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**Letters to the Editor**

**Young mother learns she has leukemia**

To the Editor:  
The plight of a 19-year-old mother with leukemia has become a regional concern in Central Oregon, and we're hoping you can help by telling her story to everyone in Oregon. Janet Asher, the mother of a 5-month-old son, learned she had leukemia the day before Thanksgiving. It is the same kind of disease that afflicted Chris Patrick, the young man from Redmond who, with the help of Oregonians, received a life-saving bone marrow transplant earlier this year. Until a week ago, doctors offered no hope for Janet's life, and family and friends were told not to expect her to live. A week ago, we learned a bone marrow transplant could

make all the difference in the world. Efforts are underway locally to raise the \$270,000 for Janet because she and her husband do not have insurance. Tom Asher is a college student who works at a gas station to make ends meet. This couple could use your help, especially since the family has suffered so many hardships. Janet's mother passed away three years ago, and her grandfather died in September. Janet's sister has only Janet and a father left. Your help will be greatly appreciated, more than I can express. Sincerely, (s) Judy Harris 1366 Crestview Rd Prineville, OR 97754

**LCDC should base decision on quality**

To the Editor:  
At the recent land use hearing on Secondary Lands held at the State Capitol a former Chairman and a former Director of the Land Conservation and Development Commission both made statements to the effect that LCDC should base their decisions on the "quality" rather than on the "volume" of the testimony. The clear inference was that only testimony from the bureaucrats and special interest groups should be considered, and that the testimony from the "people" should be ignored. Over 400 Oregonians traveled

from all parts of the state to attend this hearing and almost all of the testimony was against the unreasonable and tyrannical restrictions proposed to control the use of their lands. These are the same people who will elect the next legislature. Let these bureaucrats be reminded that we still live in a democracy governed by the "people" and it is the "people" who will ultimately make the decision about what happens to their land. (s) Frank L. Nims Rt. 3 Box 290-B Sherwood, OR 97140

**Justice Court Report**

The Justice Court office at the courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:  
Bruce Vincent Hargreaves, Aloha-Open Container (beer) Failure to Yield Right of Way, \$47 fine;  
Donald Austin Cole, Heppner-Illegal Possession Cow Elk, taken closed season, Purchasing a Falsely Applied Resident Hunting License and deer tag, \$422 fine;  
Richard Ward Cole, Sacramento, CA-Illegal Possession Cow Elk, closed season, Possession of Falsely Applied for Elk Tag, \$727 fine.

**Marriage License**

The County Clerk at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:  
Robert Dale Starke, 18, Irrigon; and Cynthia JoAnn Ballard, 17, Irrigon.

**Hospital Notes**

Pioneer Memorial Hospital reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:  
Dale Mitchell, admitted Dec. 16, discharged Dec. 20;  
Tara Maben, Heppner-admitted Dec. 19, discharged Dec. 21.  
The following patients were discharged:  
Kathryn Beers, discharged Dec. 16; and Virginia Keithley, Heppner-discharged Dec. 19.  
The following patients were still receiving care as of press time:  
Cecil Stephanie, admitted Dec. 18;  
Archie Cox, admitted Dec. 20; and William Nichols, admitted Dec. 19.

**Sheriff's Report**

The Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:  
Dec. 19: Morrow County deputy responded to assist Oregon State Police with a two vehicle accident on I-84 and Hwy 730 Jct.; Morrow County deputy arrested Gerald D. Stamper, 41, Umatilla, on a Umatilla County warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.  
Dec. 20: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a logging truck rollover on Hwy 74 at Franklin Grade. Driver was penned inside the cab. Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance and Heppner Fire Department. Woodpecker Truck in Pendleton was also called for a wrecker to be used in assisting with the removal of the driver.  
Dec. 21: Morrow County deputy assisted Oregon State Police on I-84, Eastbound at milepost 168 with an unknown vehicle problem. Turned out that a trailer had come loose.  
Dec. 22: Morrow County deputy arrested Richard Dale Curtis on a Multnomah County warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Suspended.  
Morrow County deputies assisted Oregon State Police with a one-vehicle injury accident at I-84 & Hwy 730 Jct. Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance. One male with unknown injuries was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.  
Dec. 23: A Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to investigate an animal problem.  
Dec. 26: Morrow County deputies assisted three disabled motorists during the week December 19-26.  
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Department to a Heppner residence at 315 Union St. in response to a report of the residence having smoke inside the house. Residence checked and found to be O.K.  
Morrow County deputy assisted Oregon State Police with a one car rollover on I-84 eastbound at milepost 153. Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman and Arlington ambulance to the accident. A total of four patients were transported to Good Shepherd. Two of four had been ejected from the vehicle;  
Morrow County deputy assisted Oregon State Police with a vehicle in the ditch off Hwy 73 at milepost 177.  
Dec. 27: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to a report of suspicious circumstances. Report was unfounded;  
Morrow County deputy located four cows on Hwy 74 near Cecil. Owner was contacted to move them to safety.

**Obituary**

**Virginia Atkins**  
Virginia Grace Atkins, 69, of Hermiston, died at her winter home in Apache Junction, Ariz. Dec. 20. She had been ill with cancer for several months.  
Mrs. Atkins was born in Ione Jan. 6, 1919, to Elmer and Fannie Goodall Griffith. She was a 1936 graduate of Ione High School. She attended Linfield College, the University of Nevada in Reno, and received her master's degree in education from the University of Alaska in Anchorage.  
She lived in Alaska for many years, teaching at various schools. She retired in 1978 from the Fort Richardson School in the Anchorage school system.  
After retirement they sold their home at Eagle River Alaska, and moved to Hermiston, but spent the winters in Arizona.  
Mrs. Atkins was a member of the Episcopal Church for many years and a 52-year member of Ruth Locust Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star, at Heppner.  
She was also a member of the Retired Teachers Association, the Chugiak Gem and Mineral Society of Apache Junction, the Alaskan Lapidary Society, the Northwest Gem and Mineral Society and the Hat Rock Gem and Mineral Society. She was an active participant in each of these organizations and also was active in the promotion of education of youth, wherever she lived.  
Survivors include her husband, Robert Amos, Apache Junction; a son, Paul E. Miller of Quartzite, Ariz.; two sisters, Katherine Lindstrom, Ione; and June J. Haugen, Lake Oswego; a brother George G. Griffith, Ione; a granddaughter, Lori and a step-granddaughter April, both students of the University of Arizona at Tempe.  
Memorial services will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Hermiston Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 2 p.m.  
For those who desire memorial contributions may be made to the charity of their choice.

**I Resolve Not To---**

I haven't made New Year's Resolutions in years and maybe that explains a lot of things. This year I have a few. I resolve not to take cheap shots at sacred cows. Last fall I wrote a tongue-in-cheek article about a local subject and nearly lost a good friend over it all. My promise is to be more sensitive to those things my friends are sensitive to. I resolve not to bifurcate the relative. There are really very few things that are either this or that with no ground in between. We recently wrote about "safe" and "unsafe" and the relative ground in between. We hope that you will call us if we argue that something is either all bad or all good without acknowledging that there's a little bit of both in everything (see what I mean?)  
I resolve not to compute the alpha-average. 1 plus 3 plus 8 equals 12, divided by 3 equals an average of 4. But a new baby, a fat man, an old woman and a high school football player do not add up to an "average" person. Don't let me generalize about an "average" that simply cannot be calculated.  
I resolve not to assume positional metamorphosis. I have been guilty of saying "he was a pretty decent guy until they made him boss." More often I've said, "you can take a perfectly reasonable, sensible fellow and put him in political office and he turns to s---." We all know that just isn't true. When others make decisions that we disagree with, we too often ascribe the fact to a character defect in the other person. My resolve is to be more tolerant of those who hold positions that require decisions, to more carefully examine the decision rather than call the decision-maker a bad guy.  
Finally, I resolve to hit the nail on the head. I've been guilty of being mealy mouthed, under-handed and have side stepped the issue. You may still wonder, from time to time, just what is the point, but only when that is the point. When the point is something else, I'll try to make it straight out and not beat around the bush.  
Clip this list and tape it up somewhere that you can easily measure this column in the year to come. Let my Editor know when I fail to live up to these New Year's Resolutions. Thanks.



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**The Adventures of Grazeida & Clem...**  
(After Hours)

Grazeida Squeaked: "Hey, Clem, Here it is New Years Eve and you're still sittin there in your long johns!"  
Clem Yelled: "Hey Grazeida, Relax Muffin, I've got a big night planned. You skip on down to Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron and pick us up a soda pop and tonight you can have three. BIG sips out of it!"  
Grazeida Exploded: "Hey Clem, you '?!\*!\*

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