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## Letters to the Editor

### Support Brownfield for BMCC director

To the Editor:

This letter is written in support of Nancy Brownfield, the incumbent, who is running for Position No. 1 on the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Directors. Nancy is completing her fourth year on the board. This last year she has been the chairman of board of directors. Nancy Brownfield is the best candidate for this position. Her interest and enthusiasm in serving on the board is matched only by the impact she has had in helping the direction and philosophy of Blue Mountain Community College.

Another important factor in support of Nancy's candidacy is the fact that she represents a constituency that contributes 37 percent of the tax

dollars used to operate the college. She is the only representation Morrow County has on the board with other members on the board being from Pendleton, Milton-Freewater, Helix and Hermiston; all Umatilla county locations.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce feels that the interests of all Blue Mountain Community College's patrons will be well served by supporting Nancy Brownfield for position No. 1.

Please join us in supporting Nancy's candidacy when you receive your mail in ballot.

Sincerely,  
(s) Cliff Green  
President Heppner Chamber of Commerce

### Retain Alan Holmes on school board

To the Editor:

Morrow County residents will be voting in the March 27 mail-in election for a candidate to fill a position on the Morrow County School Board.

I strongly support the incumbent Alan Holmes of Boardman who has demonstrated his dedication, energy and commitment to provide the best education for our children. Alan has the experience, integrity and has devoted the needed time to give to this responsibility. He previously served on the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee, and as a school board member has attended advisory meetings in Boardman and Irrigon

and Lone and Heppner.

As a board member, Alan was appointed to the transportation committee, a Morrow County-Umatilla Education Service District committee and in addition serves as a budget member.

Alan has three children in our school system and believes in keeping abreast of citizens desires in our children's education.

Retaining Alan Holmes on our school board assures quality education will continue in Morrow County.

(s) Marcia Kemp  
Box 527  
Lexington

## Sheriff's Report

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

March 6: Morrow County Sheriff's office paged the Boardman ambulance to the clinic. Page was then cancelled by request from clinic.

Morrow County deputy began investigation of theft of tools from Jack Crum ranch near Lone. Tools were valued at \$300.

Morrow County deputy responded to a family disturbance outside Heppner. Mental health assisted.

Morrow County Sheriff's office paged the Heppner ambulance to a Lexington residence. Morrow County deputy assisted. One 80 year old male was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a .380 Colt handgun reported stolen from a vehicle in Irrigon. Gun was valued at \$450.

Morrow County deputy responded to a Cain drive near Irrigon to investigate an unknown vehicle on private property. The owner of the vehicle had permission for it to be there.

Morrow County deputy cited and released Charlie L. Buckles, 18, Pendleton for Minor In Possession.

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a dog complaint and vandalism in the Irrigon area.

March 7: Morrow County deputy began investigation of damage to a residence and theft of a washer belonging to Ken Evans in the Boardman area. There was no estimate of damage or value at press time.

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a truck parked in a field in Irrigon. Truck did not belong to the owner of the field, investigation is continuing.

March 8: Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon where two dogs had been trying to kill sheep. Dogs were unable to be located.

Morrow County deputy responded to the lone area to begin investigation of a complaint of obscene phone calls.

Morrow County deputy responded to Wagon Wheel Estates near Irrigon to investigate a complaint of reckless shooting. Investigation is continuing.

Morrow County deputy responded to Wagon Wheel Estates near Irrigon to investigate a complaint of a dog bothering livestock—chickens.

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate complaint of careless driving in the Boardman area on Paul Smith road. Deputy's were unable to locate vehicle.

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a juvenile problem. Investigation is continuing.

March 9: Morrow County deputy responded to Boardman for a family disturbance.

March 10: Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon for a family problem.

During the week of March 5 - 11, Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted three disabled motorists.

March 11: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance for a female, 45, with an unknown illness.

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Heppner for a family problem.

March 12: Morrow County Sheriff's office paged Boardman fire department to a grass fire on Wilson Road and Root Lane. Amount of damage was unknown.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of a stolen bicycle. Investigation is continuing.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon Fire department to a residential fire in Condon.

March 13: Morrow County deputy arrested Daryl Jay Ott, 36, Umatilla on a circuit court warrant for Assault II. Ott was lodged at Benton County Jail.

## Heppner Police Report

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

Feb. 19: 11:30 a.m.-report of Theft.

Feb. 20: 5:13 p.m.-false alarm; 6:58 p.m.-Parking Citation issued; 8:08 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief.

Feb. 21: 10:05 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

Feb. 23: 4:36 p.m.-assist ambulance.

Feb. 24: 11:15 a.m.-report of Theft; 3 p.m.-Traffic Control; 7:55 p.m.-motorist assist.

Feb. 25: 10:45 a.m.-false alarm; 3:05 p.m.-assist Oregon State Police; 6:02 p.m.-citation issued for Driving While Suspended.

Feb. 26: 8:20-false alarm; 8:40 a.m.-motorist assist; 4:55 p.m.-report of Theft.

Feb. 27: 8:23 a.m.-courteous driver award to Jerald D. Lancaster; 8:33 a.m.-courteous driver award to Robert A. Krein; 5:18 p.m.-false alarm; 9:45 p.m.-assist fire department.

Feb. 28: 10:05 a.m.-assist ambulance.

March 1: 10 a.m.-Civil Disturbance; 12:50 p.m.-motorist assist.

March 2: 9:53 p.m.-Civil Matter.

March 3: 11:45 a.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 11:47 a.m.-motorist assist; 12:23 p.m.-report of Burglary.

March 4: 12:06 -Welfare Check; 6:53 p.m.-citation issued for Excessive Tire Noise; 11:28 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

March 5: 12:43 a.m.-assist motorist.

March 6: 4:31 p.m.-found property; 7:48 p.m.-assist motorist; 8:43 p.m.-citation issued for No Operator License, Vehicle Expired; 9:07 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Department.

March 7: 8:30 a.m.-report of Theft; citation issued for Theft II to three suspects; 7:02 p.m.-report of Missing Person.

March 8: 7 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Department.

March 9: 12:35 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 12:01-funeral escort; 8:45 p.m.-assist Prineville Police department.

March 10: 1 p.m.-false alarm.

March 11: 3:13 p.m.-citation issued for No Operator License; Driving Uninsured.

## Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

March 8: Vern and Marie Van Etta, Heppner.

## Prejudice

Why is it that on St. Patrick's Day most of us try to find some Irish blood somewhere in the family tree? Why is it that on St. Patrick's day everyone is a little bit Irish?

I don't know of a day when everyone is a little bit black, nor a time when everyone wants to be a little Hispanic. Most of us simply do not identify with those cultures, yet nearly all of us are foreigners or descendants of foreigners from one place or another.

The only exceptions are American Indians and I don't know of a day when we're a little bit Indian either.

It might be skin color. But then I've known some pretty dark Italians and a lot of my friends claim to be Italian lovers. And I've known some very fair skinned Scandinavians, and I see a lot of tall Norwegian blondes. Many Hispanics have the very fair skin of their Spanish ancestors, so maybe skin color alone does not explain the difference between some cultural groups and others.

I think it has a lot to do with the adoption of the American culture. Just what the American culture is hard to say. It's kind of a mix of a lot of other cultures, yet not the same as any of them.

The American culture includes dress. Generally it's pretty much a conservative, standard, "what everyone else is wearing," sort of thing. But we do tolerate some low cut evening gowns, some skimpy bathing suits and Spandex. People who dress radically different than most of us sometimes are the victim of our prejudice.

But most of all, our culture includes language. We say we speak English, but a native Englishman cringes at the thought. I'm like Snuffy Smith who says we talk "New Ninted States." We can tolerate only a little accent of a different language and beyond that, a heavy accent or the inability to speak (and write) standard English, evokes our prejudice.

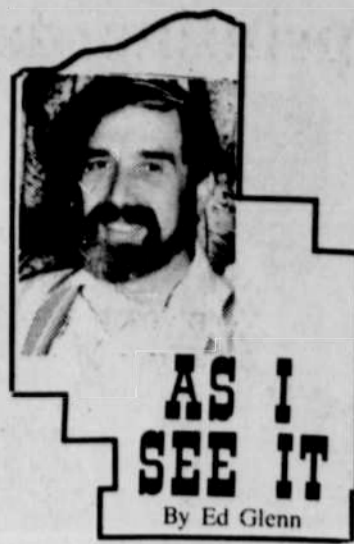
Many immigrant groups have overcome our prejudice by learning to speak the usually accepted standard English. When they do not, or even individuals do not, somehow we want to avoid them, not associate with them, even "hate" them.

The Irish have set the example for all other peoples of all other cultures. Over the generations they have maintained a bit of their native culture. They have maintained their old world identity. Family identities and histories have remained intact. They know who they are. Yet, there is very little racial or cultural prejudice against the Irish. I think it is because Irish men and women speak and write standard American English (except on St. Patrick's day when we all have an Irish brogue.)

I think if other folks were to follow the Irish lead, Hispanics, blacks, Asians as well as Europeans, we'd have much less racial prejudice in this country. It seems that we are all interested in that great rugged individual, but we can't stand him to be too different from us. A little bit of difference is charming but a great difference like a language, evokes our hatred.

Maybe too, we've placed too much emphasis on sameness. Maybe we could tolerate a little larger degree of difference from us. If we were a bit more tolerant, maybe we could have a good time celebrating a Saint from another country or culture.

Imagine what it would be like celebrating St. Patrick's day in March and then some other ethnic holiday in April and May and June and so on. And maybe all that will take is a little more standard English and a little more tolerance. A little bit of give on both sides.



## Births

Baillie Laine Keithley—a daughter Baillie Laine was born to Jay and Kelly-Jo Keithley of Heppner on March 1, 1990 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Grandparents are Everett and Ginger Keithley and Dick Rice all of Heppner.

Trent Allen Miles—a son, Trent Allen was born to Craig and Tawny Miles, Heppner, on March 4 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby

weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs. Grandparents are Dexter and Corrine Miles, Heppner.

Kaylee Renee Palmateer—a daughter Kaylee Renee, was born on February 22, 1990 at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane to Ron and Terri Palmateer of Spokane. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs.

Grandparents are Ted and Rosetta Palmateer, Ione; Hene and Phyllis Cuevas, Mt. Vernon, Wa.; Irv and Lynne Uitto, Hermiston.

The baby joins Kyle, 3, at the home and brothers Tyson, 11 and Treve, 10 in Heppner.

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