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Letters to the Editor

Fire awareness urged

To the Editor:

Improved summer weather and drying conditions in our forests and rangeland in the Pacific Northwest are an indication that we will soon be into our annual summer fire season. Many Pacific Northwest residents and visitors will be seeking recreation and will be working in the forests, rangelands, rural areas, and backyards of our two states.

We wish to remind everyone that we all have the responsibility of exercising special caution during the months ahead to help reduce the threat of wildfire. One careless act can result in expensive fire control costs and devastation to our natural resources that may last for years.

Our six agencies, responsible for the protection of forests and rangelands in Oregon and Washington, are again working with local fire prevention cooperatives, many city and rural fire departments, and other fire agencies to alert the public to the increased fire danger. Our campaign, called "Fire Awareness Time", begins July 1 and will extend through the summer and into Labor

Day, if necessary, until outdoor fire danger is reduced.

We urge everyone to be alert to increased fire danger in the months ahead and to do their part in preventing wildfires.

(s) H. Mike Miller
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Police driving too fast

To the Editor:

We recognize the need of the police force to respond to an emergency as quickly as possible, but we also know they are responsible for the well being of others while responding to an emergency.

The day of the lone Bank Robbery we believe the high rate of speed the officers used while coming through Lexington was out of line.

Officer Cowett's letter mentioned that police officers "are trained professionals who know how to handle a patrol vehicle at high rates of speed." Regardless of their training, we question whether they can safely operate a vehicle in town at this speed.

Oregon State Drivers Manual states that at 80 miles per hour it

takes between 422 to 506 feet, on dry pavement, to stop. On the day of the robbery, the pavement was wet, and the rate of speed was reportedly 100 miles per hour. The length of a city block in Lexington is approximately 528 feet. Therefore, it would have taken longer than a city block to stop, not considering the wet road conditions on that day.

Would a "trained professional" have risked the possibility of injuring a pedestrian or hitting another vehicle in an intersection a block away? Consider this: slowing from 100 mph to 60 mph through the city limits of Lexington would have cost 20 seconds of time. Was this 20 seconds saved worth the risk to a human life?

We are not criticizing law enforcement officials doing their duty, but with the above stated facts, were the officers involved acting with professional responsibility to serve and protect?

As informed citizens, we know of the potential dangers of intersections on Main Street in our town. There have been close calls and accidents involving pedestrians and vehicles with traffic traveling at designated speed.

We feel law enforcement officials traveling at high rates of speed and showing a disregard for the personal safety of others do not set a good example for other drivers.

(s) Mr. and Mrs. John Ripple
Mr. and Mrs. Morris McCarl
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Papineau
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jones
Bill Sherben

**Heppner
Police Report**

The Heppner Police Department reports handling the following business during the week of June 1 through June 9:

On Saturday, June 1 - Took a report of Criminal Mischief III; Assisted the Morrow County Sheriff's Office; Assisted a motorist.

On Sunday, June 2 - Returned stolen property.

On Monday, June 3 - Checked on the welfare of a senior citizen; Conducted a security check on request.

On Tuesday, June 4 - Made an arrest on a charge of Assault V.

On Wednesday, June 5 - Conducted a security check on request; Received a report of Minors in possession.

On Thursday, June 6 - Received a report on firecrackers; Conducted a security check on request.

On Friday, June 7 - Received a report on a Burglary I; Conducted a security check on request.

On Saturday, June 8 - Conducted a security check on request; Officer requested for Civil Matter; Stolen auto reported.

On Sunday, June 9 - Received a report of a prowler; Returned stolen car which was reported June 9 - case cleared; Received a report of a Theft II.

Thanks law enforcement agencies

To the Editor:

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the Law Enforcement Agencies who responded to the bank robbery at Lone. The Morrow County Sheriff's Dept., Oregon State Police and City of Heppner Police responded in record time.

It is very gratifying to me and the citizens of Lone to know that the

system works so well and that the different agencies work so well together. It also reinforces my feelings that the county and cities can work together to make this a safer place to live. We appreciate the effort put forth by all persons involved in this incident.

(s) Wayne Hams
Mayor, City of Lone

Drive more carefully

To the Editor:

We live on a dead end street, and there is no reason to drive fast up or down, especially in summer.

Last Friday someone ran over our puppy and didn't stop to tell us what had happened. This hurt us very much.

Our neighbor had to come and tell us and it upset her a great deal, but we were so glad she did.

Summer is here now and more than ever we all need to drive more carefully. We thank God it wasn't a child.

(s) Trish Toll
Heppner, OR

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

Herman Green, Heppner - admitted June 3, discharged June 7;
Becky Brodtkorb, Heppner - admitted June 6, discharged June 9;
Wayne Florea, Heppner - admitted June 8, discharged June 9; and
Herman Green, Heppner - admitted June 8, discharged June 9.

Justice Court

Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Louise Mary Hansen, Boardman - No Resident Angling License, \$38 fine.

David Brian Shockman, Hermiston - Illegal "U" Turn, \$15 fine.

Christopher Alan Murray, Lexington - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (72 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$36 fine.

Jeffrey Lewis Ball, Lone - Violation of the Basic Rule (85 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$57 fine.

James Clifford Freeman, Fox, OR - Expired Vehicle License, \$13 fine.

Thomas L. Batty, Bend - Illegal "U" Turn, \$31 bail forfeited.

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**Ione girl vying for
Miss College Rodeo title**

Sylvia Marie Ladd of Ione is currently vying for the title of Miss College Rodeo at the College National Finals Rodeo June 18-22, reports a spokesperson of Montana State University.

The 1985 queen will be crowned Saturday, June 22, during the final performance of the rodeo at Montana State University. The rodeo is scheduled June 18-22 in MSU's Brick Breeden Fieldhouse with over 300 cowboys and cowgirls from around the country competing.

The queen will be selected based on the results of competition throughout the week, including horsemanship, formal interviews and fashion show. In addition, they will be involved in several other activities.

Ladd is a senior majoring in oral and written communications at Oregon State University in Corvallis. She is involved in marching band, rodeo club and art. She competes in breakaway roping. She is the daughter of Elmer and Lorraine Ladd, Jr.



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