

Letters to the Editor

Give our economy a 'shot in the arm'

To the Editor:
There is a way we can all help improve the economy of Morrow County at a very small cost to us, the taxpayer.

When we go to the polls on March 28, we will be given an opportunity to vote for a general obligation bond authorization for the Port of Morrow. This levy will be a one time only assessment. It will cost a little less than 10¢ a thousand dollars. A \$50,000 home will cost approximately \$5 (one time only), and a \$100,000 piece of property will cost only \$10 (one time only).

This money will allow the port to make some much needed improvements, to rearrange its indebtedness, to purchase a few need-

ed acres for expansion and to help them operate more efficiently. It will allow the Port to be more competitive for business.

Business at the port is increasing. The over the dock tonnage has gone up. When the solid waste business begins the port will be humming with activity.

This all adds up to an improved economy in Morrow County... more jobs, more purchasing power and stabilized property values.

I urge you to support the bond issue that will give our county such a shot in the arm at such a low cost per taxpayer. It is a bargain.

Sincerely
(s) Bob Jepsen
Heppner

Ministerial Assoc. helps facilitate better understanding of issues

To the Editor:
The South Morrow County Ministerial Association deserves a big round of applause, especially Pastor Rick Evenson and Pastor Don Boyce. During this difficult time with teacher contract negotiations, which has created so much strife for all of us, it is indeed gratifying to know that our religious leaders are doing something to facilitate a better understanding of the issues, which may in turn help in resolving the situation.

The decision to sponsor the open forum could not have been an easy one. So many of our community members choose not to get involved with this issue in any way. The Pastors are to be commended for their tenacity.

The forum could not have taken place, however, if not for the cooperation of the Morrow County

School Board, particularly Mr. Duane Carroll, and the teachers who teach in Morrow County, especially those who participated on the panel: Al Beck, Steve Brownfield, Jennifer Byron, Larry French. I'm sure it was not easy for any of them. I personally know one of the panel members very well and can attest that he did not find the evening to be an easy one.

The last participant of the forum did appear to be relaxed and very much at ease. Mr. Ron Daniels, President of Blue Mountain Community College, did an excellent job as the moderator for the forum. I especially appreciated his humor, which he managed to display at just the right time.

Sincerely,
(s) Nancy Brownfield
Heppner

Legislation introduces for tax bases

To the Editor:
HJR1 and HB 2136 introduce legislation that would allow the whole state to vote on a tax base for any school districts operating under a safety net.

The importance of this legislation to allow a statewide vote goes beyond whether your district is in a safety net, in that it infringes upon your district's right to be the sole influence on local issues in your area. If your district is operating within the safety net, there will be a six percent increase for every year your district has operated in the safety net to calculate the new tax base. In the case of many Oregon school districts and counties, the property values have decreased in the last few years. If those values would remain stagnant or continue to decrease, you would be faced with a 6% increase on your budgets without a vote every year.

The prospect of this kind of tax base is going to stop any new businesses in your area if your taxing rates are high, unless the businesses are on the government

dole, which only raises the amount of taxes we pay anyway.

Our state government appears not to have the guts to solve a problem they have created with a lot of mandates on education. It's a railroad job. Local issues should be decided by the local people, not the whole state.

If you agree with me, contact your representative and senators. Ask them to stop this legislation. I am interested in your comments. Write me at the address below.

(s) Eric Ward
P.O. Box 476
Mosier, OR 97040-0476

Chief Rathbun's Tips

Drunk drivers seriously injure more than 10,000 Oregonians each year and they kill another 300. This week a new program aimed at keeping drunk drivers off the road will be announced: Safe Call. Safe Call is a revised, more "user-friendly" version of the Reddi (Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately) number with which you may be familiar.

Safe Call enables Oregonians to report drunk drivers by calling 1-800-24-DRUNK 24 hours a day or 911 if available in your area.

Heppner Police Report

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

Feb. 13: 1:59 p.m.-assist Sisters police department; 8:18 p.m.-Noise Complaint; 10:02 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

Feb. 14: 5:04 p.m.-Dog Complaint; 5:54 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

Feb. 15: 12 p.m.-Report of Death.

Feb. 16: 11:32 a.m.-Dog Complaint.

Feb. 17: 4:30 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 4:45 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 11 p.m.-Citizen Assist.

Feb. 18: 7:40 a.m.-Juvenile case.

Feb. 19: 9:53 a.m.-Motorist Assist; 1 p.m.-Assist City Crew; 7:56 p.m.-Parking Complaint.

Stokes Landing in Irrigon to serve soup and sandwich

Residents of Irrigon and surrounding communities are invited to come to a potato soup and ham sandwich dinner. This will be served at Stokes Landing Senior Center between 5 and 7 p.m. Friday, February 24. There will be a charge of \$2.50. Game night will follow at 7 p.m. with admission of \$1. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones, 989-8189

Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday for the regular meeting with N.G. Geri Martin in the chair. Plans were discussed for the "Sweetheart" dinner and party to be held on Sunday. A decorated tree was in the hall, with decorations on which are written needed articles for the Neighborhood Center and for a family locally who may be in need of assistance. The members are asked to take one of the decorations home and bring it back with the needed article. The tree is in memory of a deceased member Ruth Robinson, who was the Community Service chairman for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Martin presented a plaque which says "Ruth's Friendship Tree." It is hoped that this will be a successful project and will continue for several years. A Bingo party is being planned with the proceeds to be used for chairs and tables for the hall and other needed equipment. As the hall is used as a community hall, the lodge realizes the need for more furniture. The card party will be held March 4 as planned. Valentine gifts were sent to the sisters in the nursing home. Refreshments were served at which time secret sisters were revealed and names drawn for 1989. Two members fed the birthday box.

Ruby Calley is a patient in St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla.

Edgar and Frances Murty are visitors in the Tri-Cities several days a week where she receives medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Corcoran of Douglas, Alaska are visiting her parents, Josie and Glover Peck. She is the former Martha Peck.

Lexington Grange met for the regular meeting on Monday evening starting with a potluck dinner. Following the dinner a program was held with April Sykes giving some interesting facts of the Day Care Center. The Center is licensed by State Childrens Division, State Health Commission, USDA and

Obituary

Lena B. Gentry

Lena B. Gentry, 79, Pendleton, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1989 at St. Anthony Hospital.

Funeral service was Saturday in the chapel of Burns Mortuary in Pendleton with interment at the IOOF cemetery at The Dalles.

She was born December 19, 1909, at Ava, Mo., to Rex and Alta Rippee. She married Frank Gentry at Ava.

The Gentrys came to Pendleton in 1954 and she worked for the telephone company here until her retirement in 1974. She had begun working with the telephone company at Heppner in 1941.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Pendleton; a member of the Telephone Pioneers and volunteer for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). She was on the Advisory Board for the Salvation Army in Pendleton.

Survivors include a son, Duane, of Lake Oswego; brothers, Paul Brown of Heppner and Vernon Brown of Pendleton, and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the A.L.S. Foundation (Lou Gehrig Disease) or Betah Enterprises, directly or through Burns Mortuary.

The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem...

(After Hours)
6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.



Grazelda Cried: "Oh Clem, I think I'm gonna die! I've got this sore throat, cough, runny nose, headache and I'm sore all over!"

Clem Chirped: "Well gee, Grazelda, all you need is some of that nite-time cold medicine from Miller's Mini Mart and Chevron."

Grazelda sighed: "I knew you would baby me a little bit, you big lug!"

Clem Laughed: "Oh say, speaking of baby, you'd better baby that old pickup on your way down to Miller's, cause those roads are real slick this time of night!"

WANTED ITEMS FOR ST. PAT'S AUCTION

Last year's auction was a big success because of the many items that were donated. The auction is the main financial source for putting on the annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Heppner. The celebration has become bigger and better each year, and now brings our community state-wide recognition. In order to maintain this level, we need help from the people of this area. *How Can You Help?* Simply by donating one item of value to the auction. Then call one of the names below and we'll see that your donated item is picked up. With your help the auction will also get bigger and better!

Thanks For Your Support!

Pat Sweeney 676-9226 Jerry Healy 676-5240
John McCabe 676-5231 Mark Pointer 989-8572
Charlie Anderson 676-5182

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471 N. Main Heppner

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Office Hours: Mon. - Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
240 S.E. 2nd St. Suite D, Hermiston



Frederick the Great always insisted his coffee be made with champagne instead of water.

"Why am I smiling?"



Not too long ago, I could hear others, but I couldn't understand what they were saying.

Then my Hearing Health Professional tested me and said I was suffering from Nerve Deafness, a type of hearing loss that affects millions of people.

He also told me there is a new hearing technology that could help me: the Argosy canal hearing aid. So tiny, you probably can't see that I'm wearing it right now!

Take my advice and start enjoying the benefits of better hearing. Call your Hearing Health Professional today for a complete hearing test and evaluation.

For more information, please contact:

Ruud's
Hearing Aid Service
In Heppner On
Thursday, Feb. 23rd.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
AT GONTY'S
136 North Gale
FOR APPOINTMENT CALL
676-9264 or 276-3155 collect

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Live Coverage!

District A Girls Basketball Playoffs

Heppner vs. Weston McEwen

Friday, Feb. 24th - 7:00 p.m.

District A Boys Basketball Playoffs

Heppner vs. Pilot Rock

Friday, Feb. 24th - 8:30 p.m.

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