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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for support
 To the editor:
 We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the people of Morrow County for their support of our ministry with the Lexington Christian Church. Our God is a God of love and forgiveness and it is our earnest desire that peace and compassion prevail as we leave the church. We wish good will to the church and community. If we have offended any person we ask that they come to us that we might make it right.
 Although we will no longer be meeting at 160 B Street in

Lexington, we look forward to continuing our outreach with the youth in our new ministry. The Lord is leading us to expand our outreach into Eastern Oregon so that none would perish without hearing the good news of salvation and eternal life through repentance and commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
 May the truth of the real purpose of Christmas reach every heart this year.
 Sincerely,
 The Rev. Stuart Dick and family

In response

To the editor:
 In response to the recent Hermiston Herald editorial condemning me for caring about the Rajneesh situation. The Herald flatly stated there is nothing a politician can do to help those being harassed by the Rajneesh or to limit Rajneesh power. The editorial defended Congressman Bob Smith's complete lack of interest or action by claiming that he is "not in a position to do anything about what is essentially a local and state problem." I respect Senator Mark Hatfield for taking a leadership position on this issue and conducting an investigation of Guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's activities. At least one federal official who represents the Second Congressional District has taken a responsible attitude toward his constituents.
 Even though I am not yet in Congress, I personally have been able to take meaningful and constructive action to limit Rajneesh political power. I prevented Rajneesh from gaining influence within the Democratic National

Committee by:
 (1) Investigating the Rajneesh to make sure I had my facts straight.
 (2) Reporting the possibility of political blackmail to the Democratic National Committee, and
 (3) Following up on my recommendations and insuring that they became D.N.C. policy.
 If Congressman Bob Smith took a similar interest in the welfare of the citizens of the Second Congressional District, the Rajneesh situation would be less threatening to the long-time residents of this area.
 I thought it was time somebody took action to block the growth of Rajneesh political and economic power. I did it. I'm proud of it. And, I'll continue to do it until the Rajneesh either leave Oregon or learn to live in harmony with their neighbors.
 (s) Larryann Willis
 DNC NW Finance Chair
 DNC Executive Committee
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Lexington City Council plans public hearing

The Lexington City Council will hold a public hearing during a regular council meeting on December 13, 8 p.m. at Lexington City Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to decide if Senate Joint Resolution 30, which contains property tax relief, a sales tax and an expenditure measure, should be put on a March or May 1984 ballot before the voters.

Annual Christmas Singspiration slated

An annual Christmas Community Singspiration will be held Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Nazarene Church in Heppner at 7 p.m. Each church is to come prepared with at least one special number, said a spokesperson for the event.
 A time of fellowship will follow in the church fellowship hall, he added.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to a party in honor of
Dean M. Gilman
 retiring Chief of Police of the City of Heppner.
 Social Hour 6:00 p.m.
 No Host Dinner 7:00 p.m.
 January 10, 1984
 Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week:
 Kay Annmarie Alldritt, Lexington - Hunting with a Center Fire Rifle in an Area Inhabited by Elk. To wit: Cow Elk Season. \$46 fine; No tail-lights. \$13 fine.
 Dale Allen Munkers, Heppner - Hunting with a Center Fire Rifle in an Area Inhabited by Elk. To wit: Cow Elk Season. \$46 fine.
 Kevin Von Scherer, The Dalles, Truck Speeding (71 mph in a 55 mph zone). \$36 fine.
 Danny Merl Henderson, Lexington - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (71 mph in a 55 mph zone). \$36 fine.
 William Darrel Ashley, Wamic - Being Transported by Motor Vehicle in Road Closure. To wit: Heppner Regulated Hunt. \$46 fine.
 Jack E. Fouts II, Portland - Illegally Taking Game Mammal. To wit: Cow Elk during Bull Season. \$382 fine.
 Ronald Stephen Maurer, Hood River - Operating Motor Vehicle on Road Closure. To wit: Heppner Cooperative Hunt. \$46 fine.
 Ronald Henry Maurer, Hood River - Being Transported in Motor Vehicle on Road Closure. To wit: Heppner Cooperative Hunt. \$46 fine.
 William Floyd Walston, Hood River - Being Transported by Motor Vehicle in Road Closure. To wit: Heppner Regulated Hunt. \$46 fine.
 Raymond Abrose Powers, Prescott, Wash. - Expired Operator's License. \$14 bail forfeited.
 William Clois Covington, Portland - Failed to Properly Validate Deer Tag. \$41 fine.
 James Duane Fowler, Lexington - Suspended Operator's License. \$110 fine.
 Rick Guerrero, Portland - Aiding in a Game Violation. To wit: Illegally Taking Game Mammal - Cow Elk during Bull Season. \$282 fine.
 Jose A. Guerrero, Portland - Aiding in a Game Violation. To wit: Illegally Taking Game Mammal - Cow Elk during Bull Season. \$282 fine.
 Russell Lee Rollis, Heppner - No Fixed Load License. \$9 fine.
 Scott Daniel Klumpke, 20, Beaverton - Possession of Liquor by Minor. \$77 fine.
 Ronald Reid Wold, 20, Portland - Possession of Liquor By Minor. \$57 fine.
 Carl Steven Harrison, 19, Pendleton - Furnishing Alcohol to a Person Under 20 Years of Age. \$500 fine - all but \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail - suspended; one year probation; must continue cooperation with police department and have no further violations of the law, excluding traffic.

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 The board of directors and staff of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, 279 N. Main, Heppner, Oregon wish to invite all their friends to join with them in honoring Gene and Fay Pierce on their retirement and in celebrating the holiday season. Refreshments will be served Friday, December 16, 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Public Meetings

Thursday, Dec. 8 - 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.
 Wednesday, Dec. 14, Port of Morrow Commission, 1 Marine Drive, Boardman, 1 p.m.
 Monday, Dec. 19 - Morrow County School Board, district office, Lexington, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.; Lone 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.

Births

Kristofer David Bates - A son, Kristofer David, was born to Kathy Williams and Wayne Bates of Heppner at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner on December 5, 1983. He weighed 9 lbs., 9 1/2 oz.
 Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bates of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Williams of Albany.
 Great-grandparents are Cynthia Brixey, Waldron, Ark., John Bates of Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Williams of Redmond and Mr. and Mrs. Claire Chapman of Cottage Grove.
 Kristofer joins a sister Marion age two.
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