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**Letters to the Editor**

**Support schools by voting yes**

To the Editor:  
We wish to encourage all of the Morrow County voters to vote yes on May 19.  
It is our opinion that the Budget Committee, Advisory Board, and School Board are all doing a fine job. They are working hard to maintain our quality of education, within the

current budget limitations while keeping the future in mind. They strive to keep the public well informed and are always open to suggestions.  
Let's support our schools by voting yes.  
(s) Dana and Tonya Heideman  
Lone

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**Hospital Notes**

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

John Snyder, Fossil-admitted April 13, discharged April 17;  
Charles Hunt, Lone-admitted April 14, discharged April 18;  
Jodi Mattison, Heppner-admitted April 16, discharged April 17; and  
Francis Freel-admitted April 18, discharged April 20.

**Supports the school budget**

To the Editor:  
As a parent, I support the budget. The children of today are the future. Our future is in their hands. The best thing we can give them to equip them for their (and our) future is a good education. I don't need to list the many expenses of parenting, but the money spent on education is probably the cheapest and best of those expenses.  
As a business man, I support the budget. The vitality and growth of any area depends in part upon the educational opportunities it offers the families that live and grow there. We

must offer some promise to those who will someday run the business for this county.  
As a taxpayer, I support the budget. I feel we must maintain that which we have. What we fail to do this year will only mean greater expense in years to come. I support the board and their actions. If you do not, go to the meetings and help them understand your needs. Don't just vote "no" and hope that things will work out.  
Yes, things are tight. So, let's all pull together to get through it.  
Respectfully,  
(s) Al Brazell  
Lexington

**District Attorney's Report**

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

Michael William Rowell, 34, Heppner, entered a plea of Not Guilty to the charge of Theft II on April 17 before Judge Richard Courson. Trial is set for May 8.  
Jesus Jo Gonzalez, 33, Irrigon, appeared for trial April 17 before Judge Richard Courson. He pleaded Guilty to Assault IV and was sentenced to 180 days in jail and two years probation. He is to have no contact with the witness or her immediate family during the probation period, the judge said.

**Heppner Police Report**

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

April 13: 9:15 p.m.-citation issued for Driving While Uninsured.  
April 14: 4:14 p.m.-citations issued for No Vehicle License, Driving Uninsured, No Operator's License, Failure to Display Vehicle Registration; 4:53 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Office; 8:29 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief; 8:48 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief.  
April 15: 5:10 p.m.-responded to a Family Disturbance.  
April 16: 3:48 p.m.-report of two males fighting; 8:17 p.m.-citation issued for No Operator's License; 11:12 p.m.-officer requested for Security Check.  
April 17: 7:54 p.m.-citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule.  
April 18: 10:40 a.m.-motorist assist; 10:01 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief.

**Births**

**Cara Ralene Kennedy**-a daughter, Cara Ralene was born April 4 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston to Cynthia and Sidney Kennedy of Heppner. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz.  
Grandparents are Larry and Ellen Kennedy and Mel Piper of Heppner.  
Great-grandparents are Floyd and Lauretta Lantis, Condon, Dewey Kennedy, Heppner Erma Kiggins, Heppner and Ada Piper, Portland.  
**Peter Todd Starr**-a son Peter was born to Debbi and Terry Starr of Boardman on April 6. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz.  
Grandparents are Chuck and Deena Starr, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson, Bend; and Suzie Johnson Bend.

**In the Service**

**Lance Cpl. John Smith**  
Marine Lance Cpl. John S. Smith, son of Barbara L. Smith of Lexington, was recently awarded the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.  
Smith received the award for good behavior and conduct over a three-year period in the Marine Corps.  
He is currently serving with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, CA.

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**We Honor Judy, Christy, Linda Bonnie and Debbie**



Judy Osmin, Christy Lovgren, Linda Conklin, Bonnie Ball and Debbie Koffler are very important members of our staff and we would like to recognize them for their dedication and professionalism during National Secretary's Week.

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**National Secretary's Week**  
**I Honor Betty Marquardt**



Betty Marquardt is a very important part of my staff and I would like to recognize her during National Secretary's Week.  
Betty has worked for the Health Department for 11 years and I couldn't get along without her. Besides that, she's my best friend.

**Morrow County Health Department - Pat Wright, RN**

**Sheriff's Report**

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


April 13: a deputy responded to Mid-Columbia Improvement District regarding a report of a theft. Nine sprinkler heads valued at \$236 were taken sometime between April 4 and 5.  
April 13: Kraig Kassman, 23, Irrigon, was issued a Citation to Appear for Theft of Services/cable TV.  
April 13: Gerald Andrews, 43, Irrigon, was issued a Citation To Appear for Theft of Services/cable TV.  
During the week of April 7-13, the sheriff's office assisted two disabled motorists.  
April 14: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Lamb Weston processing plant. One subject with an injury was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.  
April 15: a deputy and an Irrigon city officer responded to Eighth St. West in Irrigon after receiving a complaint of minors riding ATVs too fast and making a lot of noise.  
April 17: a deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of a vehicle (boat) problem.  
April 18: Miguel Juan Cardenas, 22, Hermiston, was arrested for allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and issued a citation for Attempting to Elude. He was released on his own recognizance. The arrest was the result of a disturbance complaint in the Boardman city limits, the sheriff's office reports.  
April 18: a deputy responded to Irrigon to handle an animal complaint.  
April 18: a deputy located calves out on Patterson Ferry Road. Dispatch contacted responsible party.  
April 18: a deputy responded to Hwy. 730 near 15th St. after receiving information of a possible disabled motorist.  
April 19: the Sheriff's Office dispatched the Heppner ambulances to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 207 near milepost 3. Oregon State Police and a Morrow County deputy also responded. Two subjects with injuries were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. Four subjects were transported to

Pioneer Memorial Hospital. OSP is continuing the investigation.  
April 19: a deputy responded to the lone area after receiving a complaint of a vehicle tearing up and down streets. A deputy was unable to locate the vehicle upon his arrival.  
April 19: a deputy responded to the Chevron station in Lexington after receiving a complaint of a disturbance. The matter was resolved.  
April 19: a deputy responded to Main St. in Lexington after receiving a complaint of teenagers walking the streets throwing rocks at residences. The teenagers were not in the area upon the deputy's arrival.  
During the week of April 13-19, the sheriff's office assisted five disabled motorists.

**Chamber Chatter**  
By Claudia Hughes  
Chamber Manager

Heppner was visible in Estacada's Easter Parade as Mayor Costa was our sister city's Grand Marshal. Wearing the required Easter bonnet, created by Heppner Garden Club, Cara led the parade, kicked off the Easter egg hunt, and distributed Heppner brochures.  
As mentioned last week, Oregon 500 Motorcycle Rally will come through Heppner on May 9. This is an opportunity to welcome these people from all over the Pacific Northwest and invite them to return when they have more time to stay. It will be up to participants how long they spend in Heppner. Please read the Gazette article for full details. If they like our friendly town, individuals and single clubs are likely to return.  
Stop by the Chamber office, next to Central Market, for a variety of travel brochures from Washington and Oregon. You're more than welcome to carry our Heppner brochures to other Chamber offices in your travels or to conventions, whenever you have the opportunity to invite someone to visit. Daily inquiries arrive for information about our town.  
April 28 Chamber will be informed on the May school election and, time permitting, reports will be given by committee chairmen as a result of the "Committees Communicate" brainstorming session.

**National Secretary's Week**  
**We Honor Joyce Hughes**



Joyce is a very important part of our staff, and we would like to recognize her during National Secretary's Week.  
As Office Manager at the Gazette she is responsible for an efficient, well run, office and bookkeeping system. Thank you, Joyce, for all you do.

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