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**LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR**

Stream water poses hazard

To the Editor:

A visit to my mountain property at Meacham, Oregon, yesterday prompts me to write this letter. Parked in the mountains was a young family, parked in their motorhome, who were obtaining their water supply from a nearby small stream. There still exists a common belief that mountain streams are safe to drink. In truth, regardless of how pristine the setting, no surface water is safe for human consumption.

At a recent American Waterworks conference a parasitic protozoa commonly referred to as giardia and a bacterial organism commonly referred to as yersinia were topics of discussion and documented to have been found in mountain streams originating from the waste products of muskrats, beaver, deer, elk, and other wildlife. Depending on an individual's level of natural resistance, the illness symptoms for giardia are those of a true "flu virus" and can range from average to severe. The illness symptoms for yersinia closely resemble appendicitis and because of this close parallel, has actually resulted in the unnecessary removal of appendix from children.

When you visit a community in your travels it would be well to inquire about the source and treatment of that community's water supply. Deep well sources, and surface streams that have received coagulation, settling, filtration and disinfection are reliable water supplies. Anything other than this involves an unnecessary degree of risk that would be best to avoid. The individuals that fell victim to giardia in Rockaway, Oregon last year can adequately provide the documentation of the presence of giardia in Oregon. You may do well to consider this when you select which city to stay overnight in, when you travel.

The knowledge of the presence of the parasite giardia has been known for some years here in the northwest. Only this last week has the state of Oregon added giardia to the list of reportable diseases. I was informed at the American Waterworks conference that yersinia will probably be added to the list next year. Yersinia, unlike other bacteria, thrive in cold temperatures and therefore pose a special hazard. I feel that our state, well known for its pride in its environment, has through its officials performed a real disservice by not informing the Oregon public of these well documented hazards to health in our most precious natural resource: water.

This letter is written out of a genuine concern, to inform and not to alarm. The consequences of failing to exercise prudent caution may be very distressful but in all probability not fatal. If one adult's illness and/or one child's appendix removal is avoided, along with the accompanying discomfort, then the time taken in sharing this information has been indeed well spent. Please share this information with your neighbor as the camping and traveling season will soon be upon us again.

After an initial attack of illness from either giardia or yersinia and apparent resumption of good health, they may remain as a host in your body and may be re-activated numerous times during later periods when an individual's body is under either physical or emotional stress. If you have had these symptoms, contact your doctor, who can verify if your body has been acting as a host for either of these diseases and prescribe an appropriate effective remedy.

If you go camping either take adequate potable water with you for drinking, washing of your hands and dishes, and for food preparation. If you run short of water while in the mountains then you should boil an adequate supply of water from the mountain streams the night before, for the following days use. Do not rely on disinfectants or filtration (such as paper, cloth, charcoal, etc.) to remove giardia, which is an extremely small and very hardy parasite.

Very truly yours,
Stanley G. Wallulis, P.E.
President
Wallulis & Associates, Inc.
Engineering-Planning-
surveying
Pendleton, Hermiston

School uniforms, warm-ups stolen

To the Editor:

After years of saving and accumulating student body funds at Heppner Elementary School, this past year we were able to buy new uniforms and warm-ups for most of our junior high sports activities. This was done with student money for student activities. For the first time in many years Heppner teams looked first class.

This spring, however, persons unknown at this point walked off with seven sets

of track warm-ups, hooded sweatshirts and sweat pants, worth a total of approximately \$150.00. These are bright red with white lettering indicating Heppner Junior High on them.

The students, staff and administration of Heppner Elementary would appreciate any information leading to the return of these items. If you are aware of the possible whereabouts of these or other pieces of clothing or equipment, please call 676-9128.

Heppner Elementary School



The Western Hemisphere's hottest average summer temperature occurs in Death Valley, Calif., -98° Fahrenheit.

Thanks for BMCC support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the college board, the college budget committee, and the Citizens Committee for Support of Blue Mountain Community College, we would like to express our appreciation to the voters of Morrow County for their support in our May 19 budget election. The vote throughout the college district, with few exceptions, was favorable and shows the continued widespread support for the college.

The college board and administration will continue to operate the college in a manner that best serves the residents of the district in a cost effective manner. The college will also continue its efforts to provide better service to those areas located a

considerable distance from the campus.

The next hurdle for the college will come when the state has determined what the level of state funding will be for the 1981-82 year. It is hoped that those cuts will not require a reduction of educational quality to the citizens who support and use the college programs.

Again, our thanks to the voters in Morrow County for their continued support of the college.

Sincerely yours,
Oren G. Allison, Chairman
Citizens Committee for Support of BMCC

Ronald L. Daniels
President

Wrong Lundell

To the Editor:

With reference to your news item about the Lundell reunion in your last edition.

In the interests of reportorial accuracy, it was I and not cousin Jeannie Lundell who read the poem composed by our grandfather. I may not have done a very good job of it, but good or bad it was I who did the deed.

Sincerely,
J. W. "Wally" Lundell
440 NE 91st Ave.
Portland, Oregon
97220

**Hospital
Notes**

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

Earl Wright, Baker, Ore., admitted May 24, discharged May 27;

Sophie Ayers, Heppner, admitted May 25, discharged May 29;

Lucille Loyd, Longview, Wash., admitted May 25, discharged May 27; and

Jackie Papineau, admitted May 31, transferred to Pendleton.

Patients receiving care at the hospital as of June 1 include:

Ione Moyer, Heppner, admitted May 27;

Carl McDaniel, Heppner, admitted May 30; and

Gladys Munkers, Heppner, admitted May 31.

**HEALTH
DEPT.**

Fri., June 5 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Health Dept. Office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tues., June 9 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, County Offices, Irrigon, 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Tues., June 16 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Neighborhood Center, Heppner, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wed., June 17 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Bank of Eastern Oregon Kitchen, Ione, 3 to 4 p.m.

Fri., June 19 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Health Dept. Office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tues., June 23 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Health Dept. Office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Lexington disposal site open

The Lexington disposal site will be open the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All metals and tires will be accepted.

BIRTHS

Nichole Marie Kent - A daughter, Nichole, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kent, Irrigon, on May 22, 1981, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. Nichole weighed 5 lbs., 12 oz.

Louis James Peterson - A son, Louis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Peterson, Boardman, on May 12, 1981, at Umatilla Hospital in Umatilla. Louis weighed 9 lbs., 5 oz.

Alan Christopher Marston - A son, Alan, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Marston, Irrigon, on May 11, 1981, at Umatilla Hospital in Umatilla. Alan weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz.

Barbara Mae Hussey - A daughter, Barbara, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Max Hussey, Irrigon, on May 7, 1981, at Umatilla Hospital in Umatilla. Barbara weighed 9 lbs., 2 oz.

**SHERIFF'S
REPORT**

The Sheriff's Dept. at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner received the following calls during the past week:

On May 26, a fire was reported at the Merle Carlson ranch. The Boardman Fire Dept. responded to the call.

On May 21, Roy Lindstrom, Ione, reported the theft of a diamond ring. A Morrow County Sheriff's deputy responded to the call.

Also on May 22, Kenneth L. Sorweide, Heppner, was arrested by Heppner Police on a Umatilla County District Court warrant for allegedly negotiating a bad check.

On May 20, Gregory Paul Rivelli, Milwaukie, Ore., was arrested by the Milwaukie Police Dept. on a Morrow County warrant for allegedly driving without an operator's license.

**Ione student
earns Carroll
College honors**

A total of 336 Carroll College students, including Grace McElligott, Ione, have been named to the dean's honor list for the 1981 spring semester. Carroll College is in Helena, Montana.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must have been enrolled for 12 semester credit hours and have a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

RUUD'S HEARING AID SERVICE
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GONTY'S
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676-9264

Obituaries

Billy L. Riley

Billy L. Riley, of Heppner, died in Portland on Wednesday, May 27, 1981, at the age of 40.

Mr. Riley was born in Clarita, Oklahoma, Oct. 12, 1940, the son of Charles and Grace Riley. He served with the U.S. armed forces in the early 1960's.

In 1973 he moved to Heppner, where he was employed by Kinzua Corporation.

Mr. Riley was a member of the First Christian Church of Heppner. He was also a member of a local country-western band, "Dwane and the Plainmen."

Survivors include a daughter and a son, Wanda and Gary Riley, of Heppner; a step-son, Dean Currah, of Tacoma, Wash.; his mother, Grace Riley of Ada, Okla.; and two brothers, Jim, of Norman, Okla., and Duane, of Midwest City, Okla.

Graveside services were held Monday, June 1, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery, with the Rev. Duane Riley officiating. "Amazing Grace" was sung by Carl and Betty Marquardt and "My Song" was sung by Wanda Riley and Renee Struthers.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mon., June 8 - Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Planning Commission, City Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., June 10 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.

Thurs., June 11 - Lexington Fire Dept., City Hall, Lexington, 7:30 p.m.; Port of Morrow Commission, Port Office, Nelson Square, Boardman, 1 p.m.

Mon., June 15 - Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Ione Planning Commission, City Hall, Ione, 7:30 p.m.; Morrow County School Board, district Office, Lexington, 8 p.m.

Wed., June 17 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.; Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, Hospital, Heppner, 9:30 a.m.

Mon., June 22 - Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., June 24 - Heppner Public Library Board, Library, Heppner, 8 p.m.; Morrow County Court, County Building, Irrigon, 10 a.m.

Mon., June 29 - Morrow County Planning Commission, Courthouse, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Lexington Grange meets

The Lexington Grange met for a potluck meeting Monday, May 18, with the program featuring photographs taken by the Orville Cutsforths in Mexico.

At the meeting Grange members voted to send Cecil Jones to a Grange insurance meeting as a delegate and Millie Yocum was welcomed as a new member.

In June, meetings will start at 8 p.m. the third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be June 15.

A committee on women's activities will meet June 9 starting at 10 a.m. at the cabin of Orville Cutsforth.

What's your opinion?



Question: "How do you feel about a plan that would change the state representative districts in Morrow County? The plan would give Boardman and Heppner different representatives."

"It's my opinion that one representative for the county is enough. I don't think it should be split," said Marshall Lovgren, Heppner.

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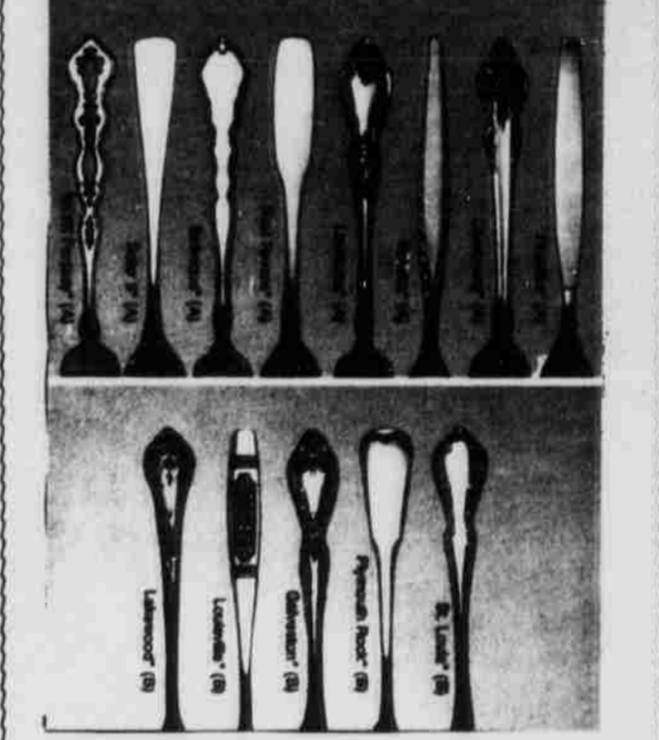
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