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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.

In support of the  
BMCC bond

To the Editor:  
The ability to obtain a quality post-high school education close to home made sense to Morrow and Umatilla County taxpayers when they voted overwhelmingly to establish BMCC (Blue Mountain Community College) in 1962. That support has been rewarded as BMCC has evolved over the past 53 years into a respected provider of the classes and training needed to prepare our citizens to fill the many good-paying jobs available in our region.

Continuing on with that tradition of excellence, the college is working in partnership with key industries and the Port of Morrow to identify and establish the courses and certifications needed by today's work force. A workforce training center dedicated to that effort paves a bright pathway to the future for our students and citizens.

Please join us in voting yes for the BMCC bond levy.  
Respectfully,  
Gary and Kathy Neal, Boardman

LEXINGTON CRASH  
KILLS ONE

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were removed.  
An OSP collision reconstructionist assisted in the investigation. The lead investigator is Trooper Amos of the Hermiston OSP worksite.  
Morrow County Sheriff's Office, local fire departments and the Oregon Department of Transportation assisted at the scene.

The highway remained closed for about five hours while troopers investigated the crash and the vehicles

Local students named  
to EOU winter term  
dean's list

Eastern Oregon University announced Monday that four local students have been named to the university's dean's list for winter term 2015. Earning the distinction were Charlette Burghard, Jaqueline Juarez and Marco Juarez, all of Ione, and Victoria Lankford of Lexington. The students were among 528 students named to the dean's list for the winter term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

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Obituaries

Howard Mullins

Howard Mullins, 70, of Ione passed away Monday, April 20, 2015 near Burns, OR while on a hunting trip with some of his closest friends. A celebration of life honoring Howard will be held Saturday, May 2, at 3:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Ione. Please feel free to join the family and bring your favorite memories of Howard to share.



Howard Mullins

He has lived in many places, but has called Ione home since 1999. Howard was born September 18, 1944 at Apalona, IN, the son of Lloyd L. and Amy L.

Krutz Mullins. He graduated from Oil Township High School in Saint Croix, IN in 1962. In 1989 after working for various corporations, he became co-owner of Western Precision Products, Inc. at Tualatin, OR, retiring in December 2003.

Howard married Dianne on December 6, 1997 at Portland, OR.

He had a passion for fishing, hunting, playing his guitar and spending time with family and friends.

Howard was one of the founders of the Ione Education Foundation as well as

Donald Dale Troxell Sr.

Donald Dale Troxell Sr., 87, formerly of Spray, OR died Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Kennewick, WA. A graveside memorial service will be held Saturday, May 2, at 1 p.m. at the Haystack Cemetery near Spray.

He was born in Selah, WA on February 4, 1928, the son of Clarence Edward and Ethel Burgeron Troxell. Don was the oldest of seven children and worked with his dad in orchards around Selah and Yakima. He graduated from high school in Selah before enlisting in the U.S. Army toward the end of World War II. He was discharged from the Army in April of 1947.

Don met and mar-

ried June Marie McGuire on September 7, 1948 at Wenatchee, WA. He and June soon moved to The Dalles, OR, where they started their family. They had three sons and one daughter. Don worked in a gas station in The Dalles until about 1958, when he moved the family to Spray, OR. There, Don owned a gas station in which he was a mechanic until he closed the station in 1969. The gas station was always a hub of activity where the boys grew up learning how to work on their cars and helping their dad. He went to work for the Wheeler County Road Department in Spray as a mechanic until he retired.

Deaths

Lawrence L. Conklin—Lawrence L. Conklin, 81, of Lexington died Monday, April 27, 2015, at his home. He was born June 17, 1933, in Dolph, OR. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Gary O. Ball—Gary O. Ball of Heppner passed away Monday, April 27, 2015. No further information is available at this time. Arrangements are pending.

various other organizations.

Survivors include his wife Dianne of Ione; son Bill and wife Angie and their two daughters, Madeline and Abby, of Portland; son Jerry and wife Kelli Sund of Molalla, OR; son David Meadows and wife Cindy and their son Luke; daughter Kelly Wyland and husband Jeff; and granddaughter Katharine Jaskowiak and her husband Tyler and their three chil-

dren, Morgan, Karley, and Logan.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Lloyd and Amy, and brothers, Floyd Mullins and Jim Mullins.

If anyone wishes to make a donation in his honor, please make it to the Ione Education Foundation, PO Box 61, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Don and June moved to Boring, OR and lived next to their oldest son, Don Jr. It was in January 1991 that June died in Portland, OR. He then moved to the Irrigon and Hermiston areas until his death.

He loved to go fishing with his friends and sons, and he also liked to do wood-working projects to put around his home. Don enjoyed keeping company with some very close friends that he felt as close to as his family.

Survivors include sons, Donald Troxell Jr. and his wife Susan of Vancouver, WA, Tom Troxell and his

wife Donna of Stanfield, OR, Douglas Troxell and his wife Vienna of West Jordan, UT; daughter, Kathy Brisbois and her husband Larry of Kennewick, WA; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Albert, James and Robert; a sister, Mary; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tri-Cities Chaplaincy Hospice House, 2108 W. Entiat Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.



Donald Dale Troxell Sr.

Marie Murphy

Marie Murphy, 96, of Heppner, died Sunday, April 26, 2015 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, May 5, at 1 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Hood River, OR.

She was born March 10, 1920 at Portland, OR, the daughter of William and Grace Seargent Treece.

Her early married years were spent on a ranch in Northern Okanogan Valley, Washington as well as the Havillah area, where they lived and raised their family.

Survivors include her daughter, Jo Meligan of Heppner; a son, David Wildermuth of Oroville, WA; stepdaughters, Beverly Thomas of White

Salmon, WA, Betty Padlock of Hood River, OR and Bonnie Simpson of Portland; stepson Leonard Murphy of Portland; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, John Murphy; her parents; three brothers and two sisters; three of her five children,

Clarence Wildermuth, Norman Wildermuth and Edna Tessman; and three grandchildren, Marcia Jo Meligan, Clarence Wildermuth and Cynthia Ann Deming.

Remembrances may be sent to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

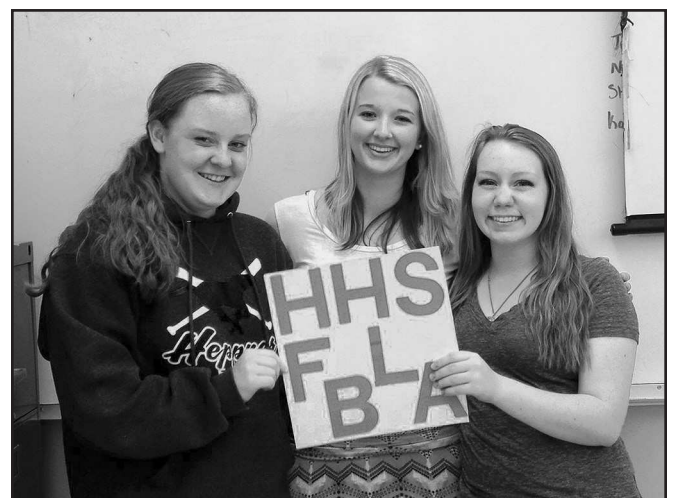
Farmer's market  
plans for 2015 season

New coordinator sought as  
Flaherty steps down

The Willow Creek Farmer's Market will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, May 7, at 5 p.m. at Heppner City Hall to plan the 2015 season. All interested vendors are invited to attend and learn more about the opportunities available. The 2015 farmer's market will run Fridays from June 12 through Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Heppner City Park.

Margaret Flaherty started the market in 2009 at Heppner City Park. With the help of participating vendors, the market has extended under her leadership. Now, after seven years at the helm, Flaherty has announced she will be handing over the reins of leadership. Anyone interested in taking on the role of coordinator is asked to attend the meeting to learn more.

Heppner FBLA  
students aim for  
national competition



FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) students Caitlynn Bailey, Taylor Hamby and Erica Nelson (pictured above) have all won coveted spots in Banking and Financial Systems and Agribusiness. These girls will be competing against the rest of the nation in Chicago, IL June 26-July 2. The girls are currently fundraising to help pay for this enormous expense of more than \$3,000 apiece. Anyone who would like to help sponsor or donate to their cause, or with any questions, please contact FBLA advisor Jeannie Collins at Heppner High School, 541-676-91138 ext. 2530. —Contributed photo

Morrow County School District is creating a long term investment plan for each of our school buildings. We are working with a consultant to assess our buildings from the viewpoints of both physical condition and functionality. We have a community group in place that is reviewing this data and generating recommendations on what to do with each of our facilities, including whether to repair, replace, or consolidate schools. We would also like the input of our wider community base and to share with you the progress of these discussions. We will be conducting three community-wide meetings at the following locations and times:

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH — HEPPNER COMMUNITY, Heppner Elementary cafeteria @ 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH — BOARDMAN COMMUNITY, Riverside High School auditorium @ 6:30 p.m.

We welcome your input. Only together can we make informed decisions that positively impact our students and your children. Please attend one of these informational meetings and exchange with us your ideas.

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Child's plate available: 1 cheese quesadilla, rice, beans, chips, salsa, drink & dessert for \$5  
Dine in or take orders to go.  
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Questions or to place orders call MaryAnn at 209-404-9072 or Ashley at 541-379-4079.

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