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Letters to the Editor
Nov. 20 is day of prayer for diabetes cure

The ravages of Diabetes is of special concern to many people in the country as one person in 20 is stricken with this disease and its serious consequences, and no one knows whose family will be hurt next.

Many have donated money over the years and much research has gone into finding a cure -- but nothing really positive has come out of it since the discovery of insulin which controls but does not cure.

A grass roots movement began this summer in Omaha, Nebraska, and is sweeping the nation to declare November 20, 1988, as an Interdenominational Day of Prayer to call upon God with a united voice and pray in churches and synagogues, prayer groups, and individually that a cure for Diabetes might be granted to our research

Cooperation and communication are needed

Ever since Ilene Wyman retired from the hospital, Pioneer Memorial Hospital has gone through more administrators, has gone through more doctors than the paper mentioned, spent thousands of dollars to recruit doctors, board members by the hand full, changes of the judge and county commissioners and surprise, we are again in a situation, due I feel to lack of communication.

We still have three things in our favor (1) we have gained an administrator (Mr. Wick) that has given us an uncalled for 17 hours a day trying to get us turned around and headed in the right direction; (2) we have two doctors, Dr. Ed and Dr. Jeanne Berretta that have said "We love it here"; (3) St. Anthony Hospital as of the 23rd of December will terminate their contract with Pioneer Memorial Hospital. I still feel that this could be in our favor. Their original contract was to end June of 1989.

The one biggest problem is, we still have a county court that refuses to get out of the hospital business. The one thing they don't need to be in.

As a taxpayer and voter, we have control of the school board, and through the budget they submit for our approval we can control their operation. No county court involved.

The hospital submit's a budget the court gets its fingers in the pot, we loose control and here we are again, involved in lack of cooperation and communication.

The hospital as a whole can not go it alone without an outside support group. Too many small hospitals, some larger than we, have closed

people. The help of concerned individuals in your community is desperately needed to get the word out to friends and relatives in other areas that they might urge their churches or synagogues, relatives, and friends to participate. Remember, it is strictly a grass roots movement with no central organization which is relying on the help of many concerned individuals. Please clip this letter and send it to others to help spread the word of the November 20, 1988, Prayer Day for the Cure of Diabetes. Help us spread the word -- and join the many people from coast to coast on November 20 and pray for a Cure for Diabetes!

Sincerely,
(s) Donna Holmquist
Cure Diabetes Prayer Group
P.O. Box 37587
Omaha, NE 68127

their doors for that reason. Help isn't that easy to come by from other larger hospitals.

At the present time we have in the plus column (1) the administrator devoted to making a go of it. We have until December 23 to show and let St. Anthony's know how we feel about them; (2) we have two doctors who "We love it here". And in the minus column we have a hospital board that really doesn't know where it is going, one member stating "I feel that we have no authority." That party is so right, but not alone, a canvas of ex-board members would prove her right.

The one big factor in the minus column, they don't belong in the hospital business yet they have the last word to say.

The voter's of Morrow County should have the right to pass the budget for Pioneer Memorial Hospital, elect the hospital board, and put the county court out of the hospital business.

Have your evening meal early on Monday, November 21 for at 4 p.m. at the Morrow County Courthouse you as a voter will have a chance. I hope, to hear all the sides of the story.

If you have any feelings left as to saving Pioneer Memorial Hospital, don't depend on a few of your neighbors to represent you by attending this meeting. Mark your calendar with a big red X and the time and let's show St. Anthony's and the administrator that we of Morrow County need their support more than ever now.

Thank you
(s) Merlin L. Cantin
Heppner, OR

Support St. Anthony's involvement at PMH

To the Editor:
Too often we take for granted our way of life and we appreciate our blessings after they are taken away. Several areas of vulnerability come to mind--peace, freedom, a high standard of living, healthy children, gainful employment, medical care, adequate rainfall. The list is endless. Something in our community has been taken away--the medical support systems supplied to us by St. Anthony Hospital. We will survive,

but only with difficulty. Small hospitals need all the expertise a larger facility can offer and this was unforeseen when the budget was prepared.

We hope that St. Anthony Hospital can be prevailed upon to provide their services to us once again. Show your support by attending a public meeting at the County Courthouse at 4 p.m. November 21. Very truly yours,
(s) Lucile Peck
Lexington

Support hospital by attending meeting

To the Editor:
The Morrow County Medical Board has requested St. Anthony's extend their management contract with Pioneer Memorial Hospital until January 31, 1989. I hope that during this extension the differences between the Morrow County Medical Board and the County Court will be resolved.

I think that everyone should be aware of what Pioneer Memorial Hospital and the public will be losing when St. Anthony's pulls out of Heppner. The taxpayer would have to come up with an estimated \$48,500 per year when they leave.

St. Anthony's Hospital provides the following consultant services: medical records, dietary, x-ray, bio-medical, housekeeping, home health, physical therapy, business office, respiratory therapy, purchasing for a cost of \$12,000 per year plus the administrator's salary. The same services purchased will cost at an estimate of \$48,500, this does not include the administrator's salary.

I support St. Anthony's involvement with Pioneer Memorial Hospital and I hope that you do too. Let them know it.

Sincerely,
(s) Jackie Bergstrom

Obituaries

Kenneth E. Palmer
Funeral services for Kenneth E. Palmer were held Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Lexington Baptist Church. Graveside service followed at the Lexington Cemetery.

Mr. Palmer, 69, died Friday, Nov. 11 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla, Wash.

He was born June 29, 1919, in Lexington, to Lawrence and Nellie Eskelson Palmer. He attended school in Lexington for 12 years. Mr. Palmer was a lifelong resident of the area and farmed near Lexington.

He was married to Lelia Marshall Jan. 24, 1942, in Heppner.

He was a member of the Heppner I.O.O.F., the Oddfellows; and the Heppner B.P.O.E. No. 358.

Survivors include his wife, of Lexington; a son Mike Palmer of Ukiah; daughters Carol Anne Rea, of Hermiston and Janet Balfe of Anchorage Alaska; a brother Elmer Palmer, of Heppner; eight grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Joe Palmer; a sister Alic Harrison; and a brother Marion.

Contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Fund, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of the arrangements.

Mary C. Michael
A memorial service for Mary C. Michael, 47, of Boardman, was held Monday Nov. 14 in the Riverside High School gymnasium in Boardman.

Michael was born at Coquille Oct. 23, 1941. She died Thursday, Nov. 10, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

She was a resident of Boardman for the past 10 years. Active in civic and community affairs, she worked with the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, the Little League Association where she helped coach for many years. A member of the Riverside Booster Club, she was constantly involved with projects at the high school.

Mrs. Michael also belonged to Tillicum Club, was a past member of the Soroptimist Club and was a member of the Boardman Emergency Medical Technician Association. She was chairman of the Morrow County Medical Board; secretary of the Morrow County Planning Commission; organizer of the Fourth of July fireworks in Boardman; and was on a bowling team for many years in Hermiston.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Michael of Boardman; her mother, Janet Berger, Hermiston; a son, Jason Michael of Boardman; three daughters, Debra Ann Michael, Portland; Tamara Lynn Michael and Penny Leigh Michael of Boardman; a sister Jacqueline Page of Hermiston and one grandson.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Mary Michael Scholarship Fund for Riverside High School. They may be sent directly to the high school or through Burns Mortuary in Hermiston, which was in charge of the arrangements.

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Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Harvey Allen Wright, Portland-Hunting without Valid Elk Tag, \$57 bail forfeited;

Patrick Douglas Blasdel, Portland-Borrowing Deer Tag, \$46 fine;

Patrick Tod Bonney, Ashland-Failure to Yield to Pedestrian, \$31 bail forfeited;

Byron Joe Fair, Lewiston, Id-No Vehicle License, Defective Equipment, \$52 bail forfeited.

Dennis Edgar Baker, Hermiston-No Flag or Extended Rear Load, \$26 bail forfeited;
William Douglas Valentine, Portland-Open Container (whiskey), \$57 bail forfeited;

Dennis Robert Tiede, Culesdac, ID-No PUC Permit, \$57 bail forfeited.

In the Service

Airman James B. Clark, son of Ned and Kathy Clark of Heppner has graduated from the U.S. Air Force law enforcement specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Graduates of the course studied general law enforcement duties, tactics, weapons training, physical apprehension and restraint and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1988 graduate of Heppner High School.

Pvt. Kevin W. Ball, son of Marie and James Boor of Lone, has completed the basic field artillery cannoner course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

During the course students were taught the duties of a howitzer or gun section crewman. They also received instruction in communications, maintenance and the handling of ammunition and explosives.

He is a 1988 graduate of Lone High School.

Births

Tiffany Ann Schademan-a daughter Tiffany, was born Nov. 1, 1988 to Danny & Elizabeth Schademan of Boardman at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs.

Allison Lynn Ployhar-a daughter Allison, was born Nov. 2, 1988 to Jim and Jean Ployhar of Stamford, Ct. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 5 ozs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ployhar, Heppner; Mrs. Julius Conrad and the late Julius Conrad, Franklin, Pa.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moe, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Elder, Heppner.

Danyelle Elisha Myers-a daughter Danyelle, was born Nov. 1, 1988 to John and Eileen Myers at St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla, WA. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 13 ozs.

Grandparents are Jerry and Nancy Myers, Heppner and Barbara and Jerry Leveton, Beaverton.

Great-grandparents are Lila Myers, Hermiston; Walt Schuler, Aurora; Jean and Ben Leveton, Portland.

4-H News

Steve Allen, Reporter
The Seven Super Sewers' last two meetings were very busy. We cut out our jams, practiced on the sewing machine, and sewed our two sides that we cut out. The meetings were held at St. William's Catholic Church. Kristy Crowell and Carol Taylor have been helping our leader Monica Swanson.

Story Hour

Karla Waterland will be reading about "Thanksgiving" at the Heppner Public Library's storytime this Thursday, Nov. 17 beginning at 10:30 a.m. All children are welcome.

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