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## Letters to the Editor

### American constitution effective today

To the Editor:

The American Constitution is the oldest existing constitution in the world. This year, 1987, we celebrate its 200th birthday.

When something is around for 200 years, it is only natural to take it for granted. A recent national survey sponsored by the Hearst Corporation revealed that a majority of Americans misunderstand many basic provisions of the U.S. Constitution. For instance, 46 per cent of the population does not know that the purpose of the original Constitution was to create a federal government and define its powers.

In the first 100 years of our country the Constitution was taught in its full text, purpose and intent in all institutions of learning. Most churches taught the Constitution in its full text, purpose and intent as an endowment of our Creator, a gift from God. Today it is not allowed to be taught in out public schools or in our churches. As a result most Americans are

in the dark regarding detailed knowledge of our Constitution.

Only an informed citizenry with an independent and free spirit can change the disastrous course that this country is taking. Most elected officials take an oath to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution with little or no knowledge of what it is. For a citizen to serve as a juror or to vote without this knowledge of it, is as dangerous as a blind man walking through a mine field.

Don't be fooled into believing the Constitution is obsolete. Correctly applied and followed it is as effective today as the day it was ratified.

Thomas Jefferson said, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free it expects something that can not be."

It is also likely that an uninformed Citizenry would resort to violence when the real solution is with an informed Citizenry.

(s) S.W. Thompson  
PO Box 388  
Umatilla, Oregon 97882

### Potted mums disappeared from cemetery

To the Editor:

This letter is to express my disgust with whoever took the potted mums off of several graves at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery since Memorial weekend.

These flowers were put there to decorate the graves of our loved ones

and they didn't even stay there for a week.

I was so angry when I went up to check on them and they were gone. All I can say is that I hope you enjoy them, no one else will.

(s) Janet Greenup  
Heppner, OR

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## Heppner warm and friendly

To the Editor:

It was my vacation plan to visit my son, Sam Worley, in Heppner this year. He was excited to share with me the town and people of Heppner, his new home in the mountains — and his second home, Heppner Bowl.

He shared with me often his plans, working with the bowlers in your community, especially the youth; his enthusiasm to raise money so the children could go to state tournaments, and his concern in keeping all bowlers interested and active in the leagues. He has always enjoyed sharing his knowledge and love for the sport of bowling with people of all ages.

My vacation plans changed and I

arrived in Heppner early. Sam was not there to greet me due to his untimely, accidental death, but I felt his presence everywhere. The friendly warmth shown, not only to me, but to one another, by the residents of Heppner, and the surrounding areas, leaves no doubt in my mind why he chose to settle in the beautiful country and community of Heppner.

I'm very proud of Sam and of the support he received from everyone, especially the children, for all he strived to accomplish in the time he walked among you. Sam would not desire that you grieve, but to go forward and enjoy the sport he loved — bowling.

(s) Barbee L. (Momma B.) Blackburn  
503 North Lincoln  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

## Heppner Police Report

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

May 18: 1:51 p.m. - assist Fire Department.

May 19: 12:14 a.m. - request officers for Security Check; 11:30 a.m. - citation issued for Failure to Display Operator License; citation issued for Driving Uninsured; 2 p.m. - found Property.

May 20: 12:40 - citation issued for Violation of Basic Rule (40 mph in a 25 zone); 7:59 p.m. - false alarm.

May 21: 11:58 a.m. - citation issued for Failure to Display Operator License; citation issued for Driving Uninsured.

May 22: 8:15 a.m. - citation issued for Failure to Display Operator License; citation issued for Driving Uninsured.

May 23: 2:25 p.m. - recovered stolen property.

11:15 p.m. - citation issued for Failure to Display Operator License; citation issued for Driving Uninsured.

May 24: 8:20 p.m. - Motorist assist.

May 25: 1:28 p.m. - two citations issued, Failure to Display Operator License and Driving Uninsured; 3:47 p.m. - two citations issued, Failure to Display Operator License and Driving Uninsured.

May 26: 9:42 a.m. - four citations issued, Failure to Display Operator License, Driving Uninsured, Failure to Display Registration, No License Plates on Vehicle; 12:10 p.m. - three citations issued, Failure to Display Operators License, Driving Uninsured, and Failure to Display Registration; 10:09 p.m. - citation issued Expired Vehicle License.

May 27: 4:09 a.m. - assist Morrow County Sheriff's Office; 5:19 a.m. - assist Morrow County Sheriff's Office; 7:40 a.m. - responded to False Alarm.

May 28: 8:52 p.m. - citation issued for Illegal "U" turn; 10:35 p.m. - parking citation issued.

May 29: 8:05 a.m. - two citations issued, Failure to Display Operators License, Driving Uninsured; 11:55 a.m. - three citations issued Failure to Display Operators License, Failure to Display Vehicle License, Driving Uninsured; 10:11 p.m. - citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule.

May 30: 12:49 a.m. - officer requested for security check.

May 31: 8:50 p.m. - assist fire dept.

June 1: 10:01 p.m. - citation issued for Expired Vehicle License.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes

Tuesday Chamber attendees had much to absorb. Tidewater Barge representatives addressed concerns on the Morrow County Landfill. Explanation was given on the extensive precautions taken to prevent the presence of any hazardous wastes. The project could create 30-50 jobs, depending on the amount of waste moved and would generate income for county roads, schools, etc.

When the electricity goes out, it's a reminder of how vulnerable we are. Fred Toombs, Columbia Basin, explained cause of recent power outages. Special thanks were extended to customers for their understanding and to Boardman fire department for their outstanding job. Customers will be notified of three future outages in conjunction with the new line construction. Beginning June 15, poles will be set by helicopter... a sight to see.

All area merchants are invited to attend Chamber June 9 when Paulette Barteel from East Central Oregon Association of Counties will introduce "Marketplace Connections."

Our current health situation is of concern to all. June 16 Chamber program will be a panel of hospital administrator, member of county court, member of the hospital board, and possibly someone from St. Anthony to answer questions.

Remember, Chamber meets the first through fourth Tuesday at noon, Heppner Elks. Persons interested in the well-being of their community are always welcome. The greatest resource our community has to offer are the people. How do we tap all the hidden energy and talent?

## Church school helpers needed

By Justine Weatherford

The Episcopal, Lutheran and Methodist churches of Heppner will cooperate in providing a Summer Church School Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26 again this year.

The week's classes will be each morning from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at the Methodist and Episcopal churches. Children from the age of three years through the sixth grade are encouraged to pre-register at any of the Heppner churches and to come to the Methodist Church by 9 a.m. on Monday June 22 to enroll.

The need for helpers to carry on this summer school is great. Mothers or vacationing high school or college students who are willing to help during the week may contact Patti McAlpin at 676-9812 and volunteer so that definite plans for the school can be completed.

McAlpin said that seventh and eighth graders are needed to help as babysitters for very young children whose mothers will be teaching classes.

## Sheriff's Report

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

May 18: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to the Navy Bombing Range to assist in putting out a grass fire.

May 19: the sheriff's office responded to a report of lights stolen from equipment approximately 13 miles east of Heppner.

May 19: a deputy investigated a complaint of a stolen bicycle at the Greer residence in Irrigon. Bicycle was valued at \$100.

May 19: a deputy responded to a report of a vehicle over the bank approximately 18 miles up Willow Creek Road from Heppner. No one was at the scene. Investigation is continuing.

May 20: the sheriff's office arrested Jon Thomas Starke, 36, Boardman, on charges of Attempted Rape I, Burglary I, and Assault IV. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

May 21: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to a report of a vehicle on fire at the Shell station.

May 22: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Lamb Weston, Boardman, for a male who had fainted. He was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

May 22: a deputy responded to a residence in the Irrigon area to investigate complaint of animal problems.

May 22: a deputy responded to a report of an intoxicated driver traveling East on I-84. Vehicle was stopped near the Umatilla Depot and driver found not to be intoxicated.

May 22: a deputy responded to Hwy. 74 near the mill after receiving information of possible runaways walking along the highway. Juveniles were located and given a ride to their residence.

May 23: a deputy responded to East Wilson Road, Boardman, to handle an animal complaint.

May 23: a deputy responded to the Irrigon area after receiving complaint of a suspicious vehicle, an 18-wheeler backed into a sand dune.

May 23: a deputy responded to the Wagon Wheel Addition, Irrigon, after receiving complaint of vehicles going to fast. Deputy located suspect and talked to him.

May 23: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the corner of Paul Smith and Wilson roads in Boardman. A male complaining that he was dizzy and sick was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

May 24: the sheriff's office responded to assist Boardman police after receiving a complaint of a possible bomb threat at a business.

May 24: a deputy responded to the Penland Lake area to deliver an emergency message.

May 24: a deputy assisted Oregon State Police locate an intoxicated driver who was reported traveling East on I-84. Vehicle was located West of Boardman and state police arrested Bonifacio Guzman Rajosy, 47, Hood River, for Driving Under

the influence of Intoxicants.

May 24: a deputy responded to the fair pavilion in Heppner to deliver an emergency message.

May 24: a deputy backed up Boardman Police after receiving complaint of a disturbance at Sandpiper Apts. in Boardman. No arrests were made.

The Sheriff's Office assisted three disabled motorists during the week of May 18-24.

May 25: a deputy responded to a report of silent alarm gong off at a Boardman business. The false alarm had been set off accidentally by an employee.

May 26: a deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon after receiving complaint of trespassing.

May 26: the Sheriff's Office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to a fire at Bonneville Power Administration utility substation in Boardman.

May 26: a deputy investigated criminal mischief to Jerry Moore's boat while it was parked at his residence in Irrigon.

May 26: a deputy investigated a burglary at the Diane Wiley residence in Boardman.

May 27: a deputy responded to a residence in Lexington after receiving report of an unattended death of an infant.

May 27: a deputy responded to a report of a possible family disturbance in Irrigon.

May 29: the sheriff's office dispatched the Lexington fire department to a report of a house fire on "F" street.

May 29: a deputy responded to Blake's Ranch after receiving report of harassment.

May 30: a deputy responded to Eastern Oregon Farms after receiving complaint of Criminal Mischief at the farm and the Theft of a CB radio and antenna. Investigation is continuing.

May 30: a deputy investigated theft of tools (value over \$200) from the Merle Carlson residence in Boardman.

May 30: a deputy responded to a location outside the Boardman city limits to assist a doctor in the area at his request.

May 30: a deputy responded to a residence at West Glen Estates to investigate two animal complaints.

May 30: a deputy contacted the complainant of a family disturbance in the Irrigon area. No arrests were made.

May 31: a deputy responded outside Boardman city limits to investigate a complaint of three trespassers on private property. Problem was reported resolved.

May 31: a Boardman ambulance was dispatched to a one-vehicle accident on I-84 at milepost 175. Two subjects were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

May 31: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence in Boardman for a man who had hurt his back. He was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

May 31: the sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to a house full of smoke at 180 W. Main St., in Heppner.

## Hospital Notes

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

Matthew Gossman, Heppner - admitted May 28, discharged May 29.

## Correction

Mary Evelyn and Gordon Ross and their children Keidi and Holly of Canby attended the retirement dinner for Eldon Tucker. Their names were omitted from a story about the event in last week's Gazette-Times.

## Justice Court Report

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

Melanie Ann Zachariassen, Heppner - Suspended Operator License, \$292 fine.

Janice Arlee Cutsforth, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed, \$13 fine.

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