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## Letters to the Editor

### Think before you speed

To the Editor:

It happened a week ago Monday when my next door neighbors puppy was hit and killed but nobody stopped to report to her what had happened. My poor sweet neighbor was heartbroken over her loss.

Only three days later our dog was also hit and again nobody stopped to report a badly mangled dog not killed just left. We found her, rushed her to the vet leaving behind our crying son to watch our sleeping daughter. It was a late office call but Dr. Norrene stitched her back

together. What's going on here? Are dogs not qualified to feel pain. No one stopped, that really makes me mad. I believe the traffic on our street has increased and so has the speed. Maybe next time it might be a small child, mine maybe yours. Would you stop and report if you had hit someone? Please slow down. Remember the days are getting longer children and animals are out there.

(s) Carol Williams  
Heppner

### Lawmakers up to their old tricks

To the Editor:

The law makers in Salem are up to their old tricks, making bad laws. Senate bill 974 is just such a law. Senate bill 974 would give cities the power to condemn land outside and beyond the city limits.

Farmers and ranchers as well as country people should take note of this proposed law.

Right now the bill is in senator Glenn Otto's committee and hasn't come up for a hearing yet. You can reach his office in Salem at 1-800-327-7389 and for information as to the progress of senate bill 974 you can ring up 1-800-332-2313.

The city of Tualatin is trying to pull a fast one. They want to rewrite the law so that the city has the right to condemn land outside the city limits. And senator Paul Phillips (Tigard) was only too glad to draft senate bill 974 for the city of Tualatin.

My eighty seven year old mother and I live on a small farm just outside the city limits. The city wants to put in road improvements that would take 1,353 feet of our front

age an acre of land in all. The bottom line is that Tualatin wants to take the land through condemnation and to date they won't sit down at the bargaining table, because they don't want to pay fair market value, that's the way I see it. So now they want to change the law. Senate bill 974 would make bad law, because it gives too much power to the cities and also I think it deprives the country people their constitutional rights, like "due process" and all.

You would think the county commissioners would protect the rights of the people in the county--maybe it would be a good idea to pass the word to them about senate bill 974.

One think for sure, you should call your senator and representative 1-800-327-7389 and let them know how you feel, that's what they need to know, not what some city "bureaucrat" wants.

Sincerely,  
(s) John Larsen  
5360 S.W. Borland Rd  
Tualatin, OR 97062-9740

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## Sheriff's Report

The Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

April 10: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a one vehicle roll-over on I-84 near Three Mile Canyon. One subject was transported to Good Shepherd;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to report of a female with an unknown illness on Canal and Tom Camp roads in Boardman. There was no transport.

April 12: Morrow County dispatched the Boardman fire department to a grass fire at Wilson Road and Laurel Lane;

Morrow County arrested Fidel Ramirez-Delacruz, 41, of Boardman, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

April 13: Morrow County Sheriff's office began the investigation into an animal complaint on West Kunze Road in Boardman. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to a Boardman business to assist the City Police with the removal of a disorderly subject;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman rest area on I-84 to investigate a report of a suspicious female subject.

April 14: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon Fire department to a brush fire.

April 15: Morrow County deputy arrested Yolanda Soto, 34, Hermiston, on a warrant for Contempt of Court/Failure to Pay Fine. She was released to a Hermiston officer.

April 16: Morrow County deputy took a report and began preliminary search for a late returning hunter. Hunter returned and was OK;

Morrow County Sheriff's office and Oregon State Police assisted with location of owner and removal of cattle from I-84 at mile post 166.

During the week of April 10-17, Morrow County deputies assisted two disabled motorists.

## Heppner Police Report

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

April 10: 12:16 a.m.-Found Property.

April 13: 8:34 a.m.-Courteous Driver award to Ted Schwarz; 8:22 p.m.-request officer for Security Check; 9:21 p.m.-Dog Complaint.

April 14: 9:50 a.m.-Search Warrant; 6:24 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 6:30 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

April 15: 10:29 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 3:15 p.m.-report of Suspicious Persons.

April 16: 3:06 p.m.-assist Oregon State Police; 7:09 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

## Hospital Notes

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

Carl Miller, Heppner-admitted April 10, discharged April 11;

Dee Crist, Heppner-admitted April 11, discharged April 17;

Sherrie Mahoney, Heppner-admitted April 11, discharged April 13;

Cathy Peterson-admitted April 13, discharged April 15;

Patients still receiving care as of press time Tuesday were:

Herb Ekstrom, Ione;

Erma Keithley, Heppner-admitted April 14; and

Margaret Murray-admitted April 17.

Patients discharged were:

Mary Ekstrom-discharged April 13.

## 4-H News

Foods Inc.

By Dawn Boor, Reporter

On April 12, 1989 Foods Inc. held a 4-H cooking meeting in the Ione High School.

Foods Inc. is having a bake sale on April 26, 1989 at the Office Tavern. We are going to have cookies, pies, cakes, sweet treats and all sorts of breads. Our next meeting is on May 3, 1989 at 3:35 so please be there.

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## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

"Seemed like 40 years ago all Chamber did was meet and eat," said Mabel Flint, Duncan, Arizona, who was one of two women belonging to Morrow County Chamber in 1948. On her first trip back to Heppner in 40 years, she shared her memories of working with Nels Anderson as a Home Extension Agent above First Interstate Bank.

In those days this included pulling a calf as there was no vet in the county. Mabel also shared the similarities of Duncan, Arizona and Heppner. "It takes people and pride to keep all small communities alive," she said.

"The wagons are coming, the wagons are coming." Mark July 3

on your calendars for the arrival of the Wagon Train in Heppner. Wagons, teams, draft horses, and around 100 people, many in authentic pioneer dress will be arriving on the annual wagon train trek. Those of you with buggies, wagons, horses and old time clothes, plan to be on hand to ride out and escort them into town. There will be an opportunity to "circle the wagons" and attend a barbecue at the fairgrounds that evening. Please contact Chamber office with ideas for this special event and to notify planning committee if you would like to ride out to join the "parade". This is an opportunity for young and old alike to catch the pioneer spirit.

Welcome to new 1989 Chamber members: TREC (Tours and Recreation in Eastern Oregon) and the Forest Service. We're glad to have you on board.

Don't forget to bring your secretaries to lunch Tuesday, April 25. It's secretaries week, and what better thought for the week than: "Silent gratitude isn't very much use to anyone". G.B. Stern.

## Births

**Mahaly Ann Huddleston**-a daughter Mahaly, was born April 12, 1989 to Mark and Janice Huddleston of Beaverton at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs.

Grandparents are Tom and Garnett Huddleston, and Calvin and Beverly Sherman all of Heppner.

The baby joins one brother, Kyle, 2 years, at home.

**Regina Lee Seitz**-a daughter Regina, was born April 3, 1989 to Anthony and Lori Seitz of Heppner at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs.

Grandparents are Jean Ann and Kenny Turner, and Faye Seitz all of Heppner.

Great-grandparents are Irene Swanson, Heppner.

The baby joins one brother, Brandon, 2 years at home.

**Aaron Michael Hendricks**-a son Aaron, was born April 6, 1989 to David and Eileen Hendricks of Boardman at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 9 ozs.

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## Sometimes It's The Smallest Things

Ever notice how it's sometimes the smallest things that make the most difference?

That's the way it was for me last week.

Just last week Francie was bringing me home from the hospital and we saw the smallest thing. A couple of young fellows in a pickup ahead of us lost a bag and box of garbage right out on the roadway ahead of us. A common enough sight in Boardman, what with the wind and all.

But these young fellows didn't just drive merrily along as so many people do these days. They stopped, backed up and began to police up the litter. It was to be quite a job too, scattered across the road and the traffic kind of heavy.

Well, it was like a whole new idea popped into my head. There is some good in the world. Spill milk can be cleaned up by golly and there are people willing to make the effort to do so. By gosh there are some folks that are ok, they do try to do the right thing and if more of us join them, things will turn out better for us. Maybe even just a few of us can make things right again.

You see, I had become really very bitter about this teacher strike. What a needless waste of energy with no winners, all losers and so much hate and discontent that I saw no future at all.

Teachers lost more in wages during the strike than they will recover in raises over the entire contract. The Board spent more in fighting the strike than they would have spent on the teachers demands before the strike. The citizen committee that eventually jumped in to get it settled, put their personal reputations on the line and lost. Most importantly, the community and the children lost an efficient, harmonious, well-respected education system.

I was bitter, despondent and prepared to leave. In nearly every other district experiencing a teacher strike it has taken more than 10 years to make up the lost ground. I wasn't prepared to spend the next 10 years here fighting a battle that doesn't exist elsewhere.

We put the place up for sale. The twelve hundred dollars the strike cost us put us in default on the mortgage so it would only be a matter of time anyway.

Francie and I both worked up our resumes. Mine is in circulation, she's updating her credentials. She talked to an old college classmate who makes \$10,000 more than she does in another district with a lighter class load. We put together a long list of districts that prefer mature, experienced teachers and are willing to pay for them.

I bought a few classified ads.

But then we saw those young men stop to pick up the garbage.

We can do that, too. And it's such a decent thing to do we ought to. And before we even got home, each of us had, without really talking about it, decided that that was just what we were going to do. Pick up the mess and make this just a little better place to live. At least no worse for our having passed this way.

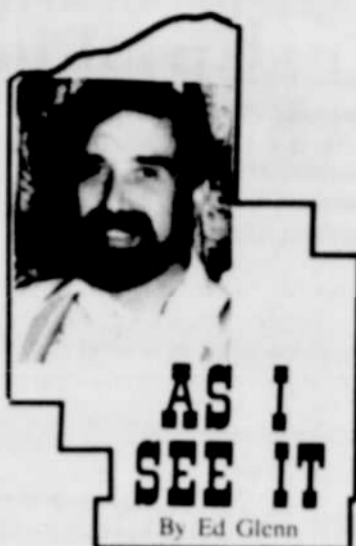
It won't be easy. It never is easy to stop your headlong journey to pause and pick up the pieces from a garbage spill. Each of us in our own selfish way has our own selfish goal and to interrupt that to serve our fellow man is sometimes just too much of an imposition. Too much of a bother. It takes time, and energy and sometimes a loss of pride to stop and pick up what we spill, right the wrong we may have been caught up in.

But it's the only decent thing to do.

The first step: Gary, Marcia, I'm sorry about the ads. That was the wrong thing to do. The right thing is for you, Francie and I to sit down over dinner (I know where we can get a good bottle of wine) and talk about the future.

The hospital trip? A cervical laminectomy. Cured the terrible pain down my right arm, instantly and completely. The neck is still a little sore. I tire easily yet but much better thanks.

And not so bad that I was unable to start the spring herb planting. We're going to have the finest herb garden that Morrow County has ever seen. It'll be a tourist stop for miles around.



**The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem...**  
(After Hours)  
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Clem yelled: "Hey, Grazelda, run on down to Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron, and pick me up some lunch fixins. I'm either gonna go bag a Big Tom Turkey or catch us a big mess of fish!"

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