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**Medical Meanderings**  
Getting a new lawnmower?  
Ask your local doctor first

By GLENN W. MORGAN, M.D.,  
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Rites of spring are everywhere. Along with the sunshine, daffodils and honey bees, we begin seeing the annual lawnmower ritual. The old beast is wheeled out of the garage, covered with last year's dry, caked grass. Forty-seven pulls on the rope later, after much grunting, cursing and sweating the noisy heap sputters to life and the ritual starts. The trusty mower is off for another season.

The relationship between man and power mower isn't always beneficial, however. A recent report in "Family Practice News" states that "The wounding potential of a power mower is remarkable. A typical machine has a blade that weighs 4.5 pounds and rotates 3,000 times per minute. The generated force is equivalent to that of a 51-pound weight dropped from a height of 100 feet.

According to a 1976 report in the "Journal of the American Medical Association," an estimated 160,000 power mower injuries occur in the U.S. annually. We all know of people who foolishly stuck their hand in to remove clogged grass and wound up with a nasty injury. One person noticed a hole in the top of the mower; he only counts on nine fingers now. Feet are injured at least as often as hands. On newly mowed grass, it's easy to slip, with a foot ending up under the mower.

Even the most careful people can get injured by power mowers. Rocks and metal are frequently encountered by the blade, causing them to shoot out in all directions. Often children playing nearby are innocent victims. These injuries can be serious. Crushing injuries to the bones can occur, resulting in major surgery and even amputations.

The "Journal of the American Medical Association" report stressed the seriousness of some injuries. It reviewed 18 such accidents in which young children slipped and fell under the mower, causing mutilating injuries. Often these occurred with the riding type of mower. The young child was sitting with an older brother or sister or parent and just fell off into the path of the mower. Despite numerous operations, none of these children will ever be normal again. The report states that "rotary power mowers are probably the most dangerous of common household tools.

The new air-cushion type mowers, which hover over the grass without wheels, seem to be even more dangerous, especially on hills. One slip and the operator's foot is likely to wind up under the mower.

So, if you are considering a new mower, you might want to talk to your surgeon first. Craig Leman, M.D., a Corvallis surgeon, states, "I think these things (rotary power mowers) are terribly dangerous, and I think we would all be much better off if we went back to the old-fashioned hand mower. I bought one of these about two years ago and feel that it's much safer. I get better exercise doing it, and of course it does not use gasoline. The noise and pollution are better."

If you still plan to use the rotary power mower, make sure young children aren't around, mow only on dry grass; wear heavy boots and be extra careful on hills. If you don't have a heart condition, you might be better off with an old-fashioned, honest-to-goodness, use-your-muscles, push-type mower.

**What's your opinion?**



Question: "What effect do you think the attempted assassination on President Reagan will have on gun control?" (I think it will have) "a big one," says Anne Metz, 31, Heppner, "especially since the person who got the gun bought it at a pawn shop and was on and off psychiatric care. The gun control issue will come up again ... but I don't have the answer."



Benjamin Franklin said "He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals."

**Applications available for 4-H counselors**

Applications are now available for college students interested in serving as counselors for the 1981 4-H summer week, June 15 - 20, at Oregon State University according to John Nordheim, Morrow County Extension agent.

About 30 students will be hired to live in OSU residence halls to work with groups of 25 to 30 4-H members, Nordheim notes. Those selected for the positions will receive \$70 plus room and board.

Preference for the positions will be given to students with previous counseling experience.

Morrow County students interested in the positions may obtain forms from the county office of the OSU Extension Service in Heppner. Deadline for applying is April 15.

**Social Security representative here April 10**

The Social Security representative will be at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, 178 Willow, on Friday, April 10, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare problems may be brought to the Social Security representative the second Friday of each month, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon to the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

**SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS**

**HEPPNER ELEMENTARY**

Thurs., April 2 - turkey gravy-mashed potatoes, celery-peanut butter, muffin cup, orange wedge, milk.

Fri., April 3 - cheese-tomato pizza, green beans, carrot sticks, pear halves, milk.

Mon., April 6 - bean-dog bake, fresh veggies, fruit, bread, milk.

Tues., April 7 - lasagne, green peas, carrot coins, rolls-butter, fruit cup, milk.

Wed., April 8 - creamed tuna on biscuit, slaw salad, cheese, celery sticks, fruit, milk.

Thurs., April 9 - macaroni-cheese, vegetables, rolls, gelatin, milk.

**HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL**

Thurs., April 2 - corn dogs, pork-n-beans, fruit, cookie, milk.

Fri., April 3 - soup, choice of sandwich, salad, ice cream bar, milk.

Next week's menu was not available at presstime.

**IONE SCHOOL**  
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**Brown's Truck stop opens in Irrigon**

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

A second restaurant opened in Irrigon the past week that has its roots in the old Kinzua mill. The lumber was sand blasted, hauled to this location to be built into Brown's Truck Stop Restaurant.

Brown's Truck Stop is a large restaurant with open beam construction and a

western decor. The chandeliers are hung on double trees or three-way hitches from the days of horse drawn wagons and farm implements.

Brown's Restaurant will open at 6 a.m. for breakfast crowds. They also serve a full dinner in the evening.

About a year ago the Brown's opened their motel with eight units.

**COMMUNITY MOVIES**

**The Great Race**

Starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, Natalie Wood. Nominated for best song, editing, cinematography and best sound effects this award winning comedy is about an auto race from New York to Paris. This movie is longer than usual.

**Sunday, April 5 3 p.m.**  
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**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- Wednesday, April 1 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.
- Monday, April 6 - Heppner City Council, City Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 7 - Lexington City Council, City Hall, Lexington, 7:30 p.m.; Ione City Council, City Hall, Ione, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 8 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, April 9 - Lexington Fire Dept., City Hall, Lexington, 7:30 p.m.; Port of Morrow Commission, Port Office, Nelson Square, Boardman, 1 p.m.
- Monday, April 13 - Heppner

- Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Planning Commission, City Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 15 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.; Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, Hospital, Heppner, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 20 - Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Ione Planning Commission, City Hall, Ione, 7:30 p.m.; Morrow County
- Monday, April 27 - Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Morrow County Planning Commission, Courthouse, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 29 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.

**JUSTICE COURT**

Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases over the past week:

Joan Kardoo Tanory, Willow Creek Road, Box 403, Heppner, inadequate rear view mirror - \$29 bail forfeited.

Randolph Carol Krueger, Rt. 1, Box 3266, Heppner, inadequate log binders - \$12 fine.

Fay Ewen Prock, 505 N. Elder St., P.O. Box 244, Heppner, driving under the influence of intoxicants - \$380 fine, two years probation and no further violations of motor vehicle laws ore serve five days.

David Wallace Eckman, Union St., Box 283, Heppner, violation of basic rule (41 miles per hour in a 25 mph designated speed) - \$22 fine.

**HEALTH DEPT.**

Wednesday, April 1 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Neighborhood Center, Heppner, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Health Dept. Office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, April 10 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Health Dept. Office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, County Offices, Irrigon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Church of Christ basement, Ione, 4 to 5 p.m.

Friday, April 17 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Health Dept. Office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Neighborhood Center, Heppner, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Health Dept. Office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, County Offices, Irrigon, 1 to 4 p.m.

**Legion no-host dinner Tuesday**

Legion Post No. 97 has planned a no-host dinner on April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Heppner. "Some department officers are expected to attend," said Legionnaire Bob Blue. "We urge as many members to attend from Heppner and Ione as possible."

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

On March 23, a grass fire was reported out of control, 2 1/2 miles west of Wilson Road Trailer Park. The Boardman Fire Dept. responded to the call.

Also on March 23, Ralph Bonham, Desert Springs Estates, Boardman, reported the theft of four rims and tires. A Sheriff's deputy responded.

In another March 23 incident, Ted Weems, Irrigon Marina, reported broken windows on his trailer. A Sheriff's deputy responded to the call.

**BIRTHS**

Royal Kirk Robinson - A son, Royal Kirk, was born March 29 to Delia and Kirk Robinson, Heppner, at the University of Oregon Medical Center, Portland. Royal weighed 6 lbs 15 oz. and joins a sister, Rondi Lynne, at home.

Grandparents are Merlyn and Don Robinson, Heppner, and Paul Mildenberger, Pendleton. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Roy Robinson, Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers, Port Richey, Florida.

**Obituaries**

**James Sheldon Gemmell**

SALEM - James Sheldon Gemmell, 59, of 787 Lockwood Lane, S., died Wednesday, March 18, in a Salem Hospital after suffering a heart attack while operating his car on Oregon Highway 22, east of Salem.

Born in Heppner, he was an army veteran of World War II and had lived in Salem 45 years. He worked as a correctional officer for the Oregon State Penitentiary 19

years. He was a member of the Elks and American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia, Salem; a daughter, Sandra Jane DeCapito, Seattle; a son Richard, Boulder, Colorado; his mother, Harriet B. Gemmell, Salem; and a sister Jean Crawford, Eugene.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. at Barrick Mortuary, Sat., March 21.

**HOSPITAL NOTES**

Patients discharged from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner during the past week include:

Robert Stubblefield, Monument, admitted March 26, discharged March 26;

Jerry Brosnan, Heppner, admitted March 26, discharged March 29;

Benjamin McElligott, Ione, admitted March 26, discharged March 26;

Jeremy Bailey, Heppner, admitted March 28, discharged March 29;

Patients receiving care at the hospital as of March 31 were:

Nathaniel Shelton, Heppner, admitted March 28;

Amanda Duvall, Heppner, admitted March 29;

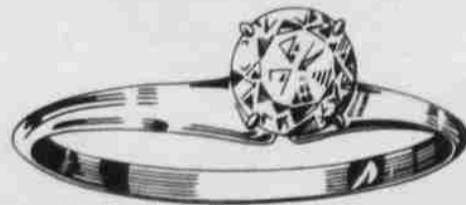
Martin Dyer, Heppner, admitted March 30;

Ethel Paulius, Heppner, admitted March 30; and Oscar Peterson, Ione, admitted March 30.

Dr. Terry Golter and Dr. Bill Jepsen would like to announce the opening of the Oregon Trail Veterinary Clinic in the Sunnyridge Building on Hermiston-McNary Highway.

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