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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

National Home Care Week

To the editor:
 As the week of November 27 through December 3 has been declared as National Home Care Week, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank some very special and dedicated persons.

Thank you for your hours of time and for CARING. To the Board of Directors of Tri-County Home Health Agency; Aloha DeSpain, Foster Odum, Mark Nienstaedt and Dave Jones.

To the Advisory Board of Tri-County Home Health Agency - Dr. Wallace Wolff; Lori Sullivan, Glaya Baker, Dennis Bruneau, Carol Ann Clough, Pat MacInnes.

To the Staff of Tri-County Home Health Agency - Marie Waters, Eloise Mortimore, Rosaline Knerr, Julie Mikalo, Robanal Disque, Pat Bond, Sandy Rill, Pam Minster and Bill Miller.

And a very special thank you to the very dedicated families and friends of the patients for whom we have cared, without your support and love, home care would not be a feasible answer to the request "but I want to go home."

Sincerely,
 (s) Sheridan Tarnasky
 Administrator,
 Tri-County Home Health Agency

Should be shared

To the editor:
 The move from Pendleton to Portland for the Oregon Wheat Commission; this opinion should be shared by all Oregon growers.

First it should be pointed out that the Wheat League represents less than one third of our state's producers. Yet all wheat producers are taxed, without a vote, to support the Wheat League and the Wheat Commission with a two cent per bushel tax levied by the Oregon Legislature. This is not a self-imposed assessment as Mr. Packard, Comm. Adm., has stated.

In the past a group of growers petitioned the league to hold an election when the tax was increased from one half to one cent per bushel. We again requested in writing an election when the tax was increased one hundred percent from one cent to two cents. At that time we appeared before the Agriculture Committee hearing in Salem and requested an election on the proposed tax. The election was turned down by the committee at the request of the league president. This is truly taxation without representation.

It has become apparent that the Oregon Wheat League is composed of some 30 percent of the members acting in a cosy fraternal-like club that meet in rump sessions without representing the remaining

seventy percent of the growers. The Wheat Commission is composed of former league presidents recommended to the governor by the league for appointment. This is a continuation of the cosy club operation.

Contrast the Washington Association of Wheat Growers operation, where the increased assessment was gained by all the growers' ballots. The Washington commissioners are nominated and elected with state-wide grower votes.

A request to the legislature is needed to change the operation of the Oregon Wheat League from the original Commodity Act ORS 578 to the later Oregon Commodity Commission Act ORS 576. This change would give a vote to all Oregon growers. It would strengthen the league and add prestige to the commissioners. ORS 567 was passed 10 years after the original Wheat Commission law ORS 578. All other commodities except wheat and potatoes operated under ORS 567 the later law.

Any influence by all the growers on the change of location of the commission office under the present league rules, seems remote. As Mr. Packard states, the final decision will be made by the three commissions.

(s) Eugene S. Logan
 Box 313
 Arlington, Oregon

Local women guests of honor at Aux. meeting

On Thursday, Nov. 17, the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met for a luncheon meeting. Guests of honor were Helen Stevens, Hardman, and Erma Keithley, Heppner. Both ladies are seamstresses and have made numerous doll clothes for money raising projects for the auxiliary, reports an auxiliary spokesperson.

Alma Green, president, presented the guests with a gift, and reviewed the various projects and announced that money raised from the boy doll drawing will be used to purchase a color television set for the downstairs residents of the nursing home. Following the luncheon, members went to the hospital for an old fashioned "sing-along" and visiting with the nursing home residents. December 16 was designated as Christmas Decorating Day and members are urged to be at the hospital at 11 a.m.

for lunch, and at that time will put up Christmas trees and decorations. The auxiliary again this year is purchasing individual gifts for each resident, to be presented Christmas morning. Fifteen members and guests were present at the luncheon, she concluded.

Senior News

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for District 12 will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m., in the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op conference room, announced Lynnea Sargent, Senior Services supervisor for Morrow County.

Also on December 7, blood pressure testing will be conducted at the Heppner Meal-site beginning at 11 a.m. This free service is provided by the Tri-County Home Health Agency in Heppner.

**Engagements
 Hoffert - Ward**



Steven Hoffert and Sandra Ward

Sandra J. Ward of Heppner and Steven D. Hoffert of La Grande announce their engagement. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ward of Heppner. Hoffert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hoffert of Tillamook. Both are students at Eastern Oregon State College at La Grande. No wedding date has yet been set.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County clerk's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner has accepted Marriage License applications from the following during the past week:
 James Stephen Brooks, 44, and Suzanne Frances Wilson, 35, both of Boardman; and Charles Lynn Stacy, 19, and Kathy Leann Van Gorder, 18, both of Boardman.

Unit 9 of Ore. Retired Educators Assoc. to meet

Unit 9 (Morrow and Umatilla counties) of the Oregon Retired Educators Association will meet Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Peace Lutheran Church at Ninth and Carden in Pendleton. The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. Lunch will be at 12 noon and a program will follow at 1 p.m., said Freida Slocum, an association spokesperson.

The program committee with Sally Simpson as chairman, and Rudy Rada and Rodney Pogers, will present a Christmas program. The hostess committee is made up of Ellen Cambers, Hazel Case, Lennis and Joy Nash, Helen Biegel and Meryle Gould. This will be the last meeting

County Landfill hours changed

The Morrow County Landfill near Heppner will now be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. Previously the landfill was open until 5:30 p.m. but because it is getting dark earlier the hours were shortened, said a

spokesperson from the Morrow County Public Works Department.

The landfill will be closed Christmas Day, December 25, and New Year's Day, January 1, the spokesperson said.

S.E.L.P. hearing to be held in Pendleton

A hearing will be conducted in Pendleton on Tuesday, Dec. 13, to receive public comment on proposed operating rules for the Oregon Department of Energy's (O.D.O.E.) Small Scale Energy Loan Program (S.E.L.P.). The hearing will be in the Morrow Lecture Hall, Room 130 at Blue Mountain Community College at 7 p.m., reports the Department of Energy, Salem.

S.E.L.P. provides low-interest, long-term loans for projects that use solar, hydro, biomass, geothermal, wind or waste heat resources to produce energy.

Among topics for consideration at the hearing will be eligibility standards for projects to be funded, and the procedures for processing loan applications.

Draft rules may be obtained before the hearing from O.D.O.E., 102 Labor and Industries Building, Salem, Oregon 97310. The department's toll-free number is 1-800-221-8035. Copies of the rules are also available at the Umatilla County Energy Extension Office, 13 S.W. Nye, Pendleton, 97801.

Written comments on the rules will be accepted until December 15, the department said.



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Public Meetings

Monday, Dec. 5 - Heppner City Council, city hall 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 - Ione City Council, city hall, 8 p.m.; Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, north Morrow annex, Irrigon, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - Morrow County Court, courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8 - Port of Morrow Commission, 1 Marine Drive, Boardman, 1 p.m.; Lexington Fire Department, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 12 - Morrow County Fair Board, fair dormitory, Heppner, 8 p.m.; Heppner City Planning Commission, city hall, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 - Lexington City Council, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - Morrow County Court, courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 19 - Morrow County School Board, district office, Lexington, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.; Ione City Planning Commission, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21 - Morrow County Court, courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 26 - Morrow County Planning Commission, Lexington annex, 8 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 28 - Morrow County Court, north Morrow annex, Irrigon, 9 a.m.; Heppner Public Library Board, library, 8 p.m.

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 November 23, the sheriff's office received a call from Mrs. John Eubanks advising the department of a man who had a heart attack on Opal Butte. The victim was George Lee Paulson, 79, of Redmond. Paulson was accompanied by Raymond Lakey and when Lakey could find no pulse on Paulson, he went to locate help. Bobby McEwen of Heppner contacted the Eubanks and asked them to notify the sheriff's department. Sheriff's deputy Bill Calder and Dr. L.D. Tibbles, county medical examiner, went to the site and Paulson was pronounced dead at the scene.

On November 24, the Boardman Fire Department responded to a residence fire at Rt. 2 Box 50-B in Boardman. Damage was estimated at less than \$1,000.

On November 25, a Morrow County sheriff's officer responded to a report of someone shooting a horse. Owner of the horse is Guy Patterson, who lives on Willow Creek near Heppner. The horse was valued between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Also on November 25, Christopher J. Nelson, 20, of Condon, was arrested by a Heppner City Police officer for alleged Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

L.I.E.A.P. applications to be taken starting Friday

By NEOLA MACKEY

Fuel assistance (L.I.E.A.P.) applications will be taken at the Heppner Neighborhood Center beginning this Friday, Dec. 2. Each applicant must make an appointment and bring with them their social security number, proof of income, fuel bill and all medical bills paid. Those needing fuel assistance should call the center for a morning or afternoon appointment for any Friday in December. Only those with appointments made prior to visiting the center will be helped. Appointments will be given on a first come, first served basis. Penny Reams from Hermiston will conduct the program.

The Cub Scouts did a good job on a food drive they conducted November 21. There were 37 family baskets given out for Thanksgiving dinner in south Morrow County. Extra help and donations are needed for the annual Christmas basket project. The

baskets will be delivered December 20 and 21.

The next visit of an Adult and Family Services counselor will be on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

A free blood pressure clinic, conducted by the Morrow County Health Department, will be held at the center on December 7 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Heppner Elem. to hold Book Fair

Heppner Elementary School will be holding a Book Fair the week of December 5 through 9 on the grade school stage. The fair, which offers a wide variety of children's books is open to the public from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. daily, said a spokesperson for the fair.

Further information will be given to children as their classes come to the library regarding titles and prices, she added.

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Aaron pledged to Pacific sorority

Michelle Aaron of Heppner is among new sorority pledges at Pacific University following fall rush, announced Charlotte Filler, director of public information at the university. Aaron, a sophomore in political science at Pacific, has pledged Kappa Delta sorority. Pacific has three local Greek letter sororities for social activities for members. In addition, the sororities compete in homecoming contests

and participate as a group in various campus events during the year.

Pacific, founded in 1849, is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the West. It consists of Colleges of Optometry and Arts and Sciences with a Graduate Division including evening and summer programs. The 55 acre campus is in the heart of Forest Grove, 25 miles west of Portland. Filler concluded.

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