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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.

**Mustang sportsmanship not matched by some hometown fans**

To the editor—  
We would like to say congratulations to the Heppner Mustang football team. You were awesome this season. So proud of how you played and conducted yourselves—a great example of working together and good sportsmanship. Your attitudes will carry you a long way in your future endeavors.

We were disappointed with a group of seven Heppner women and mothers who so rudely and blatantly stood at the rail and blocked the view of some of us spectators who were in the lower seats. Our view was blocked and you made it impossible to see a lot of the last half of the game. We had paid for our seats with anticipation of watching the whole game—it was too cold to move higher up to wet and snowy seats.

We asked politely if you would please sit down and you refused. A lady from Helix made a comment about the rudeness displayed. A fan from Burns stated that it was sad our own Heppner crowd was behaving in such a manner. She talked to you, too, and again you refused to listen.

Some of your comments to and about the cheerleaders were very uncalled-for. They were freezing cold and trying their best under very adverse conditions. Shame on you.

Again, congratulations to the team, cheerleaders, Coach Grant and his staff. You're the best.

(s) Rita Bowman, Heppner, and Ann Elgin, Heppner

**America's schools, "The battleground for freedom"**

The below was submitted to E. Oregonian and Hermiston Herald in response to their article(s) titled "Big, Bad Common Core...or is it?" and "Area school officials discuss some of the misconceptions about new education standards," dated Nov. 12 and 15, 2014.

My response concerning the truth, the origination, the intent and consequences of "Common Core" and its new education standards in area school systems:

Common Core...a rumor (as per the article)? No. The term sustainable development was born in the pages of "Our Common Future," the official report of the 1987 United Nations Commission (UNCED), Authored by Gro Harlem Brundtland, VP of the World Socialist Party.

The term Common Core is part and parcel of the United Nations Rio Accord "Sustainable Development Agenda 21." The accord was officially signed by U.S. President George H. W. Bush at the Rio conference in 1992.

Common Core is a reality...yes. President Clinton's signing of "Goals 2000" established the framework for U.S. National Standards, Curriculum, and Assessments. All 50 states adopted "Goals 2000," thus receiving the funding that came with it. Without knowing what, in its entirety, it entailed (aka sign it and read it later).

In 2002 President George W. Bush creates "No Child Left Behind," and in 2003 ESD (Educational Sustainable Development) was created, to leverage "The UN Decade Project."

Common Core has been steadily implementing itself into our school systems under all kinds of designs and fronts, under many different titles, ESD, NCLB, NGO, NSCA, CCSS, SBA, and CC among them. Don't know these acronyms? Seek and learn.

The idea of Agenda 21 or its "Common Core" agenda has not as yet been presented to any of the federal or state legislative bodies as of this date.

In 2012 President Obama rewrote the federal privacy laws, allowing the powers to share all student academic and personal records with virtually anyone. Scary?

Did your school superintendent, the school board, the principal or your child's teacher let you know about this...?

In the academic school year 2014-2015 Smarter Balance Assessment must be fully implemented in Oregon school districts in English language arts and mathematics.

These were solely created by bureaucrats, NGOs, and committees mostly put together by non-teacher input. Thus, astonishingly, "Common Core" so-called standards were implemented virtually without regard to any scientific or theory evidence of its value.

The 60 members of two national committees and its composition is highly suspect as to its motivation and accountability of our nation's school curriculums.

I implore you to research and learn the truth about Agenda 21 and it's designs on America, which is real, it's here and its intent is to divide and conquer the America we have taken a pledge and oath to protect and defend (against) any encroachment that will be detrimental to our nation.

Common Core is not a rumor...if that's the view of our academic system, we are in trouble. We need to pray... seek the truth...ask for courage and strength, and be careful of the rhetoric.

The stakes are high...our children's education is critical...the players in this effort are motivated to make changes...we are the pawns...our nation's educational system is at the apex...control of our educational system, which will ultimately lead to our Christian community, is the goal of the United Nations.

References: America's Schools-the Battleground of Freedom by Allen Quist, Oregon Common Core State Standards, Oregon Rep. Dennis Richardson's Newsletter, Portland Oregonian, John Eppolito, Common Core Report, American Policy Institute's Special Report "Agenda 21," Cascade Policy Institute, Gro Harlem Brundtland, VP of the World Socialist Party.

Submitted by,  
(s) Dick Sargent, Hermiston

**Church youth give a gift to span the ocean**



Jeri McElligott, Director of Religious Education at St. William's Catholic Church, Ione, and Keaton Coiner presented a check for \$580 to Fr. Kumar Udagandla of St. Mary's Parish in Pendleton Sunday. The money was raised by students at St. William's through bake sales and collecting coins, and, along with \$309 raised through a second collection at Mass, will buy Christmas gifts for Fr. Kumar's children's home in India. This is the second year the students have done fundraisers for the children. The fundraisers have, McElligott noted, shown them being Catholic goes beyond attending Mass on Sundays. One student commented, "When I grow up I want to have a children's home just like Fr. Kumar." Fr. Kumar, who was previously the parish priest at St. William's, expressed his gratitude to parishioners for their generosity. —Contributed photo

**Nordic ski club to begin new season**

The 2014-2015 Arbuckle Nordic Club's ski season is about to begin. Anyone interested in skiing with the group is invited to meet at Bill and Sherry Ewing's home at 61187 Highway 207 at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16. Lack of ski equipment is not a problem; members may be able to lend some to those who need it.

Of course, there will be pie and ice cream at the meeting.

**Marriage Licenses**

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

December 8, 2014: -Cuauhtemoc Romero Sanchez, 44, of Hermiston and Graciela Garcia, 44, of Hermiston.

**Funeral Notice**

**Luvilla Sonstegard**—Luvilla Sonstegard, 84, long-time Heppner resident, passed away peacefully in her sleep Saturday, November 29, 2014 in Tacoma, WA. She was born September 13, 1930 in Mosier, OR to Clarence and Nedra Rice. A celebration of life for Luvilla will be held 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

**Holly Rebekah Bunco party this week**

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting its Bunco party this Thursday, Dec. 11. It will start at 7 p.m. at the lodge hall in Lexington.

This event is the lodge's fundraiser for the Vocational School Scholarship the lodge gives to a graduating senior from both Heppner and Ione high schools.

"Please come and help support the local youth," says a lodge spokesman.

The cost is \$5 per person.

**Historical society to meet Sunday**

The Morrow County Historical Society will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, Dec. 14, in the front room of the St. Patrick's Senior Center building on Main Street in Heppner. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m.

The group will be discussing possible field trips, the 2015 Morrow County Chronicles and a possible speaker from Heppner. Members of the public are invited to come, join and participate.

**Free breakfast Sunday morning**

The Heppner United Methodist will host a free breakfast on Sunday from 8-10 a.m. in the church community room. This month's breakfast will include orange-glazed French toast.

The breakfast is open to the public and everyone is welcome. The Heppner United Methodist Church is located at 175 West Church St.

For more information call 541-676-9224 or e-mail heppneroregonmethodists@gmail.com.

**4-H program to bake up good citizenship**

A 4-H cookie baking project, and will also get workshop is planned for to take some home. Space, Friday, Dec. 18, from 10 is limited. To sign up for a.m. till noon at the Ione workshop, visit http://Community Church. www.signupgenius.com/

This is part two of a Citizenship series presented by Morrow County 4-H. Participants will donate cookies for a community service

Questions? Email Ashley Jones at ashley.jones@oregonstate.edu.

**QUALITY CONCESSIONS**

IN FRONT OF WILKINSON ARENA  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH 9AM-3PM  
FOR BARREL RACING

CORN DOGS, CHICKEN STRIPS, BURGERS, FINGER STEAKS, ELEPHANT EARS

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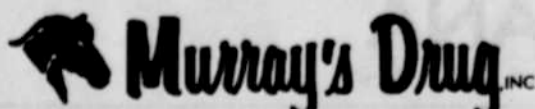
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**LUNCH SPECIALS**

- Wed. - Hot Roast Beef SW & Split Pea Soup
- Thurs. - Homemade Tomato Bisque Soup w/ Grilled Ham & Cheese
- Fri. - Homemade Stew w/ Cornbread
- Mon. - Philly Cheesesteak Wrap
- Tues. - Chicken & Dumpling Soup
- Wed. - Sweet & Sour Meatballs w/ rice

**OPEN 12 -4 PM SUNDAYS  
DEC. 13TH AND DEC. 20TH**

Caramel Gingerbread Latte \$3.50  
Candy cane Peppermint Frappe \$4.00



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