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Letters to the Editor

Fighting system in own way

To the Editor:

This is in regards to the article in the "East Oregonian" on April 11, 1987.

This is also a personal message to my family and the community of Heppner. My mother feels that I have embarrassed the family. I have tried to tell her what I believe and why I believe what I do, but she is stuck in her way of thin thinking.

My father was a rebel in his own way. He fought the system in his own way, and we are fighting it in ours. I feel the family should look at what Dad stood for, what he tried to accomplish.

In Stuart Dick's address at Dad's funeral, he said Dad had rare courage and moral convictions. Let me quote from his address at Dad's funeral. "We must not grieve for Orville. He knew his day was over. He was fighting not for his life but for his causes. He had finished his work. He could look behind himself and see his tracks. His legacy was fully imprinted behind him. I believe he could see what was coming to our heritage and he knew he did not have the strength to stand for another battle. Our question today is-who will stand in his place? Who will stand against greed and self service to preserve our heritage and resources God has so bountifully granted unto us?"

"We have a choice. We can continue to fight for what we know in our hearts is right or we can take what Orville has given us and use it

and watch the next generation abuse it and inevitably the next generation will lose it. This is a special challenge to the family. You are Orville's greatest legacy-more than parks, or buildings or organizations-you are his heritage. In your lives the spirit and legacy of Orville Cutsforth will live on. He may have been tough on you, may have chastened you, a proof he loved you and you were his. He wanted you to be men and women of moral conviction, to have your own legacy, to the betterment of our land and humanity."

Ever since Dad's funeral I have thought about what he stood for. I feel I stand for the same things. I am trying to improve the country by restoring the United States Constitution to its proper place in the government of the United States. I am also trying to restore the original Oregon Constitution to its rightful place in the government of our State. My husband and I have revoked our social security numbers. I feel that I have not embarrassed my family. Several times Dad was in the paper, both in articles and in letters to the editor. Is it so wrong for another member of the family to be in the paper? I accept that members of my family feel differently than I do, and that is their prerogative. I do not want to change their opinions. All I ask for is an opportunity for them to hear me out-to hear my side of the story.

Constitutionally Yours
(s) Barbara Lisa Cutsforth Hudson

Garden Bugs say one-day fee-free landfill use denial unfair

To the Editor:

Four years ago, a group of less than 10 women found the Lexington Garden Club. Today our membership is almost double that number. One of our ongoing projects is the improvement of the physical appearance of our community. Since we began, we have made many gains in this direction, but much yet remains to be done. We are especially proud of "Friendship Park", which was built almost entirely by hand, with donated labor and materials and is maintained today by a few dedicated individuals. It is open to all Morrow County citizens and visitors without charge. We are not a wealthy organization and most of our income is obtained from dues, donations and our annual flower and bulb sale.

Recently we approached the Lexington City Council and with their approval proclaimed the month of April as "Community Pride Month". Our initial plans called for the burning of large piles of debris by the Lexington fire department and the pickup of bagged debris from those of our citizens who did not have the means to haul to the landfill.

We (not the city of Lexington officials as was erroneously implied in last week's paper) contacted the city of Heppner for permission to use the landfill fee-free for one day only, April 25. We were assured at that time, that there were no foreseen problems connected with our request.

Last week we were advised that our request had been denied due to an anticipated extra expense to the city of Heppner citizens for the disposal of their own refuse and garbage.

Since when are the Heppner people the only ones who pay to use the landfill? Lexington's refuse was hauled to the landfill when it was managed by the county and today most of our resident's still subscribe to the services of Green's Sanitary Service. Those who do not, haul their own and pay the usual charges. Are we to assume that we would be excluded from any future anticipated expense increase? Don't bet on it. We will be asked to pay just as much or maybe even more than Heppner citizens for the use of the facility.

It is unfortunate that the county in all its wisdom, chose to dump the landfill into the laps of the city of Heppner instead of maintaining it themselves for the use of all county residents. It would be much more convenient for us to haul to the Lexington dump, but they also closed it, except for the disposal of so-called white goods, by Heppner and Lexington residents alike.

We understand the problems involved but we also feel we are being unfairly denied the use of a facility that we are asked to support. We question if an equal denial was extended to Heppner Garden Club members and citizens who decided to clean up the city of Heppner?

Also, Boardman, Irrigon, Umatilla and Ione have all been given a month-long fee-free permit, to use the Hermiston landfill during the month of April. Some of these cities are even supplying refuse bags, free of charge. Fossil, Condon and Arlington residents are allowed to use their respective dumps free of charge during April. But, the Heppner city council, chose to single out Lexington and to deny them the same privilege for one day only, April 25.

It was and still is our intention not to haul 50 plus farm truck loads as seems to be the assumption, but only a few pickup loads of debris. We anticipate that most of our residents would choose to dispose of their own refuse at various times during the month, thus paying the usual charges.

We can't help, but wonder if our money is equally undervalued in Heppner and if like Heppner council has considered just how much the people of Lexington contribute to the Heppner economy. We pay our taxes too; we support our schools and help pay the teachers; we patronize the banks, grocery stores and the hardware stores; we buy our gasoline there and we also attend the Heppner social and organizational activities. We consider ourselves as friends and neighbors of Heppner, but apparently we are not so viewed by the Heppner City Council.

It is difficult to understand why our request was the only one denied when all we wanted to do was make our own small corner of Morrow County a little more attractive.

(s) Luella Taylor
Vice President
Lexington Garden Club

Justice Court

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

Scott Alan Knutson, Portland - No Deer Tag, \$67 fine.
David Kenneth Hudson, Ione - No Operator's License, \$17 fine; Driving Uninsured, \$36 fine.

District Attorney's Report

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

Jeffrey Todd McElhany, 20, Heppner, appeared for sentencing before Judge Ralph Currin. He was committed to Oregon Corrections Division for three years. Sentence is to run concurrently with sentences imposed in Morrow County Circuit Court. McElhany was ordered to pay court appointed attorney fees and victim's assistance fees on charges of two counts of Sexual Abuse and two counts of Burglary I, and to pay restitution of \$5,204.

Charles Allan Hanset, 25, Scappoose, appeared for sentencing before Judge Ralph Currin April 10. He was sentenced to pay attorney fees, victims assistance fees. A sentence of three years to Oregon State Corrections Division was suspended and defendant was placed on three years probation on the charge of Driving While Suspended.

James W. Pickle, 20, Heppner, appeared for sentencing before Judge Ralph Currin. He was sentenced to 10 days jail with credit for time already served on the charge of Menacing.

William Edward Anderson, 80, Heppner, appeared for arraignment on a charge of Driving While Suspended. Arraignment was continued until November 1.

Michael William Rowell, 34, Heppner, appeared for arraignment before Judge Ralph Currin April 10. Entry of plea on a charge of Theft II is set for April 17.

Market Report

Complements of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, April 14

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| Soft White | 53.06 |
| April | 53.01/52.98 |
| May | 52.90/52.88 |
| June | 52.84 |
| July | 52.81 |
| August | 52.82 |
| Sept | 52.82 |
| Barley | |
| April | 587 |
| May | 587.84 |
| June-Sept | 582 |
| Hard Red Winter | |
| Ordinaries | 53.05 |
| PIK | |
| Generic Certificates | 104 1/2% |

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

April 7 - 13
High Low Prec.

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|-------|----|----|-----|
| Tues | 65 | 36 | .01 |
| Wed | 55 | 34 | .0 |
| Thurs | 64 | 41 | 0 |
| Fri | 71 | 26 | .24 |
| Sat | 52 | 33 | .01 |
| Sun | 58 | 34 | 0 |
| Mon | 70 | 41 | 0 |

Corrections

Mayor Cara Costa read a letter from a former member of the Jackson County library board of 12 branch libraries and a volunteer of 10 years at the Heppner City library stating objections to members of the board living out-of-town, and questioning the city's policy on this.

The above paragraph is correct. Part of the description of the letter's author was omitted from a city council story in last week's Gazette-Times.

Boosters plan Reno Night

Heppner Boosters have begun plans for a "Reno Night" fundraiser June 6, 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Those who would like to donate to the event may contact Sharon Harrison-989-8496, Peggy

Fishburn-676-5246, Martha Munkers-989-8532 or Diana Ball-676-5306. All proceeds from the event go to benefit students for example: scholarships, engraving of trophies, and athletic equipment.

TRADITIONAL JEWISH SEDER FEAST AT VALBY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thurs., April 16
6:30 p.m.

Everyone Invited

RSVP: Sarah Carlson, 422-7245
Anita Peterson, 422-7417

Easter Services - 8 a.m.
Easter Pancake Breakfast - 9 a.m.

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| Bar-S Whole Boneless Ham \$1.39 lb. 5 to 8 lb. | Crisco Shortening 3 lb. can \$2.39 ea. |
| Pacific Friend Shrimp 4 1/2 oz. \$1.29 ea. | Cucumbers 4 for \$1.00 |
| Western Family Pineapple 20 oz. crushed or chunk - 1st 4 69¢ ea. | Sweet Potatoes & Yams 49¢ lb. |
| Early California Olives 6 oz. med. ripe pitted \$1.29 ea. | Fresh Strawberries 79¢ pint. |
| | Frozen Turkeys 75¢ lb. |
| | Frozen Game Hens 99¢ ea. |
| | T-Bone Steak 3.00 lb. |
| | Medium Eggs 69¢ 1st 2 doz. |
| | Western Family Fruit Cocktail 16 oz. 69¢ ea. |

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