

Letters to the Editor

Take time to save a life

To the Editor:
On May 25, 1989, Pioneer Memorial Hospital will be sponsoring a blood drive from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge. In this day and age of high tech medical miracles something is overlooked all too often. That special something is you. In major surgery or unexpected accidents the life saver is all too often blood. Without the availability of this simple gift that we each possess, we would be forced to return to the

dark ages.
Blood can not be manufactured or imported from far away lands, it is unique. It is the ultimate gift, and only you can provide this life saving miracle. The only thing you will get from donating is a warm feeling inside knowing you are saving a life. Take a few minutes from your day and share life.

Sincerely,
(s) Jay Straley
Laboratory Technician
Pioneer Memorial Hospital

Residents concerned over hotel project

To the Editor:
To All Concerned About the Heppner Hotel Project:

It appears that this includes all the people in Heppner--those that wish the hotel project well and those that don't.

There were several alternatives that the city could have pursued instead of opting for the hotel renovation. To name a few: 1. The city could have paid to tear the building down. 2. As retired people continued to move away, adult jobs were lost, and children moved from the area, the people could have opted to shrink the city in size and lose the following: a. Doctors, hospital and drugstore. b. Full service bank c. Probably most of the businesses excepting a grocery store, restaurant and tavern.

This is happening all around us. Do we want this? Do you really want to punish the people that are trying to preserve what we now have?

The hotel project requires an immense amount of cooperation, some of which has not been forthcoming. Many pitfalls we have experienced, and that it takes time to solve, could

readily have been avoided if this weren't the pioneer project for this type of facility. Many communities are looking at how we solve these problems so they may benefit from our difficult path.

None of this will be solved overnight. The property tax situation will be addressed further. The alternative to facilities like this one in our community is to warehouse our retired persons in urban areas where the services would be available but the amenities of life to which we are accustomed would not be.

Unfortunately, it does take time for any business to get established. When that time comes, the city will benefit immensely from the investment of time and energy that has been expended by many, many people. The \$500,000 grant the city received to help fund the project does not go back to the government. As that money is repaid by the rents, these funds stay in the community to fund other badly-needed city projects. Not a bad investment, is it?

Sincerely
(s) Margaret Murray
Heppner and Ione

Vote Yes on Measure 1

To the Editor:
I urge all Oregonians to support Ballot Measure 1 on May 16. This measure will give up-to-date tax bases to the one-third of our state's school districts who lack them. If voters agree, it will bring much needed stability to Oregon schools and give every child a fair chance at a quality education. The measure also provides needed additional state

funds for our poorest school districts and special help for students with severe handicaps.

A yes vote for Ballot Measure 1 is a vote for the future of our state. Please join me in making Oregon schools the best possible.

(s) Verne A. Duncan
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Milwaukie, Oregon

Keep dogs under control

To The Editor:
In regard to the letter about the dogs being run over, published in the April 19 issue of the Gazette Times, I would like to say this: if your dog is so greatly loved, why do you let it roam the streets like a stray? Also, do you expect everyone in town to

know to whom every dog belongs? This is one more reason why Heppner needs an enforced leash law. Please dog owners, keep your dogs tied or in your fenced yards, because accidents do happen.

(s) Sherry Vejraska
Heppner

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



Everyone is invited to our grand opening on Friday, May 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. Special introductions and programs at 3 o'clock. Come and help us celebrate.

Our recreation room is open now all day and evenings including the weekends. Come by to chat and enjoy, take a load off and let the rest of the world go by.

This week: Thursday: Kiwanis meeting and lunch at noon.
Friday: Morning coffee hour in the rec room from 9 to 11 a.m. Mother's Day food sale in foyer and rec. room at 9 a.m.

Next week: Wednesday-lunch at 12 o'clock in the dining hall. Menu: tuna noodle casserole, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, rolls, butter and fruit. Suggested donations for over 60's: \$1.50; for under 60's, \$2.00. Afternoon cards in the rec. room.

Thursday: Cleanup and decorate party in the afternoon and cookie bake in the kitchen. All preparations for our open house.

Friday: Our grand opening from 2 to 5 p.m. with tours of the apartments.

Beginning Tuesday, May 16, several members of the Morrow County Artists group will be displaying their work at the hotel.



The Russian wheat aphid is building in numbers. There have been several fields sprayed this spring and many more will need it, I am sure.

So far, the aphids are appearing only in the fields that hosted them before, such as early seeded fall wheat. All of the aphids that are showing up in the survey that Dick Jackson, Oregon Department of Agriculture entomologist, is conducting are wingless. None have wing pads.

This means that they are not yet moving to new crops, like the spring wheat. But keep sampling those fields, anyway. This report is always about a week behind and you may have aphids without knowing it.

When you sample a field looking for the aphids, look for APHIDS, not for wheat with symptoms. Pull a random number of plants from the field and take them back to the truck. As you examine the plants, pull them apart and really look closely for aphids. Use a hand lens.

Field sampling should really be done once a week, or oftener once you discover the aphid in the field.

Economic threshold levels for the Russian wheat aphid are between 5% and 20%. On new grains, such as spring wheat, the lower threshold should be used. On well tilled grain which is heading out, use 20%. After the wheat has reached the soft dough stage of growth, further treatments are not recommended.

The aphid is a small, pale green insect without cornicles and with very short antennae. If you are in doubt about identification of any insect you find in the field, bring it by the Extension office for positive identification.



Pipeline, a peer-leadership program is being used in grades K-8 at Heppner Elementary School. Three lessons are taught at each grade level on self-esteem, decision making and what is safe and healthy. Here, Ethan Burnside, second from right, and Evan

Weygant, center, instruct Cara Costa's third grade students on the hidden dangers involved in advertising. Ethan is showing the good things and Evan points out the bad things.

Anson Wright Park open Memorial Week-end

Due to the assistance of volunteer help, Anson Wright park will be open Memorial Day week-end. Cutsforth Park will not be open at this time.

Yard of the month belongs to Anderson



Lexington's yard-of-the-month honors go to Pastor Glenn and Phyllis Anderson and their children Laree and Andrew who reside at 150 E. Main St. next to Del's Market. Anyone driving through Lexington this past month could hardly fail to see the colorful planting of red and yellow tulips along the fence that gives the family a private garden. The tulips are now past their prime, but soon iris will take over the show and snapdragons will follow. Inside the fence is a shady lawn with colorful borders of flowers planned for continued beauty all

season. Separating this area from the food garden in raised beds in the back yard is a row of lilacs in full bloom.

On the east side of the house and driveway is another tidy lawn with birch trees and more flower borders now gay with the pink of bleeding hearts and white mounds of candytuft.

A well-planned doorway garden greets the eye by the front entrance and among the flowers are evergreens to make the winter months beautiful.

Another Science Fair project



Amber Rollis, 4th grader, demonstrates how to put a balloon in a jar and getting it back at the Science Fair last Wednesday night in Heppner. By lighting a match, throwing it in the bottle it consumes the oxygen causing the balloon filled with water to drop down in. Then by blowing air back into the bottle with a straw the balloon will come back out.

Music camp for high school students

The PSU Music Department announces its first summer Music Camp for high school musicians. Choir, orchestra, band, and jazz band students gather on PSU's beautiful urban campus to spend five exciting days studying with some of the finest university music faculty in the Northwest.

Participants spend two afternoons and three full days in intensive sessions. The workshop concludes with a student performance Monday evening June 19 which is free and

open to the public. The program is open to all high school students; participants are nominated by their high school music directors. Graduating seniors are welcome to apply. The cost is \$60 and includes enrollment in a one-credit college level music class.

For more information contact David Jimerson, PSU Music Department, 464-3011 or the PSU Summer Session 464-4081, or toll free 1-800-452-4909.

Meadowood celebrates 25th anniversary

Meadowood Springs Speech Camp will be celebrating their 25th anniversary August 11-13.

The camp, located in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon provides intensive therapy for young people with speech, hearing and language disorders.

Over 1500 young people have attended Meadowood. The camp also provides training for speech

pathologists of which 325 have had training at Meadowood.

Meadowood is looking for past campers and staff as well as Elks Lodge members and others who have been involved with the camp for their reunion.

Phone or write Meadowood Springs Speech Camp, P.O. Box 1025, Pendleton, or call 276-2752 or evenings 285-7300 for more information.



Thank you to those who helped with the 2nd. annual Currin Invitational Calf Roping and Steer Wrestling.

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Ron & Judy Currin, Tom & Marlene Currin
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