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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to exhibitors

To the editor: I wish to take this way to say "thank you" to all the exhibitors at the fair for being so patient in getting their premium checks. With my being new, and the new idea for the checks to be done later, I feel that it was an excellent idea! There wasn't the rush of trying to have them ready when exhibits were released. Figuring the amounts of premiums, in a hurry, many mistakes could be made. I know it took longer, but it seems to be a better arrangement. There were some com-

plaints I've heard about in a round about way, but I didn't receive a dozen phone calls asking when checks would be out. So, I believe most people were satisfied with the new idea. For those who did have complaints, they could have called me at home or the office. So, thanks again for waiting. The checks have been mailed and I hope with not too many mistakes. If you feel there is a mistake, just call me. Ruby Munkers, Sec. Morrow County Fair Board

Good community support

To the editor: The financial committee of Willow Creek Little League would like to say "thank you" to the communities of Heppner, Lexington, and Ione for supporting our various fence funding projects throughout this year. In addition, special recognition and appreciation is extended to Lott's Electric, R & W Drive-In, Tom's Chevron, Kinzua and Sears for their outstanding support.

Special thanks is given to Little Leaguer Scott Johnston, top seller of the cord of wood donation, who helped with other Little Leaguers to raise \$530. This brought funds earned this year to \$3,300. With such outstanding support from all of you, we know we'll have a field to be proud of.

Willow Creek Little League Financial Committee

A real shame

To the editor: It is a real shame! I read the September 7 issue of the Gazette-Times and noted that no one is running against the incumbents on the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op Board. Should one conclude that all 2,500 members are satisfied enough with their company to let board positions go uncontested? New company challenges are ahead that impact every

consumer. Power costs keep going up while sales go down. Should the budget be reduced further after a 40 percent three-year decrease in K.W.H. sales? Employee pay and benefit issues are still on the front burner from March of this year. I urge people to take some time to get involved. I promise you it will be interesting! Respectfully, Eric Anderson

Rebekahs host picnic

San Souci Rebekah Lodge hosted a picnic Sunday for all Rebekahs, Oddfellows, Degree of Honor members and their friends.

The birthdays of Bernice Nash and Nina Denton were celebrated. A beautifully decorated cake made by Penny and Deann Connor was presented to the birthday celebrants.

An afternoon of visiting and games was enjoyed by all.

Wattenburger reunion planned

A Wattenburger reunion will be held this Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Hermiston Civic Recreation Center, 215 W. Orchard. A coffee hour will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon with a potluck dinner to follow at 1 p.m. All friends and relatives are welcome to attend and are asked to provide their own table service, said a reunion spokesperson.

Correction

A phone number for Sandra Fink in a story appearing in last week's Gazette-Times entitled "Boardman therapy group being formed for abuse victims," was incorrect. Her phone number is 922-2951.

Tuesday's W.I.C. clinic cancelled at center

By NEOLA MACKAY A W.I.C. clinic scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Heppner Neighborhood Center will not be held. Vouchers for W.I.C. clients will be mailed to them. Adult and Family Services representative Janet Phillips will be at the center on Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Applications for food stamps may be picked up at the center on any business day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. More surplus cheese will be given away on Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the

Voice your opinion

To the Editor, the Morrow County Court and the Morrow County Road Dept.:

I do not know what good it does for the Forest Service or the County Road Department to put out the many traffic counters we have run across the last few years on the Willow Creek Road. The County Road Department pays no attention to the information they receive from them. When they are contacted about the condition of the road, the answer one gets is that sometime - someday somebody is going to rebuild it.

On several different days during the 45 minutes it takes to drive from our house to Cutsforth Park I have personally counted 47 - 54 - 39 - 42 - 51 and 48 vehicles. Some were empty, some loaded with wood, some pulling trailers loaded with wood, some were bow and-or grouse hunters, some going to Penland Lake to fish, some property owners going to the land they own and pay taxes on.

I believe it would be safe to say there is more traffic on the Willow Creek Road than all the rest of the county roads put together.

Besides the terrible holes in the road there are several places where the water in the creek from the spring runoff has and still is undermining the road bed.

There is one thing everyone who uses the road can be sure of - when there is an accident caused by the condition of the

road and someone gets badly injured or killed, the Morrow County Road Department will rush out and repair that one spot.

The deer and elk season will soon be here and that traffic will almost double the amount of vehicles on the road.

While I am in the process of letter writing, I understand the County Road Department is in charge of the county parks, which includes the lake at Cutsforth Park.

The mud and silt from the washout in Willow Creek and the old Coal Mine Road at Coal Mine Hill has almost filled the lake at the park with mud and silt along with the contamination from the spill of diesel fuel and Seven-4 oil.

Why hasn't the County Road Department made some effort to clean and deepen this lake of the mud and silt while the water was and is low to prepare it for next spring when the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission can re-plant it with fish and the recreational use of the park can get back to normal?

I hope all the people who believe something should be done about the Willow Creek Road and the lake at Cutsforth Park will call the county judge's office, phone 676-9642, and the Morrow County Road Dept., phone 989-8554 and voice their opinion. I certainly hope they are flooded with phone calls.

O.W. Cutsforth, Heppner

Hospital Notes

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

Laurel Groce, Heppner - admitted September 11, released September 12;

Neil Bond, Ione - admitted September 12, released September 14;

Earl Papineau, Lexington - admitted September 13, released September 14; and

Wayne Evans, Heppner - admitted September 13, released September 14.

Another patient at the hospital, Chris Riddle of Heppner, who was admitted September 17, was still receiving care at the hospital as of Monday, Sept. 19.

Public Meetings

Monday, Sept. 26 - Morrow County Planning Commission, North Morrow Annex, Irrigon, 8 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 - Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, hospital, Heppner, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 - Morrow County Court, North Morrow Annex, Irrigon, 9 a.m.; Heppner Public Library Board, library, 8 p.m.

Local news bits

Mrs. Phil McLennan of Hillsboro and Alison Parent and Jeff Brown of Eugene were visitors last week at Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Anderson's home in Heppner last week.

Happy 21st Patty LUV T., B., M., G., N., L., K., G., K., J.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

A collection of business advertisements including: HEPPNER AUTO PARTS (234 N. Main Heppner, 676-9123), M & R FLOOR COVERING (Linden Way, 676-9418), CASE FURNITURE Heppner, TURNER VAN MARTER & BRYANT INSURANCE, MEDICAL CENTER PHARMACY (1100 Southgate, Pendleton 276-1531), DEVIN OIL CO. INC. (676-9633), PETTYJOHN OIL COMPANY, Morrow County Grain Growers (1-800-452-7396), PRINTING SERVICES FOR YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS (147 Willow, Heppner Gazette-Times 676-9228), and Thomas F. Alexander, D.D.S., General Dentistry (1st Interstate Bank Bldg., 676-5410 or 481-9462).

Local men take Grain Div. awards at fair

Two local men have taken awards at the State Fair in the Grain Division. Roger Palmer of Heppner took the best single exhibit-commercial grain trophy, sponsored by North Pacific

Grain Growers, Inc. Charles Anderson, also of Heppner, won the seed grain trophy for best exhibit, sponsored by the Foundation Seed Project, Oregon State University.

HHS offers senior citizen passes

Senior citizens are reminded that all-activities passes are available at Heppner High School. These passes are good for all activities at HHS including music concerts, drama presentations and athletic

events. To obtain an activity pass, seniors should contact the high school office in person or by calling 676-9138. Once obtained, these passes are good indefinitely.

Pine City reunion scheduled

A Pine City reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Hermiston Civic Recreation Center, 215 W. Orchard St., announced Oleta Neill Akers, a reunion spokesperson. The open house will be held from 1 to 5 p.m., she said. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

on display at the Sears store in Heppner. Tickets may be purchased for 25 cents each or five for one dollar. The drawing will be held in December. Money received from this project will be used to benefit the nursing home residents, she said. Helen Stevens of Hardman designed and made both dolls' wardrobes and donated them to the auxiliary.

Sunday school program to begin at All Saints'

A new season's Sunday school program will begin at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Heppner this Sunday, Sept. 25, at 10:30 a.m., announced a church spokesperson. Following the church ser-

vice a special dessert will be served at the parish hall, she said. All pre-school and school-age children are invited to attend.

Genuine Gemstone/Karat Gold Rings for the love of your life. Peterson's Jewellers Heppner 676-9200. Dimaonds, Rubies, Pearls, Colorful precious stones. In beautiful 10K and 14K gold mountings. A gift of love for one you love.

Obituaries Justice Court

Melvin E. Moyer

HEPPNER - Melvin E. Moyer of Hermiston, formerly of Heppner, died Saturday, Sept. 17, in Spokane, Wash. He was 75. He was born August 30, 1908 in Toppenish, Wash. to Frank and Lora Conner Moyer. The family moved to Heppner in 1909 and farmed a ranch in Black Horse Canyon. Mr. Moyer took over the operation in 1955 and continued farming there until his retirement in 1975 when he moved to Hermiston. He married Ruth Stoddard on December 31, 1971 in Hermiston. She preceeded him in death in November 1981. Mr. Moyer was a member of B.P.O.E. 358, Heppner, the Eagles Lodge and the National Rifle Association. He was named Morrow Co. Conservation Man of the Year and Conservation Man of Oregon in 1971. Services were held Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Heppner Masonic Cemetery with the Rev. Rob Andrews-Bryant officiating. Survivors include his sons: Bruce Moyer of Lolo, Mon., and Dean Moyer of Kennewick, Wash.; daughter Francine Howard of Fayetteville, N.C.; stepchildren Gerald Stoddard and Mary Bowen, both of Soldotna, Alaska and Jean Prohaska of Pocatello, Idaho; a brother, F. Ellis Moyer, of Spokane, Wash.; 20 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Morrow County Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week: Judy Ann Davis, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (52 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$28 fine. Cathleen Ann Halvorsen, Ione - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (70 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$34 fine. James Clarence Benson, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (43 mph in a 25 mph zone), \$34 fine; Violation of the Basic Rule (43 mph in a 25 mph zone), \$35 fine; and Violation of the Basic Rule (39 mph in a 25 mph zone), \$28 fine. Michael Charles Ingraham, Lexington - Defective Equipment, \$24 bail forfeited. Wayne Oliver Hall, Bend - Improper Vehicle License, \$24 bail forfeited; No Fire Extinguisher, \$29 bail forfeited. Julia Warren, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (49 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$18 fine. Jimmy Allen Bier, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (49 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$28 fine. Sharon Margaret Keen, Lexington - Violation of the Basic Rule (47 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$28 fine. Richard Glenn Devin, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (52 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$28 fine. Louis Hughe Buschke, Ione - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (72 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$28 fine. Ann Leslie Metz, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (52 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$28 fine. Gary Lee Kemp, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (54 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$28 fine. Everett Jay Keithley, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (50 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$28 fine. Craig Allen Miles, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (51 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$28 fine. Robert Earl Morris, Boardman - No Taillights on Trailer, \$6 fine. Alta Kim Cutsforth, Portland - Violation of the Basic Rule (57 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$34 fine. James Kelly Angell, Heppner - Defective Equipment, \$6 fine. Jeffrey Todd Adams, Heppner - No Motorcycle Endorsement, \$12 fine. Stephen Leroy Groce, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (70 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$28 fine.

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 September 13, the Boardman Fire Department responded to a fire at the west-bound rest area on Interstate 84. Also on September 13, a Boardman ambulance responded to a Boardman service station and transported a female to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. She was later transferred to a Walla Walla, Wash. hospital by Life-guard III. On September 16, John A. Mischke, 23, of Boardman, was arrested by Boardman police on a Umatilla County warrant. Also on September 16, a Boardman ambulance was dispatched to milepost 174 in the east-bound lane of Interstate 84, and transported to Good Shepherd Hospital. On September 17, the Boardman Fire Department responded to a fire at Hillview Christian Church on Willson Road in Boardman. Damage to the church was estimated at \$1,000. In a second September 17 incident a Boardman ambulance was requested at a Boardman residence. The patient was not transported.

D.A.'s Report

Morrow County District Attorney Richard McNerny reports that Anis Walker of Kennewick, Wash. was arraigned on September 15 in Morrow Co. Justice Court at Irrigon on a charge of alleged First Degree Burglary in connection with break-ins at local mountain cabins. The district attorney refused to release any additional information, stating that the case is still under investigation.