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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Overreacting

To the editor:
I would like to make a public apology to my fellow Christians at All Saints' Episcopal Church for the part my daughter played in the picking of their daffodils. Being a gardener, I can appreciate the work someone has gone to in order to make your church yard a place of beauty. I have shed tears over lost gardens myself, and know the pain involved in seeing the fruits of hard labor destroyed (mostly by cows, in my case). There is, however, a loss that is, in my opinion, much more tragic than that of flowers from a yard. That is the loss in adults of the openness,

joy and simplicity with which little children approach life. If Jesus were to grieve over a situation like this, would he weep because four little girls playing wedding decided they needed to celebrate with flowers? Or would he weep over adults who have forgotten his admonition to them? "Remember this! Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven." I suspect the heart of God favors the children, in this case, more than it does overreacting adults.

Corrine Miles
Heppner

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Department at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following calls, cases and reports during the past week:

On April 10, Rick Rayley of Boardman reported an assault and incident of criminal mischief at his residence. The Boardman Police Department took the report.

On April 11, June Crowell, manager of the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione, reported that two large windows at the bank had been broken. A damage estimate was unavailable.

Also on April 11, Louis Carlson of Ione reported the theft of three electric motors, grease guns, extension cords, batteries and gas. Value of the stolen items was unavailable.

In a third April 11 incident, Jim Farley of Heppner reported the theft of two compressors, a C.B. radio and numerous tools from his ranch near Rugs. The items were valued at \$1,201.

On April 12, a Heppner ambulance responded to the gymnasium at the Lexington School building and transported a patient with a possible broken ankle to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.



Road Report

The Morrow County Public Works Department has released the following Work Report for the week ending April 15:

Good weather this past week has allowed the Pine City-Lena project on Little Butter Creek to progress nicely. Shoulder buildup, ditching, shoulder work, spreading of gravel and cold patching have been done.

Culverts and the creek channel along Clarks Canyon Road have been cleaned. Blade work and cold patching were also done on the road.

Roads that were graveled and bladed include: Belle Ranch, Doherty-Alpine, E.W. Stock Drive, Alpine-Nelson, Tony Vev Road, Baseline, N-S Campbell Ranch Road, Dee Cox, Keck Canyon, Blackhorse and No. 642.

Cold patching was done on Cutsforth-Baseline, Pointer, Blackhorse and Ione-Gooseberry roads, and also on Bombing Range Road, where a small washout had occurred.

Roads receiving repair and maintenance in the north end of the county were Boardman-Irrigon, Patterson Jct. and Irrigon Road.

Bus trip plans complete

By DELPHA JONES

Plans for a Morrow County Historical Society sponsored bus trip to Fort Vancouver, Wash. May 7-8 have been completed.

Lunch has been planned at the Marshall house, and tours of the fort's interpretation center, museum and Providence Academy which was a mission and hospital and school will follow.

The tour group will have dinner together that evening. Activities and a leisurely trip home are planned for Sunday.

Persons wanting to take the trip need not be a member of the Historical Society. To make reservations, contact Ruth McCabe, 422-7194, or Delpha Jones, 989-9189.

D.A.'s Report

Thomas Winston Westmoreland III, 20, of Umatilla, pleaded guilty Monday to charges of Murder and First Degree Robbery, reported Morrow County District Attorney Richard McNeerney.

Westmoreland was charged in the December 17, 1982 shooting death of Michael Brown of Irrigon and the robbery of Brown's Truck Stop in Irrigon. (See related story.)

McNeerney also reported that John Paul Johnson, 18, of Irrigon, was sentenced April 15 to five years in prison on a charge of First Degree Burglary after an incident at the Mark Greene residence in Irrigon on March 10. The sentence is to run concurrent with a five-year sentence he is serving on charges of burglary and theft, McNeerney said.

Garden Vegetables needed

By NEOLA MACKEY

This spring when local gardeners are planting their gardens, it would be nice if some could plant an extra row or two of vegetables for the Heppner Neighborhood Center. Regular clients bring in zucchini but all other vegetables would be appreciated. A W.I.C. clinic will be held at the center April 26 starting at 9 a.m. Clients are asked to please keep their appointment times.

Seven sisters meet in Heppner for Easter

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Inez Erwin had her six sisters and some of their family members gathered at her Heppner home on Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3 during the Easter holiday. The seven had not been together for quite awhile.

At Mrs. Erwin's home for Easter dinner were her sister, Una Clifton, from Hitchcock, Texas; sister Judy and her husband, George Martinson, from Hoquiam, Wash.; sister Wyoma Duckworth from Clarkston, Wash.; sister Reva Fletcher from Walla Walla, Wash., and her son, Blaine, his wife, Vicki, and their three

Hospital Notes

The following patients were admitted and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner during the past week:

Jodi Wilks, Heppner - admitted April 11, released April 14;

Christy Stroeber, Heppner - admitted April 11, released April 14;

Patti Toombs, Heppner - admitted April 12, released April 12;

Ida Coleman, Heppner - admitted April 12, released April 16; and

George Greenup, Heppner - admitted April 14, released April 17.

The following patients were still receiving care at the hospital as of Monday, April 18:

Olive Hughes, Heppner - admitted April 11; and

Truman Messenger, Lexington - admitted April 16.

Health Dept.

Friday, April 22 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Morrow Co. Health Department office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Irrigon county offices, 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, April 29 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Morrow Co. Health Department office, Lexington 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

About 41 percent of the world's automobiles are American.

Public Meetings

Monday, April 25 - Morrow County Planning Commission, courthouse, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27 - Heppner Public Library Board, library, 8 p.m.

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Obituaries

Gordon Akers

MILWAUKIE - Word has been received that Gordon Akers, 66, of Milwaukie, a former area resident, died recently.

He was born at Eight Mile and later lived in Salem for 30 years before moving to Milwaukie six years ago. He was co-owner of a beauty salon in Heppner in the 1940s.

Mr. Akers was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Services were held at Virgil T. Golden Mortuary, Milwaukie. Private interment was at Restlawn Memory Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine M.; daughter Jill E. Ficken, son Mark and sister Freda Mason, all of Salem.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Salem Chapter, 615 Lower Ben Lomond Drive, Salem 97302.

Justice Court

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

Charles Mathew Walsingham, Heppner - Expired Vehicle License, \$6 fine.

Robin Don Scott, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (68 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$28 fine.

Angie Renae Ball, Heppner - Open Container of Liquor in a Vehicle. To wit: beer, passenger, \$22 fine.

Rodney Scott Cole, Heppner - Driving Without Headlights When Headlights Required, \$14 fine.

James O'Brien Campbell, Condon - No Operator's License, \$55 fine.

Senior News

Matt Doherty of Irrigon will show his slides of Ireland following the noon meal at the Heppner Senior Mealsite on Wednesday, April 27.

April birthdays will also be celebrated on the 27th.

Any senior citizen desiring a noon carry out meal on Wednesdays is asked to call Cherie Clark, 676-5222, or Bill Collins, 676-9947.

Heppner seniors needing a ride to the mealsite should call Mary Nikander, 676-5571, to make arrangements.

Ione and Lexington residents needing a ride to Heppner on Wednesdays are asked to call Dot Halvorsen, 422-7143, to make arrangements.

Seniors attending the noon meal at the mealsite are not charged for transportation. Those riding the bus from Ione, and who are over 60 and do not attend the meal at the mealsite are charged 75 cents round trip. Cost for commuters under 60 is \$1.50.

Births

Carla Elizabeth Nordheim - A daughter, Carla Elizabeth, was born to Debra and John Nordheim of Heppner on April 12 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoelt of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nordheim of Waitsburg, Wash.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Al Kahler of Milwaukie, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoelt of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. John Young of Walla Walla, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. John Nordheim, also of Walla Walla.

Heather Michelle Wilson - A daughter, Heather Michelle, was born to Donna and Scott Wilson of Boardman on April 13 at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, Wash. She weighed 4 lbs., 15 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Zimmerman of Echo, Mr. and Mrs. Cy Flack of Bend and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wilson of Ione.

Great-grandparents are Mr. L.J. Lockmer of Sioux City, Iowa and Mrs. Archie Ball of Heppner.

Benefit turkey shoot slated

A benefit turkey shoot for E.V. Gonty Blevins will be held Saturday, April 30, at Dale, beginning at 11 a.m. There will be both senior and junior categories.

A bingo and chili feed will be held during the shoot, said a spokesperson.

Raffle tickets are being sold for a 243 Ruger rifle at one dollar each with proceeds to benefit the E.V. Blevins fund. To purchase tickets, contact Janet Greenup, 676-5822. The rifle drawing will be held in July, she said.

United Methodist Women plan sale

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

On Wednesday evening, April 6, the United Methodist Women held their monthly meeting in the home of Beth Brvant. President Ann Spicer conducted the business meeting which was primarily concerned with firming plans for the church's Annual Yard Sale, coming on Saturday, May 14.

Committees were appointed and responsibilities delegated. It was determined that the telephone number to be circulated for the pickup of sales goods is 676-9446, at Ida Fara's shoe repair shop and residence. Any persons doing spring cleaning or preparing to move may take larger donated goods to Ann Spicer's home at 235 W. Baltimore, Heppner, or to Rita Hedman at Case Furniture Store on Main Street or smaller items to Fara's Shoe Repair, or may telephone Fara's to have a pickup. Herman Green has also offered to pick up goods for the sale.

The U.M.W. group has decided that this year, in addition to the Yard Sale and the Homemade Food Sale, they will be selling \$3 luncheons of turkey or ham sandwiches, potato or macaroni salad, choice of assorted pie and

coffee or punch. Everyone in the Heppner Methodist congregation will be involved in preparing for and conducting this annual sale.

A.A.U.W. to meet April 25

The American Association of University Women, Heppner-Ione branch, will be meeting at Joan Records' home in Heppner on Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m.

"Debra Cooley of the Morrow-Umatilla Task Force on Battered Women will be the program speaker," said Mary Ann Cerullo, A.A.U.W. president.

Branch business will include voting on next year's officers and hearing a report from the budget committee. There should also be a report from Laura Broderick and Ann Spicer, who attended the 1983 A.A.U.W. State Convention at Newport, concluded Cerullo.

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