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20 under my tutelage. I'd scarce begun my delivery when one of the newbie's, noted the first-time attendee lanyard I was wearing. This in short became the message. That I and they alike could wade forth and do our level best, we need not shirk in the shadows. This seemed to resonate as I watched table-mates routinely enter the fray throughout the week. With 3,000 seasoned statesmen in attendance, having your voice heard necessitated some moxie.

From morning till night, I tried to make a difference - from ag and rural affairs, health and human services, public lands, public safety to fighting for veterans choice initiatives. Near to my heart, were meetings on the intrinsic knowledge that without arts and culture we have no foundation. When and where it behooved us I joined in the call to move federal legislation. When suggestions were presented for ill-conceived ideas, I pushed back. Those times I was unsure about the proper stance to take, I listened and hoped to ask my constituents who were more effected.

It was not all work and no play. Disappointed that I never had an opportunity to get "discovered," I did join 17 other Oregon delegates at the Grand Ole Opry Show. Having grown up listening to static and Minnie Pearl on AM radio, this was a treat.

With my head filled with knowledge and advice from commissioners from

across the country, I began my return westward. This time it would be different. By now, a seasoned traveler I was first in line. I fixed my blinders and settled into the first seat. The bus filled quickly and we waited a few minutes while the terminal staff convinced a young gal that this was indeed the bus she and her four-year-old son needed to board. As she came up the steps I realized that there were no side by side seats left. If she was to sit by her son someone was going to have to move. I reluctantly resigned my position and eased down the aisle looking for a vacant seat. There remained only two single seats and both were at the very back.

One was next to a hard eyed, hollow looking young fellow. The other next to a very distraught, very pregnant young lady curled in the fetal position and sobbing incessantly. I slid in next to the young man and attempted to introduce myself, this was met with no acknowledgment of my existence.

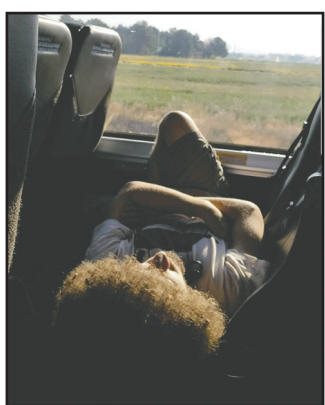
By the time we stopped for dinner beneath the golden arches, I had taken inventory of those, including my seatmate, who lacked the means for a meal. There were a handful that looked wistfully towards those downing a Big Mac. Other times they survived on the sustenance of a bummed cigarette.

The expectant mother fit both categories. She later confided that she had become pregnant as a result of an occupational hazard. Determined to start anew she bought a one-way ticket to Portland. I gave her my dear friend Commissioner Fisher's number in Portland.

The other gal that became an absolute project was the young non-English speaking mother. The one that had taken over my prime front row seat. Whether we were refueling and had re-boarding passes or changing buses in Denver, Salt Lake or Boise, she always managed to get in the wrong line. As we were departing Salt Lake City,

I noticed her steps a way from entering the bus bound for Los Angeles. I shouted across the concourse, "senora tu autobus

es este," or, "Lady your bus is this one," at least I hope that's what I said. As she fought back upstream toward our location, Greyhound staff at first sought to dissuade her. When the rest of the Portland bound patrons joined in, they, quite surprised at our unity, led her to the front of our line. We couldn't understand her, nor could she understand us, but by God, she was part of our gang.



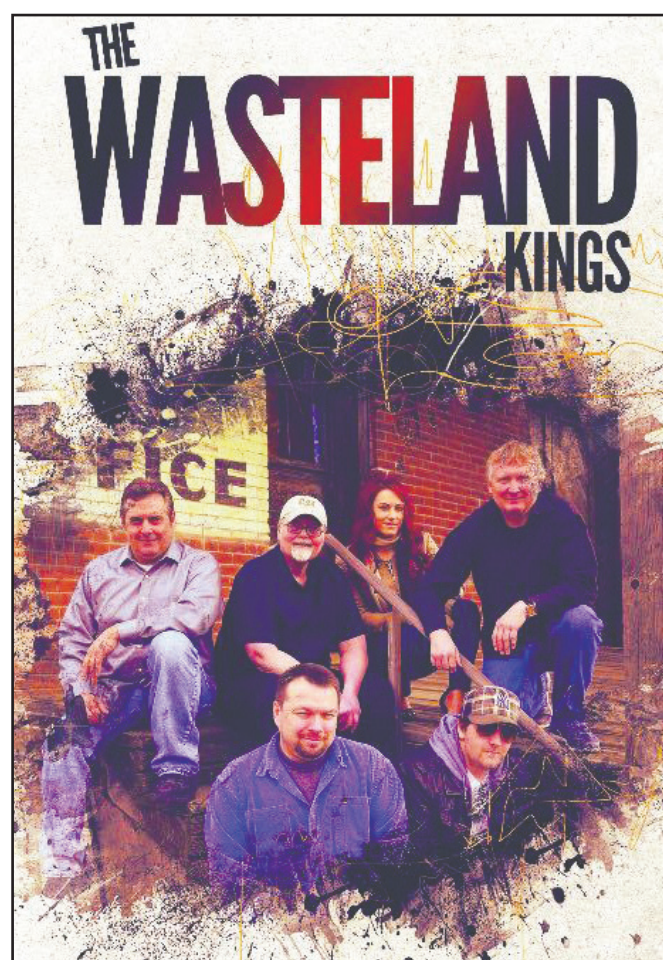
Steagall plays in East-West Shrine game



Wyatt Steagall, #99, shown sacking the quarterback during the East-West Shrine game Saturday night. The East won the game, 20-8. Steagall said it was a great opportunity and great honor to be in the game and he met lots of new friends from both sides and will cherish the memories forever. -Contributed photos.



Wasteland Kings to perform



Wasteland Kings, a talented and energetic group of six musicians, will be performing at the final concert for Heppner's Music in the Park program on Sunday, Aug. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the city park on Main St. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the elementary school. The group will be performing what they describe as Americana music, a mix of country, rock and roll, blues and folk. They have been performing in north-east Oregon since 2008. This summer music

series has been funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and facilitated as a service to the community by Hopeful Saints Ministry (an Episcopal-Lutheran partnership in Heppner). Pulled pork sandwiches and more will be available at the park for purchase by donation to raise funds for Hopeful Saints' well-drilling ministry and mission trip to El Salvador in the fall of 2019. Additional information is available by calling the church office at 541-676-9970.

Med return drug collection unit available

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office, through a partnership with Morrow County Health District, announces the installation of a safe location to return drugs and medications at the sheriff's office on Willow View Drive in Heppner.

Undersheriff John A. Bowles and Morrow County Health District CEO Bob Houser have been working on the idea of having a drug return location available to the residents of south Morrow County for the past few months. Recently, Sheriff Kenneth W. Matlack approved the installation of a med return drug collection unit.

Residents may anonymously deposit unused prescription medications (scheduled II-V and non-controlled), prescription ointments and liquids, over the counter medications, vitamins and medications for pets.



The reasons citizens should turn in unused prescription drugs are:
-Children and animals could be poisoned if they find and swallow drugs.
-Drugs can be scav-

enged and illegally sold.
-Unused pharmaceuticals are environmental toxins; flushing them down the toilet or sink can release them into our drinking water and soil.
The Morrow County Sheriff's Office asks that residents comply with the following standards when making a deposit at the sheriff's office:
-Locate the collection box in the lobby and place the medications in a plastic bag provided at the location.

HJSHS registration to be held

Heppner Junior/Senior High School will be registering all students Monday through Wednesday, Aug. 13, 14 and 15 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Schedules will be avail-

able upon payment of fees. For additional information visit the website at www.hhs.morrow.k12.or.us/ or call 541-676-9138.

Brass Fire to perform at Irrigon park

Brass Fire will perform for the Music in the Parks outdoor summer concert series at 7 p.m. on Aug. 13 at the Irrigon Marina Park, located off Highway 730 in Irrigon.

Brass Fire is a ten-piece horn band. In addition to a full rhythm section made up of a pianist, a guitarist, a drummer and a bass guitarist, there are performers on trumpets, saxophones and trombone. Band members also step forward and render stylistic vocals. The musician's backgrounds include membership in military bands, cruise ships, professional touring bands and school music teachers. The band will perform music made famous by top groups like Chicago, Blood Sweat and Tears, Earth Wind and Fire, Tower of Power, Voodoo Daddy, Elvis and many others. Musi-



cal selections include blues, jazz, rock, swing and funk. This is the last performance for the 2018 Music in the Parks series. The Music in the Parks series is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric and sponsored

by the North Morrow Community Foundation. In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be held at the Irrigon Senior Center. For more information about the Music in the Parks concert series, contact Jackie at 541-720-1289.

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