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## Editorial

### Timms is the one

Senator Gene Timms is running for re-election from District 30, and in our opinion there is no better person for the job.

Running in a district that includes seven counties, and is large enough to be the 36th largest state in America, one wonders how he manages the tremendous job of representing us. But he does. And he does it very well.

When the idea of converting the old run-down Heppner Hotel into a new senior center and housing complex was just a dream, Sen. Timms was there, helping to push the project along. And as it turns out he has helped with many other projects all over his district. In Salem he has tirelessly looked out for the interest of Eastern Oregon and the rural community. What more could we ask of from our representative in government? The answer is - nothing. Senator Timms has a grasp of what is good for Morrow County, and for Eastern Oregon. He understands the issues, the people, the economics, and the traditions of our area, and in our opinion the voters could do no better, than to re-elect Senator Gene Timms as our state senator.

David Sykes

### Elect Judge Jelderks

From the East Oregonian

It's good to see Judge John Jelderks, of Hood River, run for the Oregon Supreme Court. The court should always include a justice who has practiced law in Eastern Oregon and knows this region and its conditions.

Justice Bob Campbell, who practiced many years in Grant County, has announced his retirement from the state Supreme Court. Justice Mick Gillette grew up in Milton-Freewater, but his practice of law has all taken place outside of Eastern Oregon.

Jelderks, who grew up in Salem, served as district attorney for Hood River County, 1966-1970, and practiced law in Hood River in 1971 and 1972. Since 1972, he has served as a circuit court judge in Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler Counties. So he has compiled extensive knowledge of Eastern Oregon.

That's important background and knowledge to have on the Oregon Supreme Court. The state's highest appeals court must make decisions on cases from Eastern Oregon. Our region over here contrasts sharply with Western Oregon in its economy, industries, distances, water needs, farm issues, relations with tribal governments, timber growth, history and many other factors.

Also running for Campbell's seat on the court is a lawyer with a big Portland firm, Susan Graber. Her candidacy will probably carry a good deal of appeal. All the Supreme Court justices are men, so her election would provide some variety in gender. Graber specializes in corporate law, an area where some lawyers believe the court needs to be strengthened. And a Portland lawyer from a large firm can easily pick up lots of campaign funding and other backing.

But Jelderks is a strong candidate. He was named Judge of the Year in 1985 by Oregon Trial Lawyers Association and received excellent ratings in the Oregon State Bar Judicial Performance Poll. He has twice been recommended by State Bar governors as extremely well qualified to serve on the Oregon Supreme Court. He serves on the Governor's Task Force on Corrections Planning.

Jelderks has also received a distinguished service award from the Hood River Jaycees and was named one of Oregon's five outstanding young men by the Jaycees.

## Letters to the Editor

### Much more than a maintenance man

To the Editor:

I recently was the recipient of the April 20, 1988 copy of the G-T and was pleased to read "A Tribute to Bob Lowe". Mr. Lowe was as you implied and said much more than a maintenance man to PMH. He was its heart and soul for many years. Bob and his wife Theta worked under me, the former PM Hospital administrator and a co-ambulance driver with Bob in the late 40's and early 50's.

The tribute you wrote and the pla-

que in his memory is so very appropriate to and for him. I don't believe I've ever known a man more dedicated to first the well being of the patients, hospital or nursing home, and second to the "well being" of the equipment and buildings for which he was responsible.

My respect to him in fond memories and my sympathetic and heartfelt best to his nice wife Theta.

Sincerely,  
(s) John B. Ernsdorff  
A brother-in-law of Mrs. Wilbur (Rita) Worden, the former husband of her now deceased sister, Irene.

### Support health care levy and new doctors

To the Editor:

The health care system in Morrow County is important to all businesses, residents and visitors. A big issue in attracting people to our community is medical services.

We have recently been told that new doctors will be arriving in the county in June and all of us need to show support by voting "yes" for health care in the upcoming elections.

I firmly believe that the Medical Services Board has worked hard to prepare a budget that benefits all the residents in Morrow County. This year's budget is actually less than last year's asking.

Please join with me in voting "yes" on Health Care in Morrow County.

Sincerely  
(s) Frank Pearson  
Heppner

### Support for health care system

To the Editor:

The health care levy that will be voted on May 17 deserves and needs the support of the community.

The county wide health care board has spent many hours working on the health care issue on a county wide basis. We feel that the formation of this group was a positive move and that the board should have the oppor-

tunity to try and solve some of the problems they are faced with. The board has reduced the health care levy from last year.

We also need to start showing our support for the two new doctors that are coming in July. We can all do this by voting yes for the health care levy.

Yours truly,  
Larry and Betty Mills

### Campbell endorses Jelderks for Supreme Court position

To the Editor:

I strongly recommend that the voters elect Judge John Jelderks to the Oregon Supreme Court. He has the experience, knowledge and temperament to fill the position.

When I decided to retire, I strongly endorsed Judge Jelderks as my replacement because he has been a trial judge for 16 years, has an ex-

cellent legal mind and is a hard worker.

Judge Jelderks is the overwhelming choice of the Oregon lawyers and judges, receiving over 75% of the votes in the Oregon State Bar preference poll.

Very truly yours,  
(s) J. R. (Bob) Campbell  
Supreme Court Justice

### Chamber supports upcoming measures

To The Editor:

On May 17, we will vote on a tax levy or Morrow County, a tax levy for the health care district, and a tax base for the Morrow County School District.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce supports all three measures.

We support the county tax levy because we feel that they have presented a lean budget. We feel that a defeat of this levy would result in further budget cuts which the county cannot afford.

We support the health district levy because we feel they have made an honest effort to provide satisfactory health care to the people of Morrow County. Their success in attracting two doctors is evidence of their effectiveness. Their continued success,

and the success of the incoming doctors, is integral to not only the physical health, but the economic health of Morrow County.

We support the school tax base request because we believe tax bases are both more efficient and more economical than tax levies.

The tax base amount has been reviewed by the school board and budget committee. It appears to provide for the anticipated needs without excess.

While we support these three measures, we encourage everyone to vote on May 17, regardless of their point of view.

Sincerely,  
(s) Fred Lundin  
President, Heppner Chamber of Commerce

### Health Care will benefit entire county

To the Editor:

Right now is the time for us all to think seriously about the medical levy on May 17.

Let's think of the younger people and their children whose most routine, often-occurring medical needs can be met here. Let's think of our growing number of senior citizens, many of whom will be unable to stay here without assurance of doctors and hospital care. Let's think of our new doctors coming in June who naturally will expect our support if they are to stay here and serve us. Let's think of the impact of this levy on businesses on Main Street and elsewhere, on employment, and on the St. Patrick Hotel Project which is now reality.

A vote "yes" on this levy will show us to be a community that cares about its families, about its retired seniors, its doctors and healthcare workers and about the health of its economy, too. A "yes" vote will encourage families to come here, seniors to stay here and the two doctors to remain here to give service so much needed by us all.

I can't think of any possible way that the dollars needed for this service could be more wisely used.

Let's vote "yes" on the medical levy.

Sincerely,  
(s) Jane Rawlins

## Financial crisis at Heppner Day Care

To the Editor:

Heppner Day Care is in the midst of a financial crisis. We are asking for desperately needed financial help from our community.

We have been operating at a loss for quite a while, but now the crisis is imminent. Revenue sharing funds received over a year ago have been exhausted; United Way monies for program materials are rapidly being eaten away; the USDA Food program provides \$138 a month assistance, which doesn't go very far when our food bill averages \$700-800 a month. We are raising our rates at the end of the month, but even two-income families have a tough time making ends meet (child care for a family with one child will be around \$220 a month; for a family with 2 children-\$320; and for a family with 3-\$440). But, with grant monies gone, we cannot balance our budget.

school district, Kinzua, Columbia Basin Electric, Morrow SWCD, the Sheriff's Dept., Country Shears, Les Schwab, Bank of Eastern Oregon, First Interstate Bank, Murray's Drug, Heppner Auto Parts, Heppner Gazette-Times, Lone United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, Heppner Pre-School, Benjamin Franklin Savings & Loan, Bucknum's Tavern, Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Lamb Weston, OSU Extension Office, Van Marter & Kahl Insurance, Spicer & Kuhn Attorneys and local farms and ranches and businesses. Parents depend on us.

We are required by Children's Services Division and the Department of Health and Education to maintain standards that do not apply to private home caregivers. For the benefit of the kids, we have to serve certain types and amounts of food; we are required to maintain strict adult/child ratios (one adult to 4 children ages 1 to 2-1/2, one to 10 children 2-1/2 to 4, and one to 15 over age 4); we are required to have triple sinks for sanitations and conduit wiring for safety, so not just any building would be allowable.

Because of the Fire Marshal's regulations, we must have two exits from every room (a door and an opening window) and we cannot allow more than 33 children on the premises at one time. This further limits our building options and our income.

This past month, we have served over 75 children from over 50 families in the community. Our families work at the courthouse, the

We provide stimulating education programs, well balanced meals (over 520 of them last month), music, books, toys and playground equipment for fun and exercise and, most of all, love and concern. Unlike private daycare givers, we do not ever call in sick. Our doors are open every week day of every month from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Those of you whose children do not attend day care, or whose children are grown or those of you who have no children may say that day care is not your problem. But you are mistaken. Every child's life, success and failure is your affair. Affordable quality day care can have a positive influence on a child's life. Their future and yours depend on it.

Please write a check to the Heppner Day Care today. You can make a difference to the children of your community. Heppner Day Care is a public non-profit organization and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, age, handicap, or national origin. All donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
(s) April Hilton-Sykes, Director  
Molly Rhea, Heppner Day Care Board chairman

### Support Veterans during poppy sale

To the Editor:

On May 17 the familiar red crepe paper memorial poppy is being offered to the public by the local American Legion Auxiliary. This reminder of the sacrifice to countless thousands in great wars-WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam-is an annual event undertaken by the members of Heppner Unit No. 87.

Volunteers from the unit will once again take part in this nationwide program in memory of servicemen and women who gave their lives in the cause for freedom. Think of this, as you give, they gave their lives-what can you give?

These memorial poppies are made completely by hand by disabled and hospitalized veterans in "Poppy Shops" run by Legion Auxiliary volunteers. It is part of the rehabilitation program. All materials in the poppies are furnished free and the

veterans receive pay for each poppy made.

Contributions made locally are used by the local unit to aid hospitals throughout the state. All proceeds are channeled directly to rehabilitation and furtherance of programs to aid veterans.

Auxiliary members all over the nation will ask the public to pause for a moment, pin on a poppy and wear it with pride.

Thank you for listening--for remembering the sacrifices made by the veteran, and for giving with a smile--it will brighten the day for the auxiliary volunteer. Thank you also to the businesses who allow us to be outside their stores and to the Gazette-Times for helping us tell of this worthy program.

American Legion Auxiliary  
Heppner Unit 87

### Vote yes on medical levy

To the Editor:

We urge everyone from Morrow County to join us and vote yes on the Health Care Levy, May 17th.

The Health Care Levy will be a benefit to the entire county with Lexington receiving medical equipment; Lone a better radio system; Irrigon an early response vehicle; Boardman

will continue to have the clinic and improved services and Heppner has two new Drs. coming in July.

Let's unite and support this very important levy, which by the way, will affect us all at one time or another.

Sincerely,  
(s) Bob & Sherree Mahoney

### PMH Is important to community

To the Editor:

You never realize how important Pioneer Memorial Hospital is until you have to use it-we need the support of the community. This hospital

has saved lives of my family and employees in the last 40 years.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
(s) James J. Farley

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