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Letters to the editor

Appreciates support

To the editor:
The Pastor and People of St. Patrick's Church wish to express their appreciation and thanks to the Ministers of Heppner and Ione for their letter of support published in the Gazette-Times of March 29.

The close relationship among the clergy of South Morrow County is a sign of the fellowship desired by Jesus Christ, Whom they represent by their calling as Ministers of the Gospel, and a further sign

that in diversity there can still be unity.

We join with them in praying that Christian Love will be the hallmark of all who profess to follow Christ, and that the seeds of bigotry will die the death that will bring about a furthering of the true spirit of Christ - to love one another as He loves us.

God bless you all and your congregations.
Father Brian J. McGovern and the Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Appreciates support for BMCC

To the editor:
As you know, Blue Mountain Community College has just completed another successful budget election. I am taking this opportunity to thank the voters in south Morrow County for their support on our recent budget election.

As many of you are aware, we do have a large number of students each year from south Morrow County, most of whom do well academically and also contribute to our various student organizations.

In recent years we have implemented several cost cutting measures that have helped us to keep our tax levy increase relatively low without damaging the quality of instruction at the college. The college will continue to exercise good money management to insure that taxpayers are receiving the maximum benefit for their dollars.

When you go to the polls for the May 15th Primary Election, you will also be voting on a Tax Base for Blue Mountain

Community College. We are required by law to conduct an election every two years in an effort to establish a tax base. Approval of the tax base will not impact the 1984 levy as it is exactly the same amount that voters approved on March 27th for the 1984 operating levy. The college board is recommending the establishment of a tax base and your continued support for the college a May 15th election would be greatly appreciated.

I want to express my personal appreciation to all the people in south Morrow County who assisted the Citizens Committee in support of the college budget election. I will not attempt to name all those people as the number of people involved was very large, but their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Again, thanks to all of you for your support for Blue Mountain Community College.

Sincerely yours,
Ron Daniels
President

Appreciates school levy support

To the editor:
The Heppner Committee for the Support of the Morrow County School levy extends thanks to the parents and citizens of the area who were willing to show support for the levy. Support was shown in various ways: some people helped with phone calling; many listed their names in newspaper ads, and or contributed a donation for those

ads; some placed signs in their yards; some wrote letters to the editor; some went door to door in the Heppner community Monday night before the election reminding people to vote. Many, however, voted, and voted yes. We do appreciate your help and your vote.

Committee for the Support of the Morrow County School Levy

Justice Court Report

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

Barbara Lynn Cunningham, Kent Wash. - Disobeyed Traffic Control Device, \$15 fine.

Randall Lee Davidson, Eagle Creek, Oregon - Defective Equipment, \$26 fine.

Terry Steven Wright, Kennewick Wash. - Disobeyed Stop Sign, \$24 fine.

Bruce Avery Millman, Ione - Suspended Operator's License, \$130 fine.

Vincent Thomas McElligott, Ione - Minor in Possession of Intoxicating Liquor (Beer), \$57 fine.

Death Notice

Word has been received of the death of Glenn I. Way, Sunny Valley, Ore.

Mr. Way, a former area resident farmed in the Eight-mile area for a time and had a T.V. business in Heppner for several years.

Friends and Relatives are cordially invited to a RECEPTION to celebrate Ida Coleman's 80th Birthday. Saturday afternoon, April 14, 1984 from two to four o'clock. Morrow County Fairgrounds Annex Building. No gifts please.

Band needs positive feedback

To the editor:
After reading a few public statements concerning Heppner schools not having a band in the St. Patrick's parade I would like to address those concerned people.

In direct response to what was printed in the minutes to the school board meeting I first must say that I never so much as asked my high school band to perform let alone committed them. I tentatively agreed to try to organize a marching unit from the grade school and junior high bands.

As time went on it became a question of priorities. March 5-11 was National Music In Our Schools Week. I consider this an annual event worth noting so I prepared all the bands for assembly concerts during this week. This left one week before the St. Patrick's parade and I notified Terry Voltz, a full week before the parade, that we would not be able to organize a suitable unit in one short week where the kids were not available or willing to commit time to after school rehearsals. To teach young band students, with no prior experience at marching, how to march and play music at the same time in less than three hours of rehearsal is not a realistic notion especially if you want even a reasonable amount of professionalism. Four or five weeks would be more reasonable. Of course that would mean a shift of priorities for spring from Music In Our Schools Week to St. Patrick's parade week. As a music educator I personally feel the former is the more sound educational priority.

Last year we had all four bands play concerts downtown St. Patrick's day was on a school day and all the bands were very cooperative about doing it. The audiences were little or none but it was a chance to get out of the classroom.

The reaction to our not participating this year does not surprise me. I find that most of the comments I receive throughout the year are less than positive. We played about 17 pep band performances and split it by playing the second half of the girl's game and the first half of the boy's game. The band re-

ceived practically no recognition even though we were the last link of school spirit left. The major comment was asking why we did not play for all the boy's game. It was a constant struggle to obtain full participation from all of the band students even though pep band is a number one priority in the school spirit and to the lack of interest in the community to show support for the kids themselves. They are the ones that need to be told regularly that you appreciate their efforts to provide entertainment at ball games and they need your attendance at their concerts. Positive feedback is the greatest motivator I can think of and the public could help in that department.

Back to St. Patrick's now. This event is organized by the merchants to promote an influx of potential dollars to Heppner as a commercial venture. The bands are under absolutely no obligation to perform for this affair. If we do perform it would be because the students overwhelmingly want to and not because it is a viable educational experience. I in no way can require my students to participate and will not require them to. If they want to I will gladly prepare them and direct their efforts. I suggest that those people in the community that want a Heppner band in the St. Patrick's parade begin their efforts now and all year long to encourage the students and give them positive feedback regularly. Direct your requests and positive comments to them and not me. They are the ones who will ultimately perform for you. If you are not willing to make that commitment then don't expect them to jump up and down about taking a day off from spring vacation to march in the parade.

I try to maintain a low profile and feel that any credit for a job well done should go to the students. I get personally angry and bitter when they do not receive the recognition they undoubtedly deserve. Don't take their efforts for granted.

Don Christensen
Heppner Band Teacher

Heppner man critical, but O.K. at Wa. hospital

Last Wednesday night, March 28, Richard Flaiz, 35, of Heppner, suffered a brain hemorrhage and was taken by Lifeguard III to St. Mary Hospital in Walla Walla.

A family member reports that soon after he arrived at St. Mary's Hospital, brain surgery was performed. Flaiz began to come out of the coma last Friday, but still lapses in

an out of consciousness. "He is listed as critical and will be for awhile, but he's all right," says his sister Sandra Dames.

Flaiz is expected not to be paralyzed as he has already recovered some movement and will undergo therapy. He is expected to remain at the hospital for approximately two months.

Science Fair set at Heppner Elementary

The students of Heppner Elementary School will be displaying their science projects at the school's annual Science Fair Wednesday, April 11th. The Science Fair will be open to the public Wednesday evening from 7:30 - 9 p.m. A spokesperson for the event encourages everyone to attend.

Hospital Notes

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

Edgar Murty, Lexington - admitted April 24, released April 29.

Eugene Stone, Heppner was admitted to the hospital April 26 and transferred the same day.

The following patient was still receiving care at the hospital as of Monday:

Frances Murty, Lexington - admitted April 30.

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Obituaries

James Lennon

Heppner—James Lennon, 88, Heppner, died Saturday, March 31, 1984, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Heppner.

Lennon was born July 6, 1894 at County Leitrim, Ireland, the son of James and Maria Cook Lennon.

He came to Oregon in 1914 settling in the Heppner and Pendleton areas. Lennon also spent some time in the Condon area where he was in the sheep business.

Survivors include brothers, Peter Lennon, Heppner, and Patrick Lennon and Frank Lennon, both in Ireland; and sisters, Margaret Healy, Heppner, and Annie McKeon and Lizzie Cannon, both of Ireland. A brother and sister died earlier.

Recitation of the rosary was at 7 p.m. Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner with the funeral mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Pall bearers were Bill Gentry, Emmett Kenny, Jerry Daggett, Jim Farley, Jerry Gentry and Francis Healy.

Rose Marie Buschke was organist and Bill Kenny soloist. Burial was at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Those who wish may contribute to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation or the Kidney Association of Oregon through Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner.

Public Meetings

Monday, April 9 - County Fair Board, fairgrounds dormitory, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner City Planning Commission, city hall, 9 p.m.; Heppner Fire Dept., fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10 - Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Elks Lodge, 12 noon; Lexington City Council, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11 - County Court, court house, Heppner, 9 a.m.; Port of Morrow Commission, 1 Marine Drive, Boardman, 1 p.m.

District Court Report

Morrow County District Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following traffic cases during the month of March:

Dale Allen Munkers, Heppner - Driving While Encumbered (baby on lap), \$11 fine.
Joe Lewis Halvorsen, Ione - No Trailer License, \$57 bail forfeited.

Martin Lee Maxey, Spokane, Wash. - Inadequate Mud Flaps on Trailer, \$26 bail forfeited.

Harley Bruce Young, Heppner - No Stoplight on Trailer, \$12 fine.

William Franklin Kiser, Condon - No Horn, dismissed.

Dennis Guy Bergette, La Grande - Overheight, \$19 fine.

James Lucien Cason, Heppner - Truck Speeding, (69 m.p.h. in a 55 m.p.h. zone), \$23 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 March 28, a Heppner Ambulance responded to the Heppner Bowl for a male who was ill. He was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner and then transferred to another hospital by Life-guard III.

Also on March 28, a Boardman ambulance responded to a one vehicle accident on Wilson Road near Boardman. Driver of the vehicle, Steven E. Snor, 36, of Boardman reported no injuries and was not transported. The Morrow County Sheriff's office also responded to the accident.

On March 30, the Morrow County Sheriff's Dept. responded to a two vehicle accident on Jordan and Baseline roads. Involved were Kenneth Smouse, 73 of Ione and Mark Soule, 23, of Lexington. Smouse was issued a citation for Careless Driving regarding the accident. No injuries were reported.

On March 31, Morrow County Sheriff's Department arrested Scott James Acock, 24, of Irrigon for allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

On April 1, Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Raymond Mills, 33, Lexington, for alleged Violation of Restraining Order. He is lodged in the Umatilla City Jail.

D.A.'s Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's office disposed of the following cases during the week of March 26 - 30 reports Morrow County District Attorney, Richard McMerney.

-Jerry De Bowen, 24, Irrigon, pleaded guilty to the charges of Assault in the fourth Degree, Menacing, and Attempted Kidnap in the second Degree. He was sentenced to one year formal probation to the Oregon Corrections Division. He must also enroll in an Alcohol Treatment Program through the assistance of the Morrow County Mental Health Clinic and pay a fine of \$96. He must make restitution payments to the victim, based upon medical bills presented to his Probation Officer. He County Circuit Court for his Court appointed attorney in the amount of \$250.

-Jesse Gonzales, 24, Umatilla, charged with Assault in the Second Degree. The case was civilly compromised by the parties involved.

-Salvador Farias, 22, Irrigon, found guilty by jury of two counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree. He is awaiting a presentence investigation to conclude with the sentencing.

OPERATING COSTS HIT THE ROOF

The cost of operating a home has increased approximately 150 percent in the last 10 years, report housing experts.

Although the advancing costs of maintenance and repairs is the number one culprit; hikes in insurance, real estate tax and utilities are nearly as high.