

# Gazette Times

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## Juvenile arrested in incident that prompted school lock-out

Morrow County Sheriff's Office has reported that a juvenile male, whose name was not released, was arrested in the incident that prompted the Feb. 9 lock-out at Heppner Elementary School.

The sheriff's office stated that it responded to a report of a burglary in progress near the elementary school that Monday morning. It was reported that two suspects—one described as wearing a red sweatshirt, the other a grey sweatshirt—were attempt-

ing to enter a residence on Elder St.

Detective Sgt. Terry Harper, Patrol Sgt. Randy Rayburn and Senior Deputy John Bowles responded to the area.

After canvassing the area, Bowles located a male juvenile wearing a gray sweatshirt, black hat and black pants in the south parking lot of the elementary school. The juvenile was located near a gold 2002 Ford Taurus.

It was at that time that police contacted the school



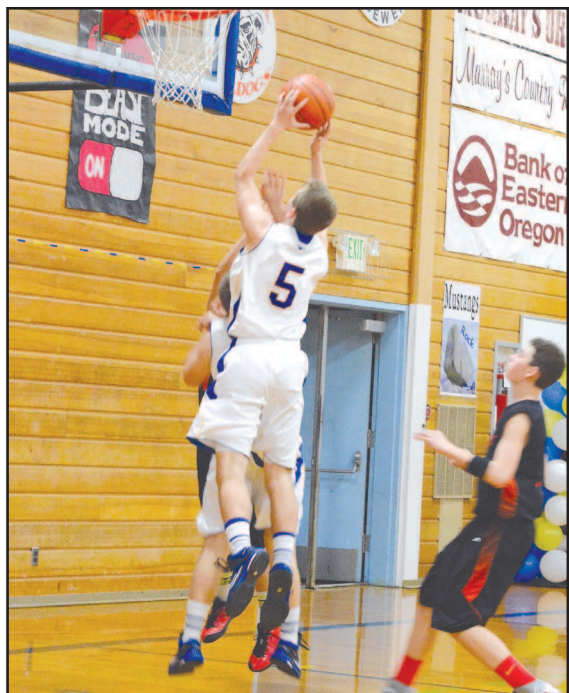
Senior Deputy John Bowles

staff and advised that they institute a lock-out procedure, locking all external doors for the safety of the students and staff. Bowles then approached the male juvenile.

After investigating, Bowles found the juvenile had a loaded .22 revolver, two knives and stolen ID. The Ford Taurus had also been reported stolen out of Hermiston. The juvenile was taken into custody on charges of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Identity Theft, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Theft I and Carrying a Concealed Weapon. He was lodged at Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facility (NORCOR) Juvenile Facility in The Dalles, OR.

MCSO reported that two search warrants are being executed in relation to the case. Further investigation also is being conducted into crimes occurring in the Heppner and Irrigon areas, possibly involving the juvenile. More information will be available at a later date.

## On to districts



All four Heppner and Ione varsity basketball teams are headed to their respective district playoffs this week, the Mustang teams to the Columbia Basin Conference tournament and the Cardinals to play-in games in preparation for the Big Sky League tournament. It looks to be an exciting week of basketball for local sports fans. Above left: Heppner's Kelly Wilson goes for another basket Friday against the TigerScots. Above center: Logan Grieb stretched for the net while a fellow Mustang blocks a Culver player. Photos by Sandra Putman Above right: Rachel Holland tips off against Spray in Ione's last game of the season before the district crossover game. Photo by Sylvia Sandford

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## Readers tumble into world of books with new library collection

Library users are invited to tumble headlong into a world of books with the Oregon Trail Library District's new online collection, Tumblebooks.

Tumblebooks is a collection of animated, talking picture books now available at the OTLD website. The collection of almost 1,000 titles for grades K-6 includes picture books, chapter books, math stories and non-fiction books in English, Spanish and French. Included are also

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## Local playwright, players offer a 'thought of hope' this St. Pat's

The start of Heppner's St. Patrick's Day celebration will once again be marked with an original drama production featuring the St. Pat's Players and written and directed by Fr. Gerry Condon, retired local pastor.

Father Condon's original dramas have become a St. Patrick's Day tradition. This marks the 12<sup>th</sup> year of such a production. The play will be presented at Ione Community School on Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m. and again in Heppner at the St. Patrick's parish hall on Thursday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free but donations are accepted and are given to a local charity of the cast's choosing. This year the cast has chosen to have proceeds go to the St. Patrick's parish hall restoration project.

This year's drama, "A Thought of Hope," is about several people on their way to Clonmacnoise, the ruin



The St. Pat's Players are again preparing an original drama, "A Thought of Hope," for local theater lovers this March. Pictured (L-R) are cast members Janet Greenup, Ann Morter, Rita Van Schoiack, Deb Gutterrez, Bill Kuhn, Rick Drake, Jennifer Ashbeck, Nikki Coe, Dan Van Schoiack, Brian Kollman, Larry Lutcher and Jill Miller, with Fr. Condon in front. -Contributed photo

of an ancient monastery founded by St. Kieran. They are temporarily delayed on one of the Aran Islands, off the coast of Galway, Ireland.

There, they find them-

selves confronted with problems of anxiety, marital stresses, alcoholism and suicidal inclination. All are weak in faith but are challenged with thoughts from Holy Scripture. Their

arrival at Clonmacnoise becomes not only the end of a journey but also a time of enlightenment.

Festival singers bring relief in the midst of the play's tension.

## FIND THE SHAMROCK!

The Shamrock Hunt is back! After a long hiatus, the St. Patrick's Day shamrock treasure hunt is back. The first person to find the hidden shamrock will win a 2014 Silver Eagle donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon, which is on display at the Heppner branch. The Silver Eagle is valued around \$50.



- RULES-**
1. A new set of clues to guide you to the hidden shamrock will appear in each edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times.
  2. A total of five clues beginning with the Feb. 11 edition will be published each week on the front page.
  3. The hidden shamrock is not on private property and no digging or moving of objects, dirt or other materials is necessary to find the shamrock.
  4. The first person to find the shamrock and bring it to the Heppner Gazette-Times office will claim their prize.

### CLUE #2

You have a numeral, remember last week? Here's a little more math to find what you seek  
Divide by 40 and what do you get?  
Número de Un alce  
Is our best bet  
Now on some street sits your next clue  
You have the number - what else to do?  
Stand in front, now, just be aware  
Because next week your clue could come from just about anywhere

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## Terrace says thank you, farewell to board member Green

By Doris Brosnan

The Willow Creek Terrace Community invites all friends to a "Thank You and Farewell" party on Feb. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. Cliff Green, who is stepping down from his position, will be honored for his service on the Terrace Board of Directors.

The Terrace opened its doors on Oct. 4, 2002, and Green has helped to guide its history for 10 of those 12-plus years. This has been a history that includes a variety of impacts to the Willow Creek Valley.

Since its opening, the Terrace has provided additional full-time and part-time employment, has sup-

ported local services, retailers, and contractors, and has contributed to the stability of the health district.

However, the facts with which Green and fellow board members are most pleased pertain to Willow Creek Terrace's number one purpose: to provide to individuals needing daily-living

services, assistance that promotes independence and allows for aging in place. From a vision shared by Suzanne Jepsen with several volunteers in 1998, Willow Creek Terrace became a reality that has now served 79 residents, enabling them to remain in the community instead of seeking assis-

tance out-of-area.

The average length of stay at Willow Creek Terrace is thirty-four months. The average age of residents changes often, of course, and currently, the average is ninety-and-a-half. Two Terrace residents lived to

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