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## Stop businesses from being wiped out

To the Editor:

In a predominately rural state such as Oregon, which depends almost wholly on an adequate distribution system to service its far-flung population, it is strange that our Governor and higher-echelon legislators are hastening the demise of our equitable distribution of medicines and gas. These people are presently advocating discriminatory pricing policies and mail order prescriptions. And the Federal government, the administrator of Medicaid and Medicare, is advocating giving physicians willing to dispense medicine \$10,000 computers to aid them in the process.

I am distressed that Oregon is leading the way down the path to the demolition of all businesses other than "big." Our Governor and legislators appear to have bought the premise that what is good for big government, big business, and big medicine is also just and good for all the state's citizens. When many small businesses such as pharmacies are gone (essentially by government decree), and you need emergency medication for pneumonia, if events proceed as presently unfolding, you will be picking up your medications at your physician's or your hospital's dispensing room. Any questions you have concerning your prescriptions may or may not be answered, depending on whoever is dispensing in your instance.

We presently have onerous problems with illegal drug markets. Are we ready for more problems with the distribution and control of legal drugs? The service stations in rural areas are in the same situation. The state of Oregon, by acquiescing to card loc distribution to all retail customers rather than being limited to businesses, will effectively cut out the wholesaler's availability to the

rural service stations. Will the card loc then answer all needs? Will they supply repair services and gas when you come hunting, fishing or vacationing in Eastern Oregon? Will we have a generic card loc? Are we slated for one huge gas conglomerate with attendant grip upon our jugular? Will your card loc plastic work in our system?

While destroying ready access to services, livelihoods will also be destroyed and this will create a domino effect in rural areas. Small businesses are important in our country, but big government, big business and big medicine can see no further than their own importance. Small businesses are expendable in their view.

It does not appear that these things can happen without also destroying the basic current lifestyle in the USA.

I was asked a little over a year ago to be on the Board of Governors of the Oregon Retail Council. The only perception I have gained from doing this is that the deck is already stacked.

Anyone who values the present system and lifestyle now available in Oregon needs to call their legislator. You can contact them by using the state's toll-free access system. This number is 1-800-327-7389. The system works on a "call back" basis. Leave messages and your call will be returned. At this late date in the session I believe you can register your opinions with the person answering this number and it will be forwarded to your legislator. Or consult your local newspaper for your legislator's phone number in Salem. And while asking give the newspaper your reasons for calling. If you cannot get your message through by phone, please write. Time is running out.

(s) Margaret G. Murray

## Alexander not leaving Heppner

To the Editor:

To paraphrase Samuel Clemmons: I am happy to report that the recent rumors of my departure from Morrow County are much exaggerated. We are still open two days a week. Those days are now Mondays and Tuesdays. During the week of June 19 we will be closed while we

remodel our asepsis area. We are trying to stay abreast of current concepts, regulations and techniques. We are committed to providing quality dental care to the Heppner area. Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,  
(s) Thomas Alexander

## Heppner Police Report

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

June 5: 8:09 p.m.-report of Hit and Run.  
June 6: 5:12 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief; 5:22 p.m.-report of Dog Being Poisoned; 8:17 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 8:49 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.  
June 8: 2:30 p.m.-report of Child Abuse.  
June 10: 11:34 p.m.-Dog Complaint.  
June 11: 6:34 p.m.-citation issued for driving 55 mph in a 25 zone.

## Justice Court Report

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

Patrick Kevin Arterburn, Hermiston-Careless Driving, \$67 fine;  
Scott Leroy Brooks, Boardman-Open Container (beer), \$30 fine;  
Richard McElligott, Ione-Criminal Mischief II, \$437 fine, 1 year probation, no further violation of law.

## Free seedlings to be given away

The Morrow SWCD will be giving away Pine and Fir Seedlings Friday, June 16 between 8 a.m. and 12 noon at the district office located at 430 Heppner/Lexington Highway, Heppner.

Please bring your own gunny sack.

## Donations invited for Hermiston Band

To the Editor:

One hundred twenty high school band students from Hermiston, Oregon, are planning on going to Vienna, Austria, this summer for the 18th annual international youth and music festival. They will be the only band participating from the United States. Participation is by invitation only. At this time, the students need

\$40,000 more to make the trip possible. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation please send it to the Hermiston High School Music Boosters, Box 639, Hermiston, Oregon 97838. Departure date is scheduled for July 11.

(s) Sharon Vincent  
Hermiston, Oregon

## Letters to the Editor

### Obituaries

#### Richard S. Hendricks

Richard S. Hendricks, 71, of Ione, died Sunday, June 11, 1989, at Good Samaritan Care Center in Hermiston.

Recitation of the rosary was Monday at St. William Catholic Church in Ione. Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday at the church with concluding service and burial following at High View Cemetery in Ione.

Hendricks was born Oct. 29, 1917, at Portland to Richard and Sophia Baylink Hendricks. He graduated from Arlington High School in 1939, then farmed in the Eightmile area for a couple of years before entering the military service. Following his discharge in 1945, he worked as a longshoreman at the Portland harbor.

On July 5, 1946, he married Mildred Wing at Goldendale.

Following his retirement, he moved to Ione in 1976.

Survivors include his wife, at the home; sons, Richard of Scappoose and Charles of St. Helens; sister, Joan Jones of Norman, Okla.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

#### Elba Breeding Anderson

The funeral for longtime Heppner resident Elba Breeding Anderson was Friday in the chapel at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston. Burial followed at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Mrs. Anderson, 79, of Heppner, died Tuesday, June 6, 1989 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

She was born Aug. 1, 1909, in Kimberly, Ore.

She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, a former member of the Moose Lodge Auxiliary and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Survivors include her husband, William Anderson of Hermiston; son Fred Breeding of Heppner; daughters Yvonne Garber of Hermiston and Aileen Stice of Salem; brothers, L.D. Vinson of Monument; Lee Vinson of Danville, Calif.; and Darrell Vinson of Heppner; sister Flossie Breeding of Hermiston; six grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

### Hospital Notes

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

Tom Huddleston, Heppner-admitted June 1, discharged June 3;  
Gladys Snider, Ione-admitted June 4, discharged June 9;  
Emily Bergstrom-admitted June 5, discharged June 6;  
Pat Edmundson, Heppner-admitted June 7, discharged June 10;  
Ed Dick, Heppner-admitted June 7, discharged June 11;  
Elizabeth Owens-admitted June 7, discharged June 10;  
Ernest McCabe, Heppner-admitted June 10, discharged June 11.  
Bettie Doherty was discharged on June 3.

### WCCC Golf

Jack & Jill Tournament  
June 9, 1989

Low gross: Wayland & Pat Hyatt, 34; Second low gross: Darrel & Bev Wilson 35; Third low gross: Gerald & Harriet Pierson, 36; fourth low gross: Elmer & Muriel Palmer, 38.  
Low net: Riley & Bebe Munkers, 27; second low net-Earl & Carol Norris, 29; third low net-Dave & Coral Mitchel, 30.

K.P.: Gerald Pierson and Pat Hyatt.  
Long drive: Dave & Carol Mitchel.

#### Arthur A. Allen

The funeral for Arthur A. Allen was Tuesday at the Boardman Community Church. Burial was at the Boardman cemetery.

Allen, 87, of Boardman, died Wednesday, June 7, 1989 at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland.

He was born at Clearwater, Neb. on Oct. 15, 1901 to Jess M. and Laura Ann Allen.

He and his wife, Mabel, had been married for 63 years. They came to Boardman in August of 1921.

Allen was at one time employed by the Oregon State Highway Department, worked for a time for Standard Oil Co. and for many years had a Texas Service Station in Boardman. He was also at one time State bee inspector.

Allen was formerly mayor of Boardman and a former city councilman. He served on the Urban Renewal Agency board, the Marine Park board and the Morrow County Planning Commission. He was a director of the Bank of Eastern Oregon for 28 years and a director of Umatilla Electric Co-op for 23 years.

He was a life member of the Northwest Public Power Association and was honored recently at a meeting in Calgary, Canada for his long years of service.

He was a member of Greenfield Grange at Boardman for 53 years and a former member of the Lions Club.

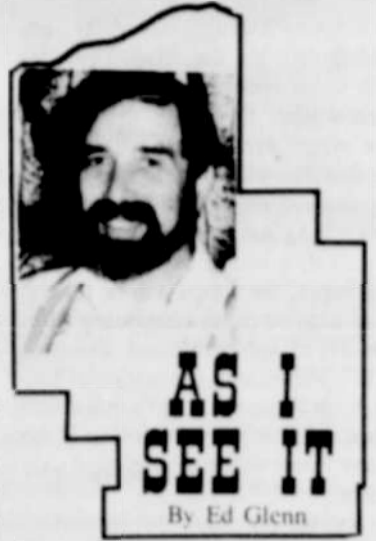
Survivors include his wife at the home; sister, Mildred A. Baker of Boardman; sons, Clayton of Yakima; Gene of Boardman; daughter, Shirley Allen of Yakima; eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to Inland Empire Bank, Boardman, to benefit the great-great-granddaughter who has cerebral palsy.

Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

In honor of the  
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hundred and eighty-nine at a Buffet Reception two  
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Ione Oregon No Gifts Please

## Close 'Em Down



At a recent Boardman City budget hearing, a Councilman is quoted as saying the budget was too big, but he just couldn't see any place to cut it. There's the same problem with the national and state budgets, everyone agrees they are too big but nobody can figure out a way to cut.

The school district has figured out a way when the voters just plain say no. The cuts are always painful and usually fall "unfairly." They always have consequences thought by some to be undesirable, but budgets can always be cut. It really can be done.

But it only happens when it absolutely must. We don't know of any governmental entity that reduced its budget when it was not absolutely necessary. In the case of the school district, the voters simply would not approve more taxes. In the case of the state and federal budgets, the voters have no voice.

They don't have a voice in Boardman either. The city has a huge tax base approved a few years ago on the promise that "we'll never use it all, we just want to have it in case unusual circumstances require it sometime in the future." The voters wised up and rejected that same lie from the school board the last time they offered a tax base.

Only after Boardman's "unusual circumstances" budget was adopted did the city fathers "discover" that state law sets the tax base at (1) the approved tax base or (2) the highest tax levy of the past three years, whichever is lower. So you just can't let a huge tax base lie unused. Use it or lose it is the word of the day. And Boardman intends to use it.

And that makes the city's tax rate more than \$10 per thousand. More than the school district's. Nearly twice the county's rate. And that makes Boardman rank in the top 20 of 260 cities in Oregon. About half of those cities operate on half of the tax rate folks pay in Boardman.

Incidentally, Boardman is not alone. Heppner and Irrigon are both over \$8 and Morrow County is one of the top counties in the state.

Our friend, the Councilman, has missed one place where some savings might be realized.

A major part of the city's general fund expenditure provides a police force in the city. With the county sheriff and his deputies and the State police all passing through town, there has long been a sizable group of taxpayers that question the need for a city police force.

That question has been intensified recently when the Boardman Chief of Police went on record as favoring the closure of all businesses that sell alcoholic beverages.

Let's see, that's two restaurants with lounges, one with a motel, a tavern, the mayor's own grocery store, two convenience stores with gas stations, one with a bulk fuel business, and a City councilman's pharmacy/liquor store. (The local winery is outside the city limits, thank goodness.)

There wouldn't be much left of the Boardman business district if the Chief were to have his way. Certainly not enough to require police protection.

At a time when the Boardman city fathers are scrambling to find jobs for folks in town, to save the jobs that are already here and to promote some new growth through new jobs, it seems strange that little objection to the Chief's wish to shut 'em down has surfaced.

We've done a little informal head count and it looks like nearly 100 jobs are provided by businesses that sell alcoholic beverages. We can imagine how excited everyone would be if a new employer would come to town looking to employ 100 people.

But when the Mayor was accosted with the Chief's position, he just laughed it off and the City Manager dismissed it all by saying there wasn't anything he could do either.

As I see it, if our Councilman friend were really serious about a budget that's too big, he could save a bunch of money by eliminating the one force in town that wants to shut 'em down. But maybe he's not really serious after all.

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