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Letters to the Editor



Community Calendar

Supports Justice Court

To the Editor:  
(This is a copy of a letter mailed to the Morrow County Court and Budget Committee. HEDC Chairman, Cliff Green, brought a copy into the Gazette-Times office.)

It has come to our attention that some discussion has taken place recently concerning the dissolution of the Justice Court in Morrow County.

Supposedly this idea is proposed as a cost cutting matter. Our understanding is that the County Court feels this system must pay its own way.

Possibly the County may see a reduction in cost if the move is made in operating the court system but what would the costs then be to the County Sheriff, City Police Department, District Attorney's office, individuals who use this system, and other people outside the County? Actually, historical data indicates the actual cost to the County is minimal even in the worst years. What County function is self-supporting? Surely it would be difficult to show any that do, and this is the reason we support all County services with taxes.

The lasting effects of such a move can be detrimental to not only the residents of the County that use this system but absolutely devastating to law enforcement personnel in performance of their duties. An obvious hindrance to efficient police work would be the difficulty in obtaining a search warrant. Since such a warrant must be issued by a judge, and

since we would not have a judge available in this area, the Officer would be required to drive to Hermiston or even Pendleton to obtain a warrant. Add to that the problem of finding a judge during off hours, the opportunity to make a timely and efficient search might well be lost.

The business handled by this system at present would be diverted to either the Circuit or District Court system. Lengthy delays would be experienced by all who are forced to use an already overloaded judicial system in order to resolve matters that could be handled in a lesser court. In many situations, cited people would merely have their cases dropped because of the time delay between arrest and trial. We are sure the reasons for this are obvious.

There also seems to be some liability problem that arises should the court determine to make this move. All citizens who are cited must be arraigned in a specific time. If they are not, they must be released. If they are incarcerated longer than that time, who is responsible?

We feel that the functions of Justice Court are critical to the county and should continue.

Sincerely,  
(s) Clifford W. Green  
Heppner Economic Development Corporation  
Clifford W. Green, Chairman.

Armor-piercing bullet ban is bad news

To the editor:

S. 104 is a bill in the U.S. Senate designed to ban so-called cop-killer bullets, also known as armor-piercing bullets. The irony is that the bill will neither eliminate armor-piercing bullets nor will it save police lives.

The publicity surrounding the armor-piercing bullet has been costly. Since 1984, there has been a 400 percent increase in head shots to police officers. Criminals have been educated by the public debate about the existence of soft body armor worn by police.

Another irony, a sad one, is that virtually any rifle bullet will penetrate the soft body armor worn by police. Banning bronze bullets included in S. 104 will offer no greater protection to our policemen than they already have because the rifle bullets available to millions of hunters will still be on the market, and still be able to penetrate soft body armor after the bill is passed.

Meanwhile, no policeman wearing a vest has been killed by any of the so-called "cop-killer" bullets.

S. 104 is a bill that solves a non-existing problem while producing publicity that has increased the danger to policemen—not because of bullets, but because of better informed criminals. And as a very unpleasant side effect, many crucial commercial uses of the projectiles will be put on the banned list.

They are at least three companies known to GOA that are currently producing hunting bullets that would be banned by the bill. The bill's ban reads as follows: "The term 'armor-piercing ammunition' means solid projectiles or projectile cores constructed from tungsten alloys, steel, iron, brass, bronze, beryllium copper, or depleted uranium."

The bill specifically exempts steel shotgun shot and provides for an exemption for "sporting purposes" if someone has the time and the money to pursue an application through the Treasury Department and/or the courts to obtain an exemption.

The small companies involved in making the solid core bronze or brass hunting rifle bullets that would

be banned cannot afford the legal fees that would be required to get an exemption from the Secretary of the Treasury.

Gun Owners of America has taken a one-half inch thick piece of iron to the Hill to show the Senators and their staffs that standard rifle bullets will pierce the iron while the solid brass or bronze bullets will not pierce iron, let alone steel—they melt before they go through, making a bronze-coated crater and leaving about a quarter inch of the heel of the bullet brazed into the crater.

In other words, the so-called "armor-piercing" bullets will not penetrate even a metal as soft as iron, while standard hunting rounds will.

Tungsten alloy projectiles, which are used in the petroleum industry, and which S. 104 would ban, are used to fragment rock formations that lie between deposits of oil and oil well shafts.

GOA then found the maker of a seismic gun that fires solid steel projectiles (another item on the to-be-banned list in S. 104) into the ground so that petroleum (and other) geologists can hear what kind of strata lie below the surface at that point.

GOA has also learned that solid steel projectiles are used by the steel industry to knock the slag from off the backs of blast furnaces. The construction industry uses solid steel projectiles in pneumatic guns, as well as an experimental depleted uranium bullet that is being developed by the New Mexico School of Mines to open holes in which dynamite charges can be dropped to blow off the rock facing covering ore deposits.

Had there been hearings in this Congress on S. 104, such information could have been brought to light.

If you think that they do not read the bills in Washington, you may be right.

(s) Lawrence D. Pratt

Executive Director  
(Larry Pratt is Executive Director of Gun Owners of America, a national grassroots lobby organization working to promote the firearms freedoms of Americans guaranteed by the second amendment.)

Appreciate Colt basketball volunteers

To the Editor:

Saturday, March 8 ended another of Colt Basketball for the fourth through the sixth graders in Heppner. This year there were over 70 boys and girls who had the opportunity to learn basketball skills, teamwork, and have a fun time.

Programs of this type are available in most areas in Morrow and Umatilla Counties. We hope that all of the parents whose children are involved in these programs take a few minutes to tell the adult volun-

teers "thank you." The volunteer coaches give a lot of themselves to provide the kids this opportunity.

We want to especially thank the men who gave their time and energy in Heppner: Dave Gunderson, Bob Adelman, George Koffler, Dave Hanna, Dale Hedman, Jerry Healy, Charlie Sumner, and all of the others who helped in one way or another - thank you, we appreciate your time.

(s) Stephen and Nancy Brownfield

Good time to be had at Koffee hour

If you have never been to one of the KUMA coffee hours during St. Patrick's Day, you are missing some good entertainment.

Irish songs, stories and other carrying on, all add up to good times for everyone.

The Koffee hour starts at 10 a.m. upstairs at the Elks lodge, and is open to everyone, with lots of seating. Or you can listen to the show over the radio and get in on the fun that way.

ATTENTION C.N.A.'s

Home Health Aide Training coming soon in Pendleton.

Sixty hours free instruction. Thursday, Friday and Saturday for three consecutive weeks.

If you are interested in working for home health or just expanding your credentials, contact Tri-County Home Health Agency. 676-5133.

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Sheriff's Report

D.A.'s Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling or dispatching the following business during the past week:

March 3 - at 1:08 p.m. a Boardman ambulance transported two persons to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston from a one-vehicle accident near milepost 157 on I-84; at 11:25 p.m., a Boardman ambulance transported Ronald Black, 71 to Good Shepherd Hospital with an illness.

March 4: 5 a.m. - Boardman Fire Dept. responded to a vehicle fire at Sicard Farms on Wilson Rd. Amount of damage is unknown.

March 6: 9:34 p.m. the Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested James LaVern Wilson, 32, St. Maries, Idaho, for allegedly Driving While Suspended.

March 8: 1:38 p.m. - the Morrow County Sheriff's Office assisted the Boardman Police Dept. in the arrest of Kevin Edward Andreason, 34, Boardman, on a charge of Driving While Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

March 9: 2 p.m. - a Boardman ambulance transported a man with an injury to Good Shepherd Hospital from the rodeo in Boardman.

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse reports handling the following business during the past week:

Mary Erin Wilson, 28, Boardman, appeared at a court hearing before Judge Ralph Currin March 7 charged with a Probation Violation. Probation was reinstated and will terminate December 28, 1987.

Lawrence John Cerullo, 33, Heppner, was sentenced March 7 before Judge Ralph Currin on a charge of Rape III to five years formal Probation to Parole and Probation; to pay \$50 to the Trial Court Clerk for the benefit of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account; to obtain Mental Health treatment as prescribed and not to be released from said treatment without his Probation Officer's permission; to have no contact with the victim or with any female under the age of 18 years unless approved by the probation officer, the defendant to submit to a polygraph examination at the direction of his probation officer for the purpose of determining if he has complied with the conditions of his probation; and to have no admittance to Heppner High School grounds or buildings.

Correction

Last week a gremlin stole some words out of the middle of a paragraph in the Lexington news. We've made him give them back and he is sorry. The corrected paragraphs should read as follows:

Erda Pieper returned home on Tuesday from a stay in St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton where she received medical attention for a broken arm. Her daughter Lavelle Brown and Marcie Hall are visiting her this week. Mrs. Brown resides in Newport and Marcie Hall in the Portland area.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Padberg have returned home from a week's vacation in Portland where they attended a reunion of some of the buddies Mr. Padberg served with in the service. Enroute they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Klingler and family.

A story in last week's Gazette-Times under the headline, "Out-of-town water users protest proposed rate increase," contained a reporting error.

The paragraph concerning local charges for vending permits should have read:

Charge for peddlers and door-to-door salesmen was changed from the present \$100 per week to \$150 per year, and lowered from \$25 per day to \$20.

The Gazette-Times regrets the error.

Hospital Notes

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police Dept. reports handling the following business during the past week:

March 3: 10:11 p.m. officer requested for security check

March 5: 11:10 p.m. check out a suspicious male; 11:49 p.m. extinguished vehicle fire.

March 7: 11:07 a.m. responded to disturbance; 3:45 p.m. five citations issued for Driving on Sidewalk; 10:12 p.m. officer requested for security check; 10:55 p.m. officer requested for security check.

March 8: 2:32 p.m. took report of Hit and Run; 11:09 p.m. report of Reckless Driver; 11:25 p.m. citation issued for Excessive Tire Noise.

March 9: 12:16 a.m. checked out a suspicious male; 12:24 a.m. officer requested for security check.

March 10: 10:10 a.m. citation issued for Failure to Yield Right of Way to Pedestrian.

Births

Jena Marie Dawes - a daughter, Jena was born to Roger and Lucile Dawes in Wenatchee, Washington, at Central Washington Hospital, February 24. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz.

Grandparents are Dr. Harold and Delta Huber, Heppner and Jerry and Marie Dawes, Wenatchee.

Ryan David Sheridan - a son, Ryan was born March 8 to the Rev. Michael and Linda Sheridan of Ontario. He weighed 7 lbs 6 oz.

The Rev. Sheridan is the former pastor of the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

V.F.W. to sell baked goods

The V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 4184 will have a bake sale Saturday, March 15 in front of the post office beginning at 9 a.m. All members are asked to contribute a baked item.

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Ione community meeting slated

Ione will hold a community meeting on Wednesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. There are two purposes for this meeting. The first is to provide information about the Morrow County School District Budget; the second purpose of the meeting is for

ICABO to give a progress report on important issues such as the Bombing Range road, land development and others.

All people interested in the future of Ione are encouraged to attend this meeting.

All Saints to install Altar Guild members

All Saints' Episcopal parish will install and commission members of the Altar Guild Sunday, March 16 during worship service.

The next home bible study will meet at the Allen Hughes home on

Butler Creek Road. Members will meet at the church at 7 p.m. to carpool.

The Alter Society is planning a gala, fun-filled dinner April 19. Make plans now to attend.

Peace advocacy group forms

A community Peace Advocacy group is forming in the Ione-Heppner area. Anyone interested in participating in community education, action, and issue awareness is urged to come to a meeting on Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ.

Members of the Peace Advocacy group are planning to have a table at the St. Patrick's Day festivities in

Heppner. They will have peace buttons, bookmarks, postcards, and information available to the public for a small donation.

Future plans include providing educational opportunities to the area such as films and speakers, as well as encouraging individuals to communicate with their senators and representatives as important peace issues arise.

Chapter I meeting slated

There will be an important meeting of the Morrow County School District Chapter I Advisory Commit-

tee on Wednesday, March 19, at Columbia Junior High in Irrigon, at 1:30 p.m. Parents of students involved in the Chapter I program in any of the Morrow County schools are encouraged to attend, stated a news release from the school district.

The agenda will include reports of the present programs at A.C. Houghton Elementary, Sam Boardman Elementary, Columbia Junior High, Riverside High, and Project Help. Other items for consideration will be a needs assessment for 1986-87 and plans for spring testing.

Obituaries

Tilden H. Williams

A graveside service for Tilden H. Williams was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Stanfield Cemetery March 11. Williams, 74, died in Walla Walla Friday, March 7, 1986, at the Veteran's Hospital.

He was born at Hardman, Ore., on Aug. 6, 1911.

An Army veteran of World War II, Williams had lived in Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo since 1950.

Survivors include sons Steve and Greg of Hermiston; three daughters: Terri Weems of Hermiston, Gloria Miller of Pilot Rock and Janet Henderson of Atlanta; sisters Lucy Swanson of Eugene and Lora Nelson of Halcyon, Calif. and 11 grandchildren.

Burns Mortuary, Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

V. Irvin Ritchie

V. Irvin Ritchie died on March 2 at a Milwaukie care center.

He was born September 17, 1911 in Ione, the youngest of nine children of the late John H. and Lydia (Ball) Ritchie. They were early settlers in Morrow County, who came from Lee County, Virginia.

Ritchie was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Air Corps. He later worked in the Experimental Department of Boeing Aircraft and in heavy construction, Seattle, Washington.

He returned to Oregon in 1973 for his retirement years. He leaves his wife, Anne, two step-children and numerous nieces and nephews.

At his request, no services will be held.

Intombment will be in Crown Hill Mausoleum, Denver, Colorado.

Arleta Jean George

Arleta Jean George, 39, Beaver-ton, died February 27 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland.

She was born May 22, 1946 at The Dalles to Earl and Helen McCabe, Ione. She was active in 4-H and school activities and graduated from Ione High School. She attended Eastern Oregon College at La-Grande, Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Washington, and completed her medical secretary work at Portland Community College.

She married Gary George April 14, 1972. She was active in the Bethel United Church of Christ where she held several church offices. She was a den mother for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and active in Campfire Girls.

She is survived by her husband, Gary, daughter Kristine George, two sons, Kenneth Michael and Mark LeRoy, all of Beaverton; and her mother Helen Crawford, Ione.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 4, 11 a.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ with the Rev. Cathy Barker and the Rev. Bob Thoma (Bethel United Church of Christ, Beaverton,) officiating. Nadine Toombs was soloist and Rikka Tews was organist. Casket bearers were Bill Klingler, Vic Klingler, Ronnie McCabe, Alvin McCabe, Allen George, and Jim Pettyjohn.

Donations, for those who wish, may be made to the Cancer Society or a charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, in care of arrangements.

Auxiliary slates spring luncheon

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold a no-host spring luncheon at Kate's Pizza at noon Wednesday, March 19.

A business meeting will be held during the lunch and will be followed by a visit to the nursing residents.

Members and interested persons are invited to attend.

To help nursing home residents celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Ione Garden Club will host a party March 17 and serve refreshments.

Health Dept.

Friday, March 14 - blood pressures and immunizations at the Health Dept. office in Heppner from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18 - blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman City Hall, 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19 - blood pressure clinic, Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 3-4 p.m.

Friday, March 21 - blood pressures and immunizations Heppner Health Dept. office, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, March 24 - Friday, March 28 - Health Dept. office closed.

Justice Court Report

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

Richard Ellis Pettyjohn, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (69 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$30 fine.

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