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## Letters to the Editor

### Thanks to Heppner Police

To the Editor:  
I just wanted to publicly thank Heppner Police Department's Doug Rathbun this year and Merle Cowett the two years prior for being a guest at the Heppner Library's Children storytime. To see and talk to an-

ficier up close and to look over the equipment uniform and the patrol car makes a very big and positive impression on the kids.

(s) Kay Proctor  
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### Shocked over incident

To the Editor:

No one is more shocked than I concerning the events that occurred April 4. It's not very difficult to understand why some of these students are denying that anything even occurred. This group has just been charged with criminal mischief and disorderly conduct. The DA calls this a lesser charge, because it was reduced from a felony, to a misdemeanor. Granted the husband and I have only been residents here for five months, and they have lived here all their lives. But we do not feel that for this reason our credibility should be questioned. There is no way that anyone is ever going to convince me that they meant no harm, when they held me captive in my own car with their foul language and severe blows to my vehicle, to the point where they were physically rocking my car, no way.

Seven hundred fifty dollars worth of damage was done to my car and

my life in this community has changed. I no longer feel comfortable going to town as I used to. And, heaven forbid, should a student, or an unfamiliar young adult walk toward me, I panic, retreating to my car. I usually end up sitting there till they go away, or just go home and try to do my running later. There has been very little mention concerning the other two "isolated" incidents that occurred the same afternoon, on the same "aerobic walk." About the female UPS driver, who submitted a statement saying they not only detained her, but crawled on her hood and stepped inside her vehicle, or the substitute teacher they nearly stopped on the same route.

I think the real question here is who is telling the truth? And who is trying to cover it up?

(s) Carman Smith  
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### LCDC should do its job

To the Editor:

Last month Governor Goldschmidt signed an executive order establishing a new council of state agencies to solve "Growth Issues in the Portland Area." This is indeed a major problem area.

However, Oregon already has a state agency which has this responsibility; it's the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). Under current laws, the LCDC is required to "prepare state-wide planning guidelines," and to "coordinate planning efforts of state agencies to assure compliance with goals and compatibility with city and county comprehensive plans."

Unfortunately the LCDC is (1) too bogged down in the minuscule

details of too many local decisions (which should be delegated to local government), (2) too obsessed with enforcement orders and (3) too trapped in their own maze of bureaucratic and legal red tape to have time to even consider such planning.

Oregon doesn't require another state "planning agency," it should require the one we have do its job.

Again, the political response to any problems is to "form a committee"--that's ducking the underlying LCDC problem.

Sincerely,  
(s) Frank L. Nims, President  
Oregonians in Action  
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### Garden club to meet

The regular meeting of the Heppner Garden Club will be at the St. Patrick's Senior Center Monday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. Hostesses will be Bebe Munkers, Verna Brinda and Dorothy Jackson. Program will be by Vern Batty who will describe the Hosta plant, its culture and growing requirements.

At the last meeting May 7, it was voted to give Charles Rawlins a donation of \$250 as a help to further

his education in the field of horticulture.

Jane Rawlins was elected to be delegate of the club to the Oregon State Garden Club Convention in Portland at the Red Lion June 18 through 21.

At this meeting there will be discussion regarding a possible trip to tour the Arlington landfill facilities and a visit to the Condon Flower shop.

## Obituaries

### Leora D. Smith

Leora Denise Smith was stillborn on Tuesday, May 22, 1990 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

Graveside services were held May 24 at Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Arkie and Sheila Smith were the parents.

### Jerry Lee Waters

The funeral for Jerry Lee Waters was May 25 at Bishop Funeral Chapel in Pendleton.

Mr. Waters, 58, of Pendleton died Monday, May 21, 1990 at St. Anthony Hospital.

He was born Nov. 5, 1931 at Hoquiam Wash. to Ray Lewis and Faye Witcher Waters. The family moved to The Dalles when he was six and lived there for seven years before moving to Heppner. Mr. Waters graduated from Heppner High School then spent 3½ years in the Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict.

After his discharge, he attended and graduated from Multnomah College.

He lived most of his life in the Heppner, Hermiston, Stanfield, Pendleton area.

He had been employed at Foster Chevrolet in Pendleton and at Sherrell Chevrolet in Hermiston as a tune-up specialist. He raised brown Swiss cattle and ran the Sandy Acres Farm dairy in the Stanfield area for approximately 20 years. He was owner/operator of Pendleton Homes and Construction and owned and operated Spuds McStuff restaurant for the past two years.

He married Marthella Moore in Lewiston, Idaho, in November 1953.

He was a member of the State of Oregon Construction Contractors Association, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, a member of Pendleton Eagles Aerie 28 and past member of Pendleton Elks Lodge 288 and a past member of the Pendleton Country Club.

Survivors include his wife at the home; a son Ted of Pendleton; a daughter Joan of Salem; his father, Ray Waters of Green Valley, Ariz.; sisters Sally Graham of Olympia, Wash., Donna Tripp of Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; and Margaret Week in Arizona; brothers Jack of The Dalles and Roy of Crookston, Minn. His mother died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pendleton Community Bargain Counter or to a charity of choice, directly or through Bishop Funeral Chapel in Pendleton.

### Margaret Pentecost

A memorial service for Margaret P. Pentecost was at the Condon United Church of Christ on May 25.

Mrs. Pentecost, 75, of Mayville was found dead at her home on Tuesday, May 22, 1990.

She was born June 6, 1914, to Tonie and Mayme Bainbridge Lillie at the family farm on Mayville Flats. She attended school at Mayville and at Condon and graduated from Mayville High School in 1934.

On June 23, 1937, she married James Pentecost at Condon.

She had been a lifetime resident of Gilliam County except for a few years spent at Kinzua. The family farm was recognized in 1982 as a Century Farm.

Mrs. Pentecost was a member of the Gilliam County Historical Society.

Survivors include a son, Keith Lillie of Heppner; stepson, Donald Pentecost of Salem; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Her husband died in 1980.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gilliam County Historical Society, Box 377, Condon, OR 97823.

Sweeney Mortuary, Condon, was in charge of arrangements.

## Births

Jeffrey Wallace Jansen—a boy Jeffrey Wallace, was born on May 22, 1990 in Portland, to Richard and Kathleen Jansen of Portland. The baby weighed 8 lbs.

Grandparents are Hank and Verna Jansen, Lake Oswego and the late Dr. Wallace Wolff.

Aaron Connor Wildschuetz—a son, Aaron Connor, was born to Alan and Kimberly Wildschuetz of Irrigon on May 20, 1990 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 7 oz.

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## Sheriff's Report

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

May 22: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of reckless driving.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for an animal problem.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a vehicle problem.

May 23: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon Fire department to report of a fire within a residence on Third St.;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance for a three year old child. The child was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown illness;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Ione area for a report of a motor vehicle accident with no injuries;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of shots being fired. The problem was resolved and there was no action taken.

May 24: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of Theft in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance for a transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office checked on the welfare of a person on Fourth St. in Irrigon. Everything checked out O.K.

May 25: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched a deputy to check on the report of a child taken from a kindergarten school without the parents permission;

A Morrow County deputy responded to Rt. 2 Box 537, Irrigon to investigate the theft of a playpen;

Morrow County deputies responded to a school in Irrigon to investigate the report of a suspicious person around the school yard.

Deputies were unable to locate anyone upon their arrival;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched Boardman Fire department to a grass fire on I-84 at milepost 167;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a hit and run accident at Pauls Restaurant in Irrigon. Suspect and vehicle were unable to be located;

Morrow County deputies responded to an area near Boardman Marina to investigate the report of shots fired. Deputies were unable to locate anyone with a gun.

May 26: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to transport a patient from the Fossil Nursing Home;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a possible one vehicle accident on Wilson Road. No further action was taken;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a one vehicle accident at the 730/I-84 junction. One person was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with unknown injuries;

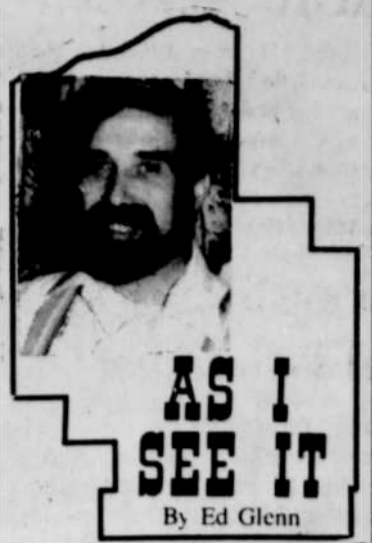
Morrow County deputy responded to Pioneer Memorial Hospital to investigate a one vehicle accident on Shobe Canyon Rd./Willow Creek Jet. Investigation is continuing. The victim of the accident was transported by a private citizen to Pioneer Memorial Hospital shortly after the accident occurred;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to Riverside High School to assist Boardman Police department with a potential problem with a citizen. The problem was resolved.

May 27: Morrow County deputy responded to the report of an injured/dead animal on 2nd and Nevada, Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy assisted Oregon State Police with a one vehicle accident on I-84 and Hwy 730;

## Mixed Emotions



Two events over the weekend blend to a collage of conflicting thought patterns. First there was graduation. Commencement. The beginning of adult life. What a wonderful time in life with doors to the whole world beginning to open up. As parents and members of the community, we are excited about these new members of the adult society, so young, so energetic, so full of hope and promise.

Commencement, graduation of a new class of society, always gives me a new shot of hope and enthusiasm for the future. In their hands lie the solutions to many of the perplexities in life I was unable to find. In their minds lie the inventions and innovations that my generation only yearned for. In their soles lies the spirit of peace and compassion toward their fellow man that will bring harmony to human relations, local, national and international.

Sometimes I would like to join them. Maybe, at times you would too. Wouldn't it be great to be an eighteen-year-old, starry eyed youth again? Knowing what I know now, I think I could really capitalize on that youth and energy and opportunity. That's the reason I've tried to pass on to one or more of those new graduates some of the lessons I've learned the hard way, in the school of hard knocks. You have too, I'm sure.

But the advice and guidance we give our young people sometimes falls on deaf ears and leads to our frustration in trying to help them avoid some of the mistakes we made. Maybe we were no different. I remember rejecting some of the advice my father gave me, only to learn better, and then try to give it to my son.

And that brings me full circle to the other event this weekend: Memorial Day. The day we honor our ancestors, especially those who have passed on. I visited my parents graves in Lostine. And I remember my father's words, probably spoken in that same degree of frustration I have felt, "You know, son, there are some things you only learn by getting old."

There's some advice you simply can't give your children, they must learn those things by themselves. And their children after them and so on. You only learn some things by experiencing them.

There are other things that it seems you only learn by example. Like marriage and family. When I was a kid, if a girl got pregnant, her dad got out the shot gun and there was a wedding. Most of those marriages are still, in Lostine. If there was no beau about, the girl went away and hid in convent, gave the child up for adoption and came slinking home in shame.

Now, being pregnant and then a single teen-aged parent, seems to be the fashionable thing to do. We have even set up a bunch of governmental agencies to not only make the practice possible, but to encourage it.

I'll bet on graduations in years to come there'll be a lot of advice given those children. Advice that will not be heeded because the example affords the stronger pull. But growing old will support the advice.

Some things you only learn by growing old. One thing is that the example many young parents are setting is not the best way to be a parent.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched Airline to assist in transporting an injury in Spray;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to Fossil to assist in a transport.

Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted three disabled motorists during the week of May 21-28.

May 28: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a report of an unknown illness in the Boardman area. One person was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a theft of services in the Heppner area. The problem was resolved;

Morrow County Sheriff's office

dispatched the Fossil ambulance to a residence in Fossil to transport a patient with an unknown illness;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a Boardman residence to a report of a person with unknown injuries;

Morrow County Sheriff's office contacted a tow company to assist with disabled vehicles at a Boardman rest area in need of tow services;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a reckless driver in the Irrigon area. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 3 mile canyon area. Stolen property was recovered.

## Red Cross Blood drawing is June 13

The American Red Cross is looking for lifesavers this summer. You can help save lives by donating blood in Heppner at the Heppner Elks Lodge, 142 Main St. on Wednesday, June 13 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Bone marrow testing will also be available at the blood drawing. The sponsor for the Pioneer Memorial Hospital and the goal is 50 units.

"Every summer the challenge is to get enough blood donors to meet the increased demand for blood products due to recreational and automobile accidents," said Judith Kehl, public information officer for the Columbia River Blood Region.

"Right now we especially need Type O blood donors because it is the universal blood type and can be used to help all other blood types in emergencies," Kehl continued.

The blood given by Heppner residents will be distributed to patients in 31 hospitals throughout Central Washington and Northeastern Oregon. Much of the blood controlled by the Red Cross is used to save or enhance the lives of people undergoing surgery and chemotherapy.

For additional information about the blood drawing contact Jay Straley, 676-9133.

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