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Letters to the Editor

Equity for fathers

To the Editor,
A few days ago Oregon celebrated Law Day. At the same time a story appeared on the high cost of divorce, upward to \$30,000. How can we celebrate a system that throws divorcing parents into a room with the express purpose of waging a war over the care of their children. Evidently the Oregon State Bar wishes to continue watching the fight.

During a Senate hearing on SB 537, a bill on joint custody, the Family Law Section of the Oregon State Bar submitted testimony, written by Stephen Shepard, opposing joint custody. Joint custody has a proven track record in 12 other states in reducing the acrimony and violence of divorce and custody disputes. It also has cut the courtroom battles and the resultant legal fees in half. The apparent message is keep the battles, keep the fees.

Quite frankly I would be embarrassed to submit the arguments presented as logical or meaningful. The practicing lawyers in this state should hang their heads in shame if Shepard's remarks are representative of their views.

The Family Law testimony said that having two parents fight over the children is not good for the children, yet the current system creates an adversarial situation for parents who want their children,

catch 22. Family Law is currently one step above dueling and it looks like the Bar wants it that way. Shepard throws out such ridiculous statements like "constant battles...what if one parent wants the child to stay up until 10 p.m. while one parent wants 8 p.m." and "one parent wants the child to finish dinner and the other parent does not", can Shepard be serious. Does he think joint custody requires hourly phone calls. There are other contentions that fly in the face of current society like insinuating that women are to stay home with the children, or that a parent only wants joint custody to "blackmail" the other parent.

In one grand paragraph the Family Law Section seems to claim to be experts on families and their best interests and then claim to be unbiased, after all, for \$75 to \$150 an hour they will take either side. Is it true a good lawyer will defend you to your last dollar. Do we believe a Washington County judge who said, "this is a courtroom, logic isn't necessary here."

Do all lawyers in Oregon support the Family Law position. I would like to believe some attorneys are proud of their profession and take justice seriously. They better send the message soon.

Sincerely,
John West

Help Stephi

To the editor:
America is blessed with many natural resources; and the greatest resource of all is the youth of our country. I'm writing this letter to inform the people of one of these outstanding youths and ask for help in obtaining a life time of memories for her.

The person I'm writing of, is Miss Stephanie Payne of Heppner. If any of you haven't had the chance to meet Stephanie, or her family, you are missing quite an experience. After talking with Stephanie, I only hope my two boys can grow up to be as personable, knowledgeable, and perceptive as she is. What a treat; and it is nice knowing America is in great hands with such youths.

Stephanie is one of some 80 youths from Washington and Oregon chosen to participate in a trackmeet held in China this summer. She needs to raise \$1,795, by June 7 in order to make the trip. We, (Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358) are trying to help her reach this goal. We have approach-

ed various businesses and organizations for money to help Stephanie. The response has been super-but we have a long way to go.

Several fund raising activities are being planned to help Stephanie. Doug Lowe of Bucknum's Tavern is working on a Fishing Derby and Raffle, Buzz Lynch of Cal's Cafe & Lounge is working on a breakfast special to go along with the Fishing Derby. The Elks Lodge is raffling off a 12 speed bicycle; and Stephanie is working on some projects of her own. Please support these activities and in doing so, help Stephanie get to China.

If we have missed your business or organization, we apologize; but, please don't miss out on helping Stephanie. Call the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner Branch and make your donation today. If any questions arise feel free to call me, Stephanie, or The Heppner Elks Lodge.

Thanks for your support
(s) Ron Bowman
Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358

Abhors dog abuse

To the editor:

My question to the stupid, irresponsible, cold-hearted slob who dumped the doberman female puppy on the highway this side of Three Mile on May 3 is, "what could be more cruel and low-down inhumane..." It rained and hailed hard that day and the poor helpless frightened baby took refuge next to a rock crib and cried and barked and begged for it's deceitful owner to come back and get it.

It is galvanized gall and despicable for a person with such a bankrupt conscience to dump their unwanted animals to me, and expect me to do their dirty work for them.

Since I can't stand to see animals abused, they give me the choice of paying for a spay job and adding her to my already over loaded dog home or taking her out and shooting her.

I would like to remind people who think of abandoning animals on the

highways or any place, "it is against the law." This act to defenseless animals is one of the most insidious and cruel crimes committed by humans. Not only does the animal suffer, but the mental misery and anguish must be beyond man's comprehension.

Why not spay or neuter your animals and save the tax payers the price of an animal pound and its upkeep.

While on the subject of abused animals, I would suggest all people with chained pets to check the chain and collar situation. To allow choke-chains to tangle and cut into the flesh is a hideous crime; or to let a dog outgrow the size of its collar. Tied dogs need water and shade in hot weather at all times.

As Dio Lewis once said, "we must not expect too much from men. It is the dog that stands for fidelity and sacrifice. The best part of man is the dog in him."

(s) Lois Winchester

Obituaries

Herbert Bauer

Herbert Bauer, 63, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, May 1, in Fox Valley.

He was born June 27, 1921, in Havelock, N.D.

Mr. Bauer was a member of Elks Lodge and American Legion. He had served over the years as a Scoutmaster, 4-H leader, and church elder.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army from July 1942 through December 1945.

Survivors include a son, Neal Bauer of Long Creek; two daughters, Marcy Bacon of Heppner and Karen Love of Baker; two sisters, Emma Ball of Corvallis and Martha Lisius of Redmond; a brother, Otto Bauer of Bend; and six grandchildren.

Mr. Bauer was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 4, at Driskill's Memorial Chapel in John Day with the Rev. Jeff Cheifetz officiating. John Day Elks Lodge and American Legion also took part in the services. Interment was at Canyon City Cemetery.

Casket bearers were Jim Cannon, Rusty Painter, Bill Porfily, Ray Porter, James Wood, and Ed Schmidt.

Honorary Casket bearers were Bob Sproul, Ivan Porfily, George Cannon, Ray Richardson, Hale Lemons, Wayne Stutesman, Arnie Zimmerman, John Clark, and Bill Thompson.

L.E. (Buck) Ruhl

Graveside service for L.E. (Buck) Ruhl will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 16, at the Lexington Cemetery with vault burial to follow. Officiating will be the Rev. Wesley Sackmann with musical selections by the Rev. LeRoy Wornell.

Mr. Ruhl, 73, died Monday evening at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. He was born November 17, 1911 in Heppner, the son of Otto and Elva (Hunt) Ruhl. He attended school in Lexington and graduated from Lexington High School in 1932. He was married June 29, 1932, to

Viola Faye Gray in Heppner. They engaged in wheat farming in the social ridge area for a number of years. They moved to the Blackhorse Canyon area east of Lexington in 1941 where they have resided until his death.

He was a lifetime resident of this area and a member of the Lexington Grange and the Oregon Wheat League.

Survivors include his wife Faye Roseburg of Lexington; sons Dick Ruhl of Roseburg and Skip Ruhl of Hermiston; mother Elva Ruhl of Heppner; a brother Norman Ruhl of Hermiston; and five grandchildren.

Contributions for those who wish may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in care of arrangements.

Darlene Devin

Darlene Devin, 52, died Monday, May 6, 1985, at a hospital in The Dalles following a brief illness.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 10, at the Arlington Cemetery.

Mrs. Devin had been an Arlington resident the past seven years, living formerly in Crescent City, Myrtle Creek and Coos Bay.

She was born Oct. 30, 1932, at Condon, the daughter of Charles Harold and Dorothy (Willaby) Wilkins.

She and her husband operated the Devin Oil Company in Arlington.

Mrs. Devin had been active in the Coos Bay and Myrtle Creek Ladies of Elks; and was also an avid bridge player.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn H. Devin, Arlington; son Dick G. of Heppner; daughter Diane (Mrs. Alan) McNaughton of Sunny-side, Wash.; and six grandchildren. Two brothers, Carrol and Dick Wilkins, both of the Arlington/Condon area, died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arlington Ambulance fund.

Arrangements were in care of Smith-Callaway Chapel, The Dalles.

News bit

Norine Mulkey of Ione was a \$500 winner in the Oregon State Lottery Tuesday evening. She purchased the lucky ticket at Central Market.

Appreciates Legion posts

To the editor:

On behalf of the Frank Robinson family and those that have served their country—especially in foreign wars, I would like to express appreciation and gratitude to the Heppner and Ione American Legion Posts for the military graveside service for Frank Robinson.

The large contingency of veterans lent dignity, pride and honor to the memory of Frank Robinson. You

were a tremendous encouragement to the family and friends.

As a minister committed to serve Jesus Christ, let us never forget the freedom we all enjoy was paid for by the courage and off times blood of those that have committed themselves to serve their country.

Thank you men for continuing to volunteer your time for our country and brethren.

(s) Rev. Stuart Dick

Meetings slated at Port offices

A regular meeting of the Port of Morrow Commission is scheduled for 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, at the Port Offices, No. 1 Marine Drive, Boardman.

A Port of Morrow Budget Committee meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., May 22, with a tour of port owned lands. The budget meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend, said a Port spokesperson. Comments are invited and encouraged.

Landfill closed

Memorial Day

The Morrow County Landfill will be closed Sunday, May 27, for Memorial Day and the Pioneer Picnic, announced the Morrow County Dept. of Public Works.

Correction

A portion of a story in last week's paper about drug arrests in Boardman was incorrect.

Robert E. Tomlinson was charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance and one count of conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance.

Calvin Lynn Thomason was charged with four counts of delivery of a controlled substance and one count of possession of a controlled substance.

The newspaper regrets the error.

Heppner man promoted



George Koffler

George Koffler, 33, was promoted to the position of manager of the Heppner branch of the bank. Koffler has been a vice president for two years and was formerly the assistant manager of the Heppner Branch.

Before joining the Bank of Eastern Oregon in August, 1979, Koffler worked two years for a Portland firm and taught math and health for five years at Heppner High School.

Pre-register for VBS

It's time again to pre-register for the Methodist Episcopal-Lutheran sponsored Vacation Bible School. Students need to be registered before June 2 so that materials can be ordered and classes arranged. To pre-register your child, call Patti McAlpin, 676-9812.

Teachers and helpers are also needed for the June 17-21 scheduled VBS; those wishing to volunteer should contact McAlpin.

President of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, G.H. Pierson, has announced that effective January 1,

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