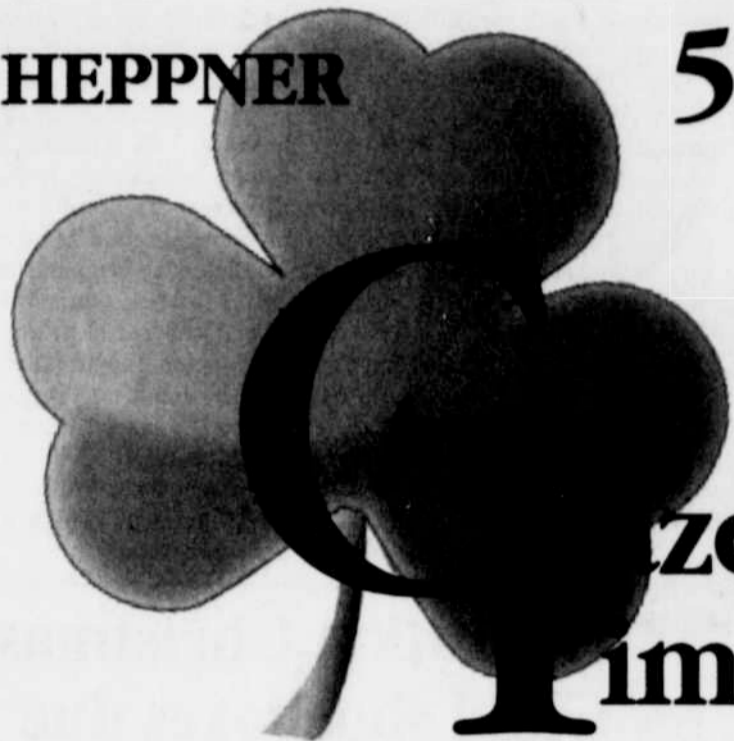


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Old Gazette issues to go online

Ever wish you could have historical issues of your local paper at your fingertips? Now, if you have access to the internet, you soon can. The Heppner Gazette-Times has been chosen as one of 10 newspapers across Oregon to be the next to have its historical content digitized and made available online.

The selection of the G-T is part of the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program (ODNP) initiative to digitize historic Oregon newspaper content and make it freely available to the public through a keyword-searchable online

database.

"We are pleased to learn that older copies of the Heppner Gazette-Times will now be digitized and have a permanent home for all to see on the internet," said Gazette-Times owner and publisher David Sykes. "Our way of life is important to the history of our country, and a picture of that life should not be lost because the newspapers which documented it could not be preserved."

After reviewing over 40 title nominations from public libraries and
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Heppner Gazette-Times owner and publisher David Sykes peruses a 1911 issue of the paper, one of the historical issues soon to be made available online through the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

BMCC bond passes in Morrow County but fails overall

The \$28.1 million proposed bond that would have created three workforce development programs at Blue Mountain Community College failed in the end through lack of support in Umatilla County, garnering only 43.38 percent in the BMCC district that covers both Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Though the bond failed in Umatilla County, where BMCC is located, voters in Morrow County

proved more supportive. Morrow County had only a 39 percent turnout for the one-issue election, but approved the bond by 51.11 percent county-wide, with four out of five precincts—Heppner, Lexington, Ione and Boardman—approving the measure by margins ranging from 53 percent to 59 percent.

Irrigon was the only hold-out, voting down the proposed bond by 64.4 percent. Irrigon also had the highest turnout of

the election in Morrow County, with 560 submitted ballots compared to 522 in Heppner, 446 in Boardman, 202 in Ione and 163 in Lexington.

In the end, though, the 965 voters who approved the bond in Morrow County couldn't outweigh the disapproval in the more-populated Umatilla County.

The bond—had it been approved by voters—would have brought renovations to the Pendleton campus and created three workforce

Mustangs kick Braves out of playoffs



The Mustang defensive line: #23 Jordan Bailey, #13 Jaden Orr, #20 Weston Putman, #51 Treston Maben and #78 John Propeter. Mustang defense was one half of a winning combination in Heppner last Saturday, keeping the Reedsport Braves to eight points during the first-round playoff game. The Mustangs put down the Braves 48-8, securing themselves a slot in the quarterfinals. Heppner will face off against the Monroe Dragons this Saturday at 1 p.m. in Heppner. -Contributed photo

The Heppner Mustang football team beat the Reedsport Braves on Saturday by a score of 48-8. The win puts the Mustangs into the quarterfinal round of the OSAA state playoffs.

Heppner kicked off

to start the game and the defense forced a Reedsport punt after three plays. The first drive of the game for the Mustangs featured a Kaden Clark pass to Jordan Bailey, a diving catch by Jesse Corbin and a leaping

grab by CJ Kindle. Brian Rill ran the ball four times in the drive and scored on a 12-yard run up the middle. The two-point conversion was scored on a run by Bailey to make the score 8-0.

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City reminds residents to insulate water meters

The City of Heppner Public Works Department reminds all Heppner residents that it is their responsibility to insulate water meters to protect them from freezing and breaking. Insulation material can be purchased at the local hardware store. If residents fail to insulate

a meter and it breaks, the customer is responsible for replacement of the meter, which is expensive.

"This can be easily avoided," says a City of Heppner representative. "Don't put it off."

For more information, call City Hall at 541-676-9618.

Heppner city council meeting rescheduled for holiday

The City of Heppner will be having its November council meeting Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. rather than Nov. 11 due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Parade of Lights cancelled this year

With all the planning for Christmas festivities in Heppner, one item will be missing from this year's schedule.

For the past few years, says Heppner Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sheryll Bates, business and community participation in the Parade of

Lights has been decreasing. "Although it has been a tradition and is enjoyed by the community, it was decided to postpone it for this year," says Bates. "We will reconsider it again next year, but the opportunity to continue will depend on participation."

Heppner to hold first Crèche Festival

The Heppner Christmas event, which includes the Merchant's Open House and Appreciation Day on Dec. 5, will be a night of traditions both old and new.

In addition to the lighting of the Christmas tree decorated with ornaments made by preschool and elementary school children, caroling of the high school choir, pictures with Santa, and downtown businesses open for shopping until 7 p.m., people can enjoy the first annual Heppner Crèche Festival.

"Crèche" is an old French word meaning "manger," and is another word for "nativity."

Members of local

churches will donate their Nativities for approximately a week to be displayed in the storefront windows of the former Quilter's Round-up business on Main Street in Heppner. The crèches will be displayed starting on Wednesday, Dec. 4, and running through Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Any community member is welcome to participate; simply send an email to heppnercreche@gmail.com or call Andrea Grigg at 541-299-9000. Please include your name, phone number and number of nativities you are donating, and Grigg will email back with instructions on how to donate.

It's all about Christmas

Getting ready for Heppner's Christmas festivities

Heppner is preparing for Christmas in all kinds of ways.

Monday, Nov. 25, will be the day to start collecting Rewards Cards for local purchases.

When you shop at local merchants from Monday, Nov. 25, to Thursday, Dec. 19, you will receive rewards cards in the amount of purchase (payment on the account is not eligible).

Local shoppers will want to collect them and bring them to this

year's Celebrate Heppner Christmas community event, which will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds on Thursday evening, Dec. 19, starting 6 p.m. Those who have been collecting cards will have the chance to enter their rewards cards for an opportunity to win some great prizes that have been donated by local merchants.

Thursday, Dec. 5, will start Christmas festivities in Heppner. As in the past, the Heppner Christmas

Activity Committee is planning already, trying to make this year even better than last year.

The day will be filled with a time for the local merchants to show their customer appreciation with activities going on all day long. There will be community nativities set up for viewing in the Quilter's Round-Up window. Stop by the tree by the post office at 5:30 p.m. to watch local children decorating the tree with their homemade

ornaments, and enjoy the carolers walking around downtown. Santa will also visit, so bring cameras and take some pictures. This might also be the time to take advantage of extended hours offered by local merchants and complete some Christmas shopping.

The Celebrate Heppner Christmas Community Event will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County
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The Heppner Gazette-Times wants to see pictures of your trophy animals from this hunting season. Stop by to have your picture taken, drop off photos, mail them to PO Box 337 in Heppner, email them to editor@rapidsolve.net or text cell phone photos to 541-980-6674.



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