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Letters to the Editor

Town cleanup slated

To the Editor:  
It's our town.  
What can we do to make it more attractive for all of us and to show our pride in the community?  
There are many things that can be accomplished, without great expense, by a concentrated "clean up and spruce up" effort - if all individuals, businesses and civic groups will get behind the campaign.  
The City of Heppner and the Chamber of Commerce have united to promote April 27 through May 5 as a "Let's Clean Up Our Town Week."

Your ideas and your man-woman power are needed.  
Be at Heppner City Hall, Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. to hear what we hope to do, and to tell us what you will do as well as provide additional ideas for the "We're Proud of Our Town Clean Up Campaign." This will be a brainstorming session to consolidate and communicate all planning. Your involvement is vital.  
Birdine Tullis,  
Chamber of Commerce  
Committee Chairperson  
Cara Costa, Mayor Heppner

Improve state spending policies

To the Editor:  
One of the key topics on the format of the Decisions '85 Convention, to be held May 10 - 12 at Seaside, is how do we improve the tax and spend policies of Oregon.  
Come May, we'll know a lot more about the shape of the Sales Tax proposal that legislators plan to put before Oregon voters. However, is the Sales Tax the solution to Oregon's depressed economy? How will that package be affected by the loss of Federal Revenue funds that local

districts so heavily depend on? Is the real issue "government spending" getting the attention that it needs.  
Decisions '85, to be opened by Bill Buckley, Jr. and sponsored by Oregon Citizen Political Audit, is a peoples' conference. We urge Oregonians to join us in sending a meaningful signal to Oregon's leadership.  
(s) Audrey Mayhew  
3147 N.E. Lincoln  
Hillsboro OR 97124

Spay or neuter pets

To the Editor:  
The Pioneer Humane Society applauds the good hearted lady who offered a free cat spaying. If all citizens were as concerned as she, our task would be made much easier. One cat spaying will, in the long run, prevent 59,049 kitten births in 10 generations ... but one cat? Among the thousands in the area ... a good beginning, and we honor you.  
We have our own equally feeble ammunition against the terrible problem of unlimited breeding of cats and dogs in these two counties. It is our offer of a \$10 spaying-neutering certificate (and a free pet ID tag) with every new \$10 annual membership.  
Only about 25 people per year take advantage of the rebate and have their pets spayed or neutered under the program. That is a little like emptying a swimming pool with a thimble.  
Consider that in October, November and December just past, there were ... from 50 to 100 stray animals wandering the countryside around

Hermiston alone, according to our records.  
There are those who advocate low-cost or free spay-neuter clinics as a solution to the problem. How we wish they were! But free clinics were tried by humane societies in California and Florida, as an experiment, a few years ago.  
Who came? Those responsible pet owners who would have found some way to pay for spaying-neutering in any case, gratefully patronized the free clinics. Irresponsible pet owners stayed away in droves ... and the unwanted animal population remained the same.  
What, then, is the answer? Clearly, an activating of the consciences of all cat and dog owners is needed ... becoming sensitized to the pain, suffering and senseless deaths of hundreds of small creatures, so that every pet owner spays or neuters every animal not needed for breeding, and humanely destroys those mature animals which are untamable, diseased, and insuitable for pets.  
And this, in our case, means every pet owner in Umatilla and Morrow Counties.  
This, dear reader, means you.  
This, I feel, would solve in large measure the problems and be a really suitable memorial to her two little kittens, in whose name she is giving the free spaying.  
Let us each do our part ... maybe you have started something, ma'am.  
(s) Rose Hoosier  
President Pioneer Humane Society

Camp teaches 4-H counseling

Ten county 4-H teens spent the last weekend in March at camp counsel-or training at Camp Hancock near Clarno. Those attending were Swayne Evans from Irrigon; Travis Harrison, Julie Wilde, Marion McMillian, and Kathleen Brazell from Lexington; and Shannon McLaughlin, Jennifer Hughes, Susan Plocharsky, Benji Pearson, and Kevin Hughes from Heppner.  
The program was designed to teach the participants how to counsel at camp and how to relate to younger 4-H members. In addition, they did a lot of the basic planning necessary to make 4-H camp a successful experience for counselors and campers alike says Oregon State University Extension Agent Steve Campbell.  
The 4-H camp is an annual event held at Cutsforth Park on Willow Creek. Gilliam and Wheeler counties participate with Morrow County in the camp and also had counselors at the training. The combined counties allow for enough campers to make the camp a paying affair. In addition, Warm Springs will send 10-15 campers and an adult to the camp.  
"It was a good weekend," concludes Campbell, "for all the counselors and in addition to counseling classes and practical training, they had several recreational activities. The counselors also had a fieldtrip and a slide program about the local geology and prehistory from the Camp Hancock Staff."

Board to hear Penland Lake proposal

On Thursday, April 18, the State Marine Board will hold a Board Meeting in Salem beginning at 1:30 p.m.  
Among the items for consideration is the proposed amendment to allow

the use of electric motors on Penland Lake.  
Comments concerning the proposed amendment may be addressed to Paul Donheffner, 3000 Market St. NE, No. 505, Salem, Oregon 97310-0650, phone 378-8587.

Obituaries

John W Madden

John W. "Jack" Madden, 84, Fossil, died Monday, April 1, 1985, at St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.  
Graveside funeral was at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 4 at the Fossil I.O.O.F. Cemetery.  
He was born Jan. 29, 1901 at Norton, Kan., son of Ralph and Rebekah (Brown) Madden.  
He was married on May 21, 1924 to Helen Dorothy Searls at Norton.  
The couple came to Oregon in 1941, settling in Kelso, then came to Kinzua in 1951 where he was employed by Kinzua Pine Mills. He retired to Fossil in 1967.  
Survivors include a daughter, Phyllis Cole, Heppner; a son, Curtis Madden, Fossil; and three grandchildren. His wife died in March 1983.  
Friends who wish may contribute to the Fossil Ambulance Fund.  
Sweeney Mortuary, Condon, was in charge of arrangements.

Retha J. Watkins

Retha J. Watkins, 71, Roseburg, formerly of Pilot Rock, died Saturday, March 30, 1985, in a Roseburg hospital.  
Graveside funeral was at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 3 at the Pilot Rock Cemetery.  
She was born April 5, 1913 at North Wilksburg, N.C.  
Mrs. Watkins lived in the Pilot Rock area for 31 years before moving to Roseburg seven years ago.  
Survivors include a son, R.G. Watkins, Heppner; daughter, Monica Hatley, Roseburg, five sisters, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Her husband, Gwyn Watkins died earlier.  
Friends who wish may contribute to the Community Center through Wilson's Chapel of Roses, P.O. Box 358, Roseburg, 97470.

Engagements  
Wilson — Green



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, Heppner, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Gary Green. Wilson, a graduate of Heppner High School is a student at Blue Mountain Community College.  
Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Green of Pendleton, graduated from Pendleton High School and is employed at U.S. Gypsum, Pilot Rock.  
The couple plans to be married August 17, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton.

Privett — Harris

Audie Joe Privett, Benton City, Washington, and Donna Lynn Privett, Hermiston, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Marie, to Bobby Gene Harris, Jr. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris of Hardman.  
The couple plans a July wedding.

Police continue investigation

Heppner Police are continuing their investigation following an early Sunday morning accident on the corner of Gilmore and Hager streets in Heppner.  
The 1982 Ford pickup was being driven at fairly high speed when it hit the guard rail along Willow Creek. City police say it caromed off the rail and came to a stop in Rusty Britt's backyard. The pickup hit head on and took out a fence post and some shrubbery. Because a hole in the pickup's gas tank resulted, the Heppner Fire Dept. was called to hose down the area. Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$7,000 - \$8,000.  
Investigation revealed that the vehicle belonged to Leonard Corwin, Long Creek, who had reported it stolen. Police say that because

Corwin left the keys in the pickup, they had to cite him for Failure to Secure Vehicle.  
Witness reportedly saw four visibly intoxicated suspects leaving the scene immediately following the accident. Monday afternoon, Police were actively pursuing one suspect and hoping to gain leads concerning the others.

Correction

John Grace, manager of the Boardman Branch of Inland Empire Bank presented a fair and rodeo court belt buckle which Inland Empire Bank donated for Princess Cindy Davis. This information was omitted from a story about the court's coronation in last week's Gazette-Times.

Sifting

through the Times

10 Years Ago  
Heppner Merchants Association at a recent meeting shared their concerns over a recent increase in bad checks received locally. District Attorney Dennis Doherty advised them concerning the proper procedure for accepting checks from persons they did not know.  
A strike of Carpenters Union Local 933 halted construction of the new Morrow County Courthouse through the existing parking lot to Canon Street to alleviate the parking problem at the building.  
25 Years Ago  
Eight Heppner businesses shortened their hours to close at 5:30 instead of 6 p.m.  
The Morrow County Health Dept. received a letter from the Oregon State Board of Health "expressing concern over the low level of immunization for all diseases among both children and adults in Oregon."  
50 Years Ago  
The North Lexington Erosion Con-

rol District was formed as a result of a meeting of farmers concerning the danger from sand blows on summerfall.  
"C.J.D. Bauman, Morrow County's wrestling sheriff, was followed to Pendleton Thursday evening by a large crowd of local sports fans, when he beat Cecil 'Buck' Lieualen with two falls in six minutes. The match was widely heralded and drew a large crowd. Lieualen, former state policeman ... is a former Heppnerite. He now manages an auto park in Pendleton and assists in presenting wrestling cards as well as participating occasionally."

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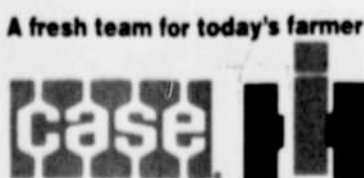
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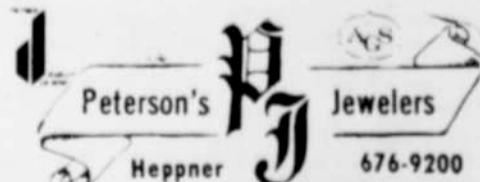
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