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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Confusion continues**

To the editor:

The rhetoric's roar is reduced. But confusion continues. Misinformation leads many to believe that "access charges" are intended solely to pay for connecting telephone users to the long distance network.

Not so. Here's why. Over the years, you and your readers have never fully paid the true cost of your local phone service. You received a subsidy. Long distance charges — priced higher than the cost of providing that service — made the subsidy of local service possible.

But no more. Monopoly is no longer the name of the game. Competition is. The federal government, through its courts and the Federal Communications Commission, says that long distance calls cannot underwrite the cost of providing and maintaining the local systems, now borne by local telephone companies. Thus a method, unfortunately mis-identified as "access charges," was initiated by the F.C.C.

Confusion and consternation on the part of consumers and the Congress have caused the F.C.C. to delay application of the charges. The result? You will have to pay the piper. Perhaps twice over.

First... long distance rates will probably not decrease — at least as much as we planned. Second... local service rates are being increased. And lastly... big business and organizations will build their own communications systems — bypassing the existing systems.

There will be fewer of us to pay the ongoing fixed costs of the existing telephone systems. There will be even higher bills for home and small business service users.

What's the answer? Not legislation, apparently. So we encourage your readers to write their U.S. senators and congressmen. Tell them to let the F.C.C. get on with putting a process together that will be acceptable and to the benefit of all of us.

(s) Patrick G. Hickey  
 Assistant Vice President  
 AT&T Communications

**Daughter of pioneer couple turns 90**

Mrs. Lucy Curtiss, who lives near Cecil, celebrated her 90th birthday Wednesday.

Mrs. Curtiss was born February 22, 1894 on the family ranch to Mr. and Mrs. William Euing, pioneers of the area.

Mrs. Curtiss' son, Howard Smith, was also born on the ranch.

To celebrate the event, a family reunion will be held February 25 and 26 at the Smith home near Cecil.

**Arts and crafts club to meet next Monday**

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club will meet Monday, Feb. 27, at Kate's Pizza and Pastry in Heppner at 6:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be a show and tell session, said club member Verna Brinda.

In January, Verna Brinda accepted the reins of the club from Betty Mills, outgoing president. Mary Beamer was elected secretary, Ruth

Maben took over as treasurer and Inetia Cantin is serving as vice-president.

The club is planning a sale and showing of art work in conjunction with Heppner's St. Patrick's Day festivities. More details will be announced as they become available.

Anyone interested in arts and crafts is welcome to attend next week's meeting, Brinda said.

**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:

Linda K. Dickenson, 38, of Boardman, was arrested by a sheriff's deputy for alleged Fourth Degree Assault on February 15. She is lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

On February 16, Oregon State Police arrested four men in connection with burglaries in Heppner.

Also on February 16, Dale Divish, Boardman, reported to the Boardman Police Department that a radio-cassette player had been stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in front of his apartment the night before. The machine is valued at \$300.

In a third February 16 incident, a sheriff's officer arrested Donald W. Gist, 29, of Irrigon, on a warrant for allegedly Negotiating a Bad Check. He was released on his own recognizance.

Also on February 16, Larry V. Bennett, 44, of Irrigon, was arrested by a sheriff's officer for alleged Fourth Degree Assault. He posted bail and was released.

On February 18, a Heppner ambulance responded to the Wagon Wheel Lounge in Heppner for a male who was reported ill. He was not transported by the ambulance.

On February 19, Lendil Harold La Follette, 58, of Ione, was arrested by a sheriff's deputy for allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

On February 20, Pat Geluso reported the theft of several small hand tools. The tools were taken from Ranney Construction site, east of Boardman, sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning. The tools are valued between \$1,200 and \$2,000. A sheriff's deputy is investigating the incident.

Also on February 20, a Boardman ambulance transported a 15-month-old child from the safety center to the North Morrow Medical Clinic in Boardman. The child was reportedly having problems breathing.

On February 21, Ken Fleck of Eastern Oregon Farms, Boardman, reported the theft of a motor. The motor is used to run an air conditioner that cools a potato storage unit. It is valued between \$6,000 and \$7,000. The sheriff's department is investigating the case.

**Public Meetings**

Friday, Feb. 24 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations. Morrow County Health Department, school district office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations. north Morrow annex, Irrigon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 5 - Heppner City Council, city hall, 8 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 6 - Morrow County Soil Conservation Service, Annual Meeting, Lexington, 7:30 p.m.; Ione City Council, city hall 7:30 p.m.; Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Elks Lodge, 12 noon.

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

Thursday, Mar. 8 - Lexington Fire Department, city hall, 8 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Mar. 13 - Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Elks Lodge, 12 noon; Lexington City Council, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 14 - Morrow County Court, courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.; Port of Morrow Commission, 1 Marine Drive, Boardman, 1 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 19 - Morrow County School Board, Columbia Junior High School, Irrigon, 8 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 20 - Ione City Planning Commission, city hall, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Elks Lodge, 12 noon.

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

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

Tuesday, Mar. 27 - Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, hospital, Heppner, 9:30 a.m.; Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Elks Lodge, 12 noon.

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

**Hospital Notes**

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

Elva Ruhl, Heppner - admitted February 12, released February 18;

Jason Hanna, Heppner - admitted February 16, released February 17;

Paul Taylor, Lexington - admitted February 17, released February 19;

Gary Kemp, Heppner - admitted February 17, released February 18; and

Lola Taylor, Lexington - admitted February 14, released February 17.

These patients were still receiving care at the hospital as of Monday, Feb. 20;

Linda Marquardt, Lexington - admitted February 16; Bernice Nash, Heppner - admitted February 17; and

Margaret Osborn, Heppner - admitted February 17.

**Justice Court Report**

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

Ronald Kent Beeson, Boardman - Failure to Change Address on Driver's License, \$9 fine.

Jeffrey Jon Maben, Heppner - No Taillights on Trailer, \$15 fine.

Clifford Wayne Green, Heppner - Expired Truck License, \$13 fine.

Michael F. Doherty, Heppner - Improper Passing, \$15 fine.

Jack Payne, Hermiston - Leaking-Sifting Load, \$31 bail forfeited.

Allen Bowman, Umatilla - No Operator's License, \$77 fine.

**Correction**

Due to submission errors, a story in last week's Gazette-Times entitled "Grand Squares hold Valentine's dance" was incorrect.

JoAnn and David King, not Bob and Julie Gryson assisted Jack and Cindy Osterlund with decorations.

The name of the Milton-Freewater club that attended the dance is the Muddy Frogs.

Also, Joyce Sufalco's name was spelled incorrectly.

**Silly Stitchers 4-H Sewing Club meets**

By KARI MORGAN

A Silly Stitchers 4-H Sewing Club meeting was held Wednesday, Feb. 15. We met after school at St. William's Catholic Church in Ione. The leaders are Tami Cheney and Bonni Ball.

President Nancy Morter brought the meeting to order. Brandi Ball read the minutes and took roll call.

We are making aprons. We cut the material out and then pinned bias tape to it. We had to explain what type of material we had.

Refreshments were brought by Kari Morgan, and our leader, Tami, brought the drinks.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 10:30 a.m. We are to bring our sewing machines and lunch, and we will sew our aprons.

**Births**



Nathan Peter Adelman - A son, Nathan Peter, was born to Christine and Robert Adelman of Heppner at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner on February 13, 1984. He weighed 10 lbs., 14 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adelman of Woodburn and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bielenberg of Scotts Mills.

Nathan joins brothers Ryan, Justin and Mark, and a sister, Genelle, at home.

**Marine deployed to Republic of Korea**

Marine Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Maier, son of George and Delores Maier of Lexington, recently deployed to the Republic of Korea.

He is a member of Combat Service Support Detachment-33, Third Landing Support Battalion, Third Force Service Support Group, Camp S.D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan.

While in the Republic of Korea, the detachment will provide training support for three training exercises.

**Surplus cheese to be given out March 7**

Government surplus cheese will be given out to qualified clients on Tuesday, Mar. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, announced Pat Brindle, center coordinator.

Those people who are not able to pick up the cheese that day may call the center to have it saved for them, or may have someone else pick it up. If a person other than the client will pick up the cheese, a note with the client's name, complete address and a declaration of their gross income must be provided, Brindle said.

There will be a reception to honor  
**Dr. Harold S. Huber**  
 upon his retirement  
**March 6, 1984,**  
**5 to 7:30 p.m.**  
 at the Heppner Elks Lodge.  
 Patients and friends are cordially invited to attend  
 and to meet  
**Dr. Alexander**  
 and **Dr. Hibbert.**

**Is your Frank Smith sterling pattern shown here?**

Please look over these Frank Smith sterling patterns. If your pattern is among these old favorites, now is the time to add to or complete your set of silver. These patterns are made once a year only. If you don't act now, you will have to wait another year. This is a limited time offer so come in today.

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**Dr. H.S. Huber**  
 announces his retirement  
 from dental practice  
**March 1, 1984.**  
 An Open House will be held  
**Tuesday, March 6** at the  
**Heppner Elks Lodge** from 5 to  
**7:30 p.m.** to meet Drs.  
**Alexander and Hibbert.**

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