ON THE WAY**

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The outlook for August from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above normal

temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during August are 85.5 degrees and normal lows are 53.5 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.39 inches.

**Death Notice**

**Creston O. Robinson**—Creston O. Robinson, 91 of Heppner died Sunday, August 4, 2013 in Pendleton. He was born August 28, 1921 at Hardman, OR. A celebration of life will be held at the Heppner Elks Lodge in October. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

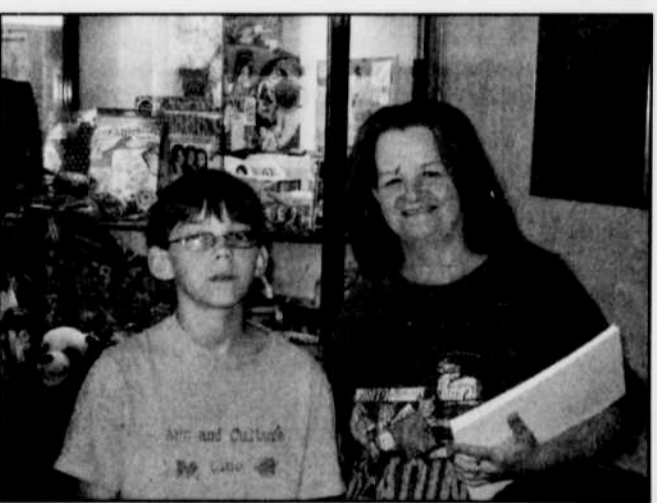
—Continued from PAGE ONE there for those who couldn't be, and they walked with those who could. They helped raise money for the cure for cancer and to provide assistance for cancer patients.

When the ceremonies closed the event on Sunday morning, more than \$21,000 was raised, though Bates says they anticipate exceeding \$25,000 once all the funds are submitted.

"Our communities did it again and we did make a difference and became constantly aware of that as each lap was completed," says Bates. "We made new memories, new friendships and a new dream for the future."

Planning for the 2014 event will begin soon. Bates says all are welcome, whether returning volunteers or newcomers to the fight.

**Students hit pay dirt with summer reading**



The Oregon Trail Library district wrapped up its "Dig into Reading" summer reading program last Friday. Each participant received a certificate of completion, with top readers receiving prizes. Pictured: Mitchell Von Gunten of Heppner, the branch's top reader this summer with 150 hours over the nine-week period, receives his certificate from Heppner librarian Debbie Ames. —Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

**Heppner Elementary to hold registration**

Heppner Elementary School new and returning student registration will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Returning students can pay their \$10 student body fee and lunch fee at this time. New students will register, pay fees and receive a tour of the school.

For more information, contact Mrs. Sweeney at 541-676-9128.

**WEDDING TABLES**

Kylee Disque & Sean Allstott  
August 17, 2013

Taylor Gould & William Brannon  
September 13, 2013



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