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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Horse meat sale - sick and sorry

In reading Heather Thomas's letter in the July 31 issue of the "Gazette-Times" titled, "Wild-Horse Controversy" I will completely agree with her that the management by the BLM on this problem is pretty disgusting. Of course, we must realize it is just another government bureaucratic miscarriage. But the one that disturbs me the most is the American Horse Protection Association. I'm at a loss as to the working parts of this AHPA. It may be possible that they are operating a "horse-meat" sales operation, for horse-meat seems to be the coming thing, which is hard for me to believe possible. I have long known that nothing here in this US is impossible, no matter how sick and sorry it may be.

Now I see, where the BLM has asked permission to sell these wild horses for slaughter, and I'm sure if there's a few dollars to be made by this sick and disgusting maneuver, the US government will certainly put their blessings on this pitiful sale. It wouldn't surprise me in the least, if the AHPA will be the middle man for this disgusting operation. If not, why were they so concerned about killing Heather Thomas's book, which said it just like it is.

So in closing, I certainly intend to find out what part the AHPA will play with the BLM in regard to the horse-meat market. I would appreciate any information in regard to the AHPA from anyone concerned.

Otto H. Jorgensen Jr.
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Retain Old Pioneer Road

To the people of Morrow County:

There is a petition before the County Court of Morrow County to close the old Pioneer Road, better known as Martin Prairie Road.

There is more and more demand for use of this road for recreational travel as well as for getting wood, due to the energy crunch. I feel this road should be retained and improved.

If you have any concern about this road, you should contact the county judge by phone or letter or appear at the court hearing, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. at the county court room.

Harold K. Peck.

Not pennies, but bucks

Sept. 16, 1980, the people of Morrow County will again be able to approve or disapprove the budget proposed by the county court.

I stress the county court because the first budget that was turned down was the only county budget the budget committee proposed. The county court since then has no longer used the services of the remaining budget committee. The budget you are to vote on is proposed only by the county court.

My condolences to Mr. Creamer, Gary Grieb, and Terry Thompson. The establishment felt your help was not needed.

The Morrow County School District, the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, and any other business or organization in the county or the country that has a budget committee uses such to a good advantage.

We read daily about other counties, also in budget trouble, but their budget committee, red pencils in hand, have gone to work and at least given it an honest try

to put a budget together that the taxpayer will pass. They don't go looking for scapegoats to blame it on.

I don't know who the person referred to as going door to door in the last issue of the Gazette-Times by Commissioner Krebs could be, but here are a few suggestions.

Budget elections cost money, which we are finding out, but they are the only way to tell the people that we elect what the people want.

A few bucks spent in the county news media to publish the budget would take care of false information.

A good budget committee, not afraid to use red pencils and from all walks of life.

There are no excuses as to the elected officials of the county not knowing what their wages will be and work expected for the same.

In previous issues of the Gazette-Times in a "letter to the editor," I opposed as a taxpayer the county budget on wages, etc.

Having raised opposition to their (commissioner's) wage increases to elected officials, I was invited by Commissioner Krebs and the employees committee, along with six others to attend a meeting on such. The then editor of the Gazette-Times and myself showed up.

I feel it only fair to the non-elected employees that a pay schedule, based on longevity, duties, etc., be set up once and for all, but by an impartial group such as was intended by (LGPI) Local Government Personnel Institute but once approved and paid for, would be followed to the "T".

As to elected officials, each and everyone of them knows what his salary will be. Don't try to take advantage of the taxpayer who is also fighting the recession.

Not many of us had someone offer us an increase in wages running a high as 34 percent.

As to drastic cuts, here are a few questions one might call and ask the county court.

One county commissioner says we got the "aluminum castles" free.

The units sat at the county shops unprotected from the weather all spring and because they were not protected became water logged, etc.

The following questions arise:

Cost of inspection trip to see if the county court wanted them.

Moving costs to Heppner.

County crews time preparing site and putting units together.

The above accomplished, the units, permits asked for but not granted finally were:

Dismantled by county crews and fence replaced.

Moved to storage area at Lexington where they now sit, still unprotected from the weather.

As of last week one commissioner pointed out "the county's tax share of the tax is small and even a cut of \$3,000 in wages would not lower the tax rate by one cent per thousand of valuation."

Let's not talk of the pennies but the bucks that are spent for things like above.

Sept. 16, you have your chance to be heard. Get out and vote. You owe it to yourself.

It's your money you are trusting others to spend.

Thank you,
Merl Cantin

Thanks, coaches

I would like to thank Jim Ackley and Ken Grieb for all the time and effort they put in to coaching the Heppner High School team in the Hermiston summer league.

As he has done for the youth of Heppner many times in the past through various projects, Jim did an outstanding job organizing this operation, along with making Heppner one of the most competitive teams in the league.

Jim is also deserving of praise for the numerous Saturday mornings he devotes in running the Pee Wee Basketball program.

Many players refined their basketball skills this summer and can thank Jim Ackley for helping Heppner basketball climb back to the top.

Brent Eggers

For Denny Smith

Oregon's second congressional District needs Denny Smith as representative, but more importantly I believe the country must have people like him in government. Or else the deepening fiscal problems of the nation are to become irreconcilable.

Smith is for 1. a balanced budget, 2. income tax reduction, 3. limiting terms of office, 4. saving Social Security by fully vesting it and amortizing these vested funds.

The guy has extraordinary capabilities and background. He's a decorated fighter pilot veteran in Vietnam, a Pan American Airline pilot on leave, chairman of Eagle Newspapers, Inc., a group of 16 newspapers in Oregon and Washington. Born in Ontario and a high school graduate in John Day, he now resides with family in Salem.

An articulate and bright man, he is the son of former governor Elmo Smith. Denny is strong on fiscal responsibility.

May I urge folks of both parties to join us in electing Denny in November. Wide support is needed to defeat Al Ullman and change the alarming direction this country has been going.

Sincerely,
Ken Turner,
Committee to Elect
Denny Smith, Morrow County.

Obituaries

Henry J. Baker

Funeral services for Henry J. Baker were held Thursday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Valby Lutheran Church in Valby, Ore. Mr. Baker died in Tualatin, Ore., on Aug. 24 at the age of 84. Concluding services and interment were held at the Valby Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker had been living in retirement in Woodburn Senior Community for some time.

Henry Baker was one of the organizers of the Oregon Wheat Growers League in 1926 and later served as president of that organization. He was Grand Master of the Pomona Grange in Morrow County for many years and also worked with the Farm Bureau.

According to O. W. Cuts-

forth, when wheat was selling for 40 cents a bushel, Baker, Cutsforth and others helped raise \$80,000 to build an alcohol still at Gresham in 1938 to use wheat as energy-forty years ahead of their time. The liquor interests stopped the operation of the enterprise before it really began, says Cutsforth, and it was never operated as intended. The Schenley Liquor interests bought it.

Baker was connected with every known worthwhile movement in Morrow County. O.W. declares. One of his greatest contributions was the bringing in of rural electrification. Baker and Dr. Taylor, veterinarian at Olex, became determined to organize area citizens under the REA (Rural Electrification Act). For a long time the possibility of public power looked hopeless here because the farms were usually a mile or more apart. There were only three farmers buying power from Pacific Power and Light-Ernest Heliker, Adolph Majeske and O.W. Cutsforth. Baker and Taylor talked with them, and they agreed to help the twosome go to St. Louis by train to plead for the cause. They succeeded, got an REA loan and REA came here. PP&L users were then paying 10 cents per kilowatt hour-REA cut their costs about nine-tenths. This work by Baker and Taylor saved Morrow citizens more money than any other single improvement, says Cutsforth.

Besides his wife, Helen, Mr. Baker is survived by three sons, Merle, of Portland; Dave, of Ione; and Clarence, of Heppner; two daughters, Betty Orton, of Woodburn; and Helen Schlensner, Astoria; three brothers, Byron, of Kennewick; Vernon and Laurel, both of Portland; two sisters, Grace Garbe, Touchet, Wash.; and Goldie Lawrence, of Walla Walla; 22 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

One brother, one sister and three half-sisters preceded him in death.

Jack W. McTimpeny

Private services for Jack W. McTimpeny were 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Sweeney Mortuary Chapel in Heppner, with burial at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Pall-bearers were Doyle Key, Vern Wilson, George Perkins, Frank Unrein, Jack Unrein and Jay Dee Hudson.

Carl and Betty Marquardt sang "Beyond the Sunset" and Betty Marquardt was the pianist. The Reverend Michael Sheridan officiated.

Mr. McTimpeny died Sunday, Aug. 31, at Heppner, where he had lived since 1957. He was born at Portland July 17, 1918. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 87 in Heppner.

He married Wilma Hudson at Heppner Feb. 4, 1958.

McTimpeny had worked as a truck driver for Columbia Basin Electric Coop.

Survivors include his wife, at Heppner; three sons, Mike McTimpeny, Walla Walla, Wash.; Frank Unrein of Heppner, and Jack Unrein, Washington D.C.; six daughters, Marge Hubbard, of Sunnyside, Wash.; Corrine Raymond, Boise, Idaho; Shirley Bell, Concord, Calif. and Sharon Russel, Jackie Mitchell and Kathy Hess, all of Nampa, Idaho, 20 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital fund at Heppner.

Donna Stout Hellberg

Donna Stout Hellberg, 52, of Oregon City, died there August 22.

She was born July 21, 1928 in Heppner, the daughter of James and Vada Hiatt Stout. She attended Heppner and Hermiston elementary schools, and West Linn High School.

She was married to Marvin Hellberg in January, 1948, at Oregon City.

They owned and operated two restaurants in Oregon City for 15 years, until selling them and retiring last spring.

Funeral services were held in Oregon City. Interment was at Robert Byrd Cemetery at Stafford. Holman, Hankins, Bowker and Ward Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the Cancer Society.

Mrs. Hellberg is survived by her husband, Marvin Hellberg, of Oregon City; a daughter, Jody Hellberg, and a son, John Hellberg, both of Oregon City; her mother,

Vada Stout, and a sister, Anita Stout, both of Tillamook; two brothers, Ted Stout, of Riggins, Idaho; and Dean Stout, of Marsing, Idaho.

Justice Court

The justice court handled the following cases the past week: Paul Franklin Lemmon, 2961 Allane, Eugene, defective equipment, \$14 fine. Dean George Currah, Box 553, Heppner, illegal "U" turn, \$14 fine.

Richard Aron Peterson, Gooseberry Rd., Ione, 36 in a 25 mph zone, \$22 fine.

Mark Edward Patton, Ione, failure to stop for pedestrian in cross walk, \$12 fine.

Ralph Sanders Crum, Ione, disobeyed stop sign, \$12 fine.

Jeffrey Brian Edmundson, Sage Hill Drive, Heppner, 74 mph in a 55 zone, \$29 fine.

Don Charles Marvin, 205 E. Aiken, Heppner, 35 mph in a 25 zone, \$12 fine.

Thomas George Gates, Ione, 40 mph in a 25 zone, \$19 fine.

Rose Marie Pfenning, 383 N.W. Bowman Rd., Hamilton, Mont., 36 mph in a 25 zone, \$17 fine.

Donald Lee Dale, Arlington, defective equipment, \$24 bail forfeited.

Public meetings

Wednesday, Sept. 10 - Morrow County Commissioners, Judge's Office, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11 - Lexington Fire Dept., City Hall, Lexington, 7:30 p.m.; Port of Morrow Commission, Post

Palmer, Redmond; and Lee DaSilva, of Enumclaw, Wash.; two sisters, Elma Scott and Ethel Knighten, both of Kennewick, Wash.; a brother, Guy Moore, of Athena; a step-sister, Alma Kinton of Mehama; two step-sons and a step daughter, eight grandchildren numerous nieces and nephews, two of whom, Clarice Baker and Bill Scott, are Heppner residents.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Clarence.

BIRTHS

Levi William Steffanson - A son, Levi William, was born to Lori Ann and Cedric Eugene Steffanson, Condon, on Sept. 4, 1980. Levi weighed 7 lbs., 13 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Steffanson, Clarkston, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sherwood, Coal Valley, Ill. Great-grandmothers are Augustina Jenkins, Gresham, Ore., and Whipka Goff, Idaho. Levi joins a brother, Jeremy, 4, at home.

Paul Anthony Lauritsen - A son, Paul Anthony, was born to Peggy Ann and Carl Andreas Lauritsen, Heppner, on Aug. 31, 1980. Paul weighed 6 lbs., 4 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Lauritsen, Seattle, Johanne Wood, Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Avery Taylor, Irrigon.

Great-grandparents are Harry Wilson, Hopewell, New Jersey, and Minnie Taylor, Leedey, Okla.

Office, Nelson Square, Boardman, 1 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 15 - Ione Planning Commission, City Hall, Ione, 7:30 p.m.; Morrow County School Board, District Office, Lexington, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 - Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 17 - Morrow County Commissioners, Judge's Office, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 22 - Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 - Morrow County Commissioners, County Building, Irrigon, 10 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 29 - Morrow County Planning Commission, County Building, Irrigon, 8 p.m.

Hospital Notes

Patients discharged the past week at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner are as follows: Jeffrey Sumner, Heppner, on Sept. 2; and Francis Yeigh, Boardman, on Sept. 3.

Patients remaining in the hospital as of Friday, Sept. 5,

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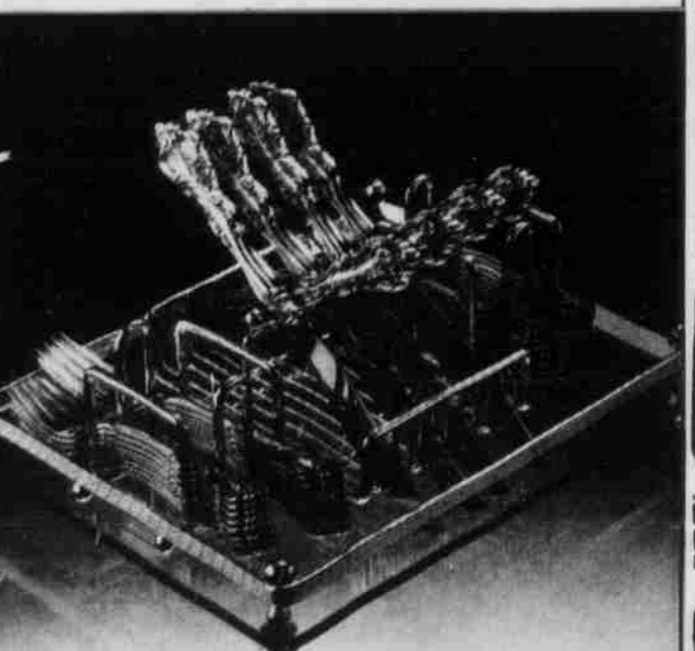
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