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## Letters to the Editor

### Asks forest users to explain needs

To the Editor:

The Umatilla National Forest is an area that sees a great deal of use. Many groups and individuals participate in what this forest has to offer: sportspeople, recreationists, naturalists, industry and agriculture. It is habitat for many birds and animals, both game and non-game species. It is watershed for the entire area from Dayton, Washington, south to Austin, Oregon. From Baker to Welmore. What goes on in this forest and how it is developed is of concern to many people.

The Umatilla Forest Resource Council is a group of individuals who believe the entire forest is the resource and not any one part of it. We realize the many different groups and individuals who use the forest might not always view it in the same light. But each has a concern that the forest be maintained so that the par-

ticular use that they put it to can continue. On November 1, the Forest Service will be issuing its new forest management plan. We are concerned with the ways in which this plan will effect the residents of the area. Realizing that there are many individuals and organizations who are equally concerned, we would like to gather as much information as we can to adequately and most effectively respond to the plan when it comes out. We would appreciate hearing from those with specific concerns and interests as they relate to the use of the Umatilla Forest. Any information to help us better understand the needs of the people who use the forest would be greatly appreciated. Please write to Umatilla Forest Resource Council, PO Box 1141, Walla Walla, Wa. 99362.

Sincerely,  
(s) Douglas Carlsen  
Secretary  
Umatilla Forest Resource Council

### Restrictive gun laws don't save lives

To the Editor:

The recent tragedy in a London suburb in which a man shot and killed 14 people is sad proof that strict gun laws do not and cannot stop determined criminals and crazed persons in any country from committing murderous acts.

It is internationally acknowledged that England's gun laws are among the most restrictive in the world. Automatic firearms only may be possessed with authority from the Home Secretary, while rifles, pistols—for competition only—and shotguns with barrels of less than 24 inches require that a certificate be issued by a police chief only to persons who can show "good reason" for possession. Even long-barreled shotguns require a certificate.

While horrible incidents such as the one that occurred in Hungerford are rare in England, it is widely acknowledged that gun-related crime has been increasing over the past several years despite the country's tough gun laws.

According to former Chief Inspector Colin Greenwood of the Halifax, England, Constabulary, "The use of firearms in crime was very much less when there were no controls." In fact, from 1969 to 1979 Great Britain's gun-related crimes rose from 1,308 to 6,547, according to a report by the U.S. Library of Congress titled "Gun Control Laws in Foreign Countries." A 1971 Cambridge University study of England's gun laws suggested "abolishing or substantially reducing controls."

Most scholars agree that English customs and culture are the determining factors in crime rates, not gun control. Another major factor in the low violent crime in the country is its system of jurisprudence. Criminals are swiftly and severely punished for their crimes. (Use of a gun in a burglary calls for imprisonment for life.)

The answer to reducing violent crime and gun-related crime in the United States is tougher penalties for criminals. But our criminal justice system doesn't seem to be doing the job.

In many places in the United States—Texas, Oklahoma and the District of Columbia are among the leaders—hundreds of prisoners are being released from jail before serving their full terms because of overcrowding. Others are turning more and more to probation.

Two recent cases of violence show the real problem in America: William Cruse, who in April shot and killed six people in Palm Bay, Fla., still is awaiting trial. Cruse probably will plead not guilty by reason of insanity, and may never serve time in prison; and a Virginia man who murdered a Virginia State Trooper and another man just last year could be eligible for parole in only seven years.

There are approximately 20,000 gun laws in this country, yet violent crime continues to climb. And is no coincidence that crime rates, which fell from 1980 to 1984 when the prison population was reaching an all-time high, now are on the rise as crowded prisons turn prisoners loose by the hundreds or refuse to accept new criminals.

It's a shame we have to be reminded of the truth by such a painful incident occurring so far away. It's time we learned the lesson. To reduce the abuse of firearms, we must certainly and severely punish the abusers. No law can ever eliminate access to firearms to those intent on inflicting evil on good and decent people no matter where they live.

Sincerely,  
(s) J. Warren Cassidy  
National Rifle Assoc.  
Executive Vice President

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## Sheriff's Report

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

August 24: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence in Boardman. A male with an unknown illness was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

August 25: the sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to a fire above Barratt St. The fire was started by three juveniles playing with a lighter.

August 26: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to a vehicle fire by the pellet mills on Eastern Oregon Farms at Patterson Ferry Rd. Depot personnel helped extinguish the fire.

August 26: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a two-vehicle accident at milepost 172 in the westbound lanes of I-84.

August 26: the sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to a transformer fire at Columbia Basin Electric Co-op.

August 26: a deputy backed up Oregon State Police on a three-truck accident at milepost 171 on Interstate 84. The sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the accident. Two persons were with injuries transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

August 27: the sheriff's office received complaint of an animal problem. Investigation is pending.

August 28: the sheriff's office received report regarding a male juvenile lost from the Martin Prairie area. He was later located in good condition in the Ritter area.

August 29: a deputy responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy 730 near Fourth St. in Irrigon.

August 29: a deputy responded to a one-vehicle accident on Bombing Range Road. The Boardman ambulance was dispatched to the Boardman Police Dept. from where three people with unknown injuries were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital. A deputy arrested Daniel M. Payment, 21. The Dalles on charges of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

August 29: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence on Wukso Wilson Rd. A female with an illness was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

August 29: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to a report, later determined unfounded, of a vehicle on fire near milepost 153 on I-84.

August 29: a deputy investigated report of a possible intoxicated driver in the Irrigon area.

August 29: a deputy investigated complaint of an animal problem in the lone area.

During the week of August 24-30, the sheriff's office assisted two disabled motorists.

August 30: a deputy responded to assist Oregon State Police attempt to locate a possibly intoxicated person operating a vehicle.

August 30: the sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to a grass fire near Clark Canyon Road, six miles SE of Lexington.

August 31: a deputy responded to assist Boardman police after receiving report of subjects on the roof at a Boardman apartment building.

## Justice Court Report

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

Jondell Lee Allison, Heppner-Defective Equipment, \$26 bail forfeited.

Robert Lee Botefuhr, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed (68 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$36 fine.

Merry Elizabeth DeSpain, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed (73 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$36 fine.

Zarita Marie Powell, Heppner-Defective Equipment, \$13 fine.

Glenna Diane Lombardi, Pendleton-Exceeding the Maximum Speed (69 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$30 fine.

Patricia Lucille Baehr, Heppner-Failed to Drive Right of Center line, \$17 fine.

John Arthur Cain, Irrigon-Truck Speeding (65 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$26 bail forfeited.

## Hospital Notes

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

William Hickerson, Arlington-admitted August 28, discharged August 29; and

James Boor, lone-admitted August 28, discharged August 29.

Gaylord Davis, Heppner, who was admitted to the hospital August 31 was still a patient Tuesday.

## Road Report

By Phil Aikman  
Public Works Director

### August 24-September 4

The Public Works Road Department has been busy completing Seal Coating and beginning the Big Butter Creek Project. Last week six miles of the Valby road (Barlow Canyon) were completed and 1/2 mile of Rattlesnake Canyon (Ione-Gooseberry Rd.) was re-constructed following drilling and shooting earlier this year. This re-construction involves widening, leveling, rebasing, and compacting for L.B.S.T. surfacing.

The Big Butter creek project has progressed very well. The old worn out asphalt is being ripped, crushed and re-graded as base for an L.B.S.T. (Seal coat or Oil rock) surfacing that will follow. The road will be limited to one lane during portions of the job while the base is being processed and the subgrade compacted and, at times, the road will be very rough with heavy graded base material prior to the placement of 1/2 inch surface rock. Therefore, the patience and understanding of those using this road is appreciated.

This week ripping, grinding, blading, compacting, and leveling of Big Butter Creek will continue. Also, one mile of the road to Valby will complete that seal-coating project. Other projects include: landscaping at the Courthouse Annex building in Heppner and construction of a fishing wall and path at Cutsforth Park, completion of fence building and picnic table construction by the Training and Guidance program at Cutsforth and Anson Wright.

The Public Works Department has contracted with Don Graham Drilling and Blasting for 80,000 solid yards of rock to be prepared at three sites in various locations in the county to be completed by next April. This work will be preparation for the county's rock crushing operation which will provide sufficient rock for the coming year's projects (40-60,000 hauled yards) and continue stockpiling for use at sites throughout the county eliminating most of the excessive haul distances required in years past.

On the North End road crew has been working on asphalt patching in the South Boardman area. Following the Oregon Dept. of Transportation's overlay project on Highway 730 into Irrigon, Blue Mountain asphalt will be placing a 2-3 inch overlay on First Street up to Rod's Market. This work will be done coinciding with similar projects for the City of Irrigon, by Blue Mountain Asphalt company. Wilson Road Right-of-Way continues to be a priority for the North end crew and the Public Works administration.

Any questions or comments are welcome at the Public Works Department in Lexington or call 676-9061 extension 17.

## Correction

Jaylene Papineau placed second in mutton busting at the Morrow County Rodeo. Corey Ehermantraut placed third (not second as reported in last week's paper.)

Deanna McBride and Sugar placed fourth in the age five and under at the Morrow County Horse Show August 15. Danielle McBride and Sugar placed sixth in the age eight and under walk/trot. Horse show results in last week's paper listed the girls' horse as Miss Fancy Comero; the horse was scratched the morning of the horse show.

Wrong information was supplied to the Gazette-Times.

## Heppner Police Report

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

August 24: 2:11 p.m.-citation served for Dog Complaint.

August 25: 5:18 a.m.-responded to False Alarm; 1:47 p.m.-report of Juvenile Riding Motorcycles in Dry Grass; 7:18 p.m.-responded to Grass Fire started by three juveniles; 9:02 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

August 26: 1 p.m.-report of Trespassers at the Dam.

August 27: 3 a.m.-responded to Family Disturbance.

August 28: 8:21 a.m.-received Found Property; one revolver; 12:28 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

August 31: 12:40 a.m.-responded to Disturbance-one male taken into custody; 4:49 a.m.-citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule (50 mph in a 25 mph zone); 8:20 p.m.-Report of Loose Horses; 10:22 p.m.-Report of Erratic Driver, one male subject warned.

## Births

Emily Jean Bergstrom-a daughter, Emily Jean was born August 26, 1987, to Hal and Rita Bergstrom. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 1/2 oz.

Emily joins a brother, Adam, 2, at home in Heppner.

Madison Shay Bailey-a daughter, Madison Shay was born August 20 to Kaedene and Ken Bailey of Heppner. The baby was born at St. Anthony Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz.

Grandparents are Jerry and Joyce Kay Hollomon and Dwight and Janell Bailey, all of Heppner.

Great-grandparents are Edgar and Irene Schroeder of Hebo, Paul and Nadine Bailey of Hermiston and Lois Hollomon of Hermiston.

Great-great-grandmother is Hazel Hargis of Portland.



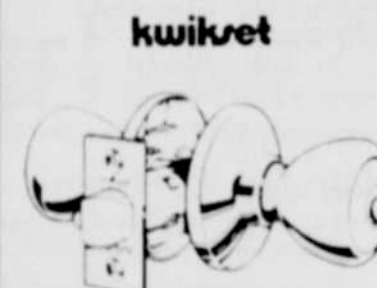
The jig, a popular English folkdance, gets its name from the old French word *giguer*, "to dance."

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas C. Rathbun request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Carllena Kay to Mr. Randy R. Smith son of Jerry and Sonja Smith on Saturday, Sept. 5, 1987 at 2:00 p.m. Church of the Nazarene, Heppner, Oregon

Reception immediately following ceremony.

Mr. Robert Van Schoiack requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of his daughter Kathleen to Mr. Scott Alan Kerbs son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kerbs Saturday, September 12, 1987 at 2:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Catholic Church 525 North Gale, Heppner, Oregon Reception following immediately at Heppner Elks Lodge.

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