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## Letters to the Editor

### Concerned about high speed

To the Editor:

We are writing this letter as concerned citizens and taxpayers.

At 3:40 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 1990, we were some of the few that witnessed an officers car going through Main Street of Heppner at a very high rate of speed.

This vehicle could not have been controlled if one of the senior citizens had been in the crosswalk, or anyone, for that matter, or if a car

had been backing out from the curb, as we have seen many times without knowing that something is coming. If this is legal for officers, please reply.

(s) Pennie Miller  
Jessie Scott  
Dennis E Miller  
Doreen Parret  
Sandy Russell  
Erna Winchester

### Thanks for successful food drive

To the Editor:

The Neighborhood Center wishes to express its deep appreciation to Helen Riehl, the Cub Scouts and their adult leaders, various church youth and their adult leaders and all the fine residents of Ione, Lexington and Heppner that made this year's food drive a great success.

All the hard work that went into the drive cannot be measured, but many families and their children will have a nicer holiday season thanks to your efforts.

(s) The Rev. Stan Hoobing  
Neighborhood Center of  
South Morrow County

### Morrow County school system a success

To the Editor:

With this being American Education Week, I wanted to take a minute to express a few of my thoughts regarding education. For some reason, this time of the year has become a time for the media to point out the ills of the America education system. While it is healthy and appropriate to look at shortcomings, I feel it is equally important to examine and credit success. One of those successes is the Morrow County school system.

Morrow County is fortunate to have some of the most talented professionals in education. These teachers, coaches, and education employees are totally committed to seeing that the youth of Morrow County become educated. Some of the greatest things are happening within the walls of our school buildings because of this commitment.

American Education Week is an

appropriate time to acknowledge our successes, but maybe an even better time for everyone to recognize their stake in the education of our youth.

In this America Education Week, I would like to encourage individuals to do just that by visiting with an educator or education employee, attending a board meeting, visiting a classroom, volunteering as a teacher's aide or tutor, going to a ball game, working with the local advisory committee, or attending a budget hearing. By doing any one of these things, individuals will become more knowledgeable of the successful educational programs in our schools, and more committed to constructively changing the shortcomings of our educational system.

Sincerely,  
(s) Sarah Carlson  
President MCEA  
Science Teacher, HJH

### Thanks to voters

To the Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Morrow County for their support in my election as county commissioner. I am especially grateful to my campaign staff and all the volunteers who worked so hard in my behalf.

A special commendation goes to my opponents, Irvin Rauch and Pat Wright, for their positive campaigns. After all the negative advertising that was evident in the recent election, it

is indeed refreshing to be a part of an effort based on positive issues and attitudes.

I feel it is not time to get on with business of government and keep Morrow County moving forward. Irvin Rauch has offered his cooperation in this time of transition, and for this I am especially thankful.

Irv, your service to Morrow County will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,  
(s) Ray French

### Concerned over non-alcoholic beer

To the Editor:

My cause is to have adopted a bill banning the sales of non-alcoholic brew to our minor children in the state of Oregon.

My concerns as a citizen and parent of three teenagers are that our minor children can legally buy and drink these products.

The non-alcoholic brew smells, tastes and looks like the real beer. Some of these products contain a small amount of alcohol content.

I believe by drinking the non-alcoholic brew our children can ac-

quire the taste for the real beer as well as the habit.

The non-alcoholic brew ingredients are the same as real beer, they both are made from water, malted barley, corn, yeast and hops.

I am asking for your letters of support. Please address your support and concerns to the Oregon State Legislature in care of Bill Bradbury.

Please mail your letters to Dorothy Lynn Elbert, Box 1253, Bandon, OR 97411.

Sincerely,  
(s) Dorothy Lynn Elbert

## Obituaries

### Carol Ann Rea

The funeral for Carol Ann Rea was held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hermiston on Saturday, Nov. 10. Burial was at Highview Cemetery in Ione.

Mrs. Rea, 47, of Hermiston, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1990 at Swedish Hospital in Seattle.

She was born Nov. 21, 1942, at Heppner to Kenneth and Leila Marshall Palmer. She attended school at Lexington and graduated from Ione High School. She attended the Pendleton School of Beauty and Barbering.

On Aug. 25, 1963, she married Dallas Rea at Ione. They moved to Condon in 1964 and lived there until 1973 when they moved to Hermiston.

Survivors include her husband at the home; daughters Janell Hasenbank of Adams, and Dyan Rea of Hermiston; mother, Leila Palmer of Lexington; sister, Janet Balfe of Anchorage, Alaska; brother, Mike Palmer of Ukiah; grandfather, Kenneth Marshall of Zillah, WA, and one grandson. A brother Joe Palmer, died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fred Hutchins Cancer Research Center, 1124 Columbia Street, Seattle, WA. 98104.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

### Donald L. Munkers

Graveside funeral service for Donald L. Munkers was held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Thursday, November 8.

Mr. Munkers, 62, of Heppner, died Monday, Nov. 5, 1990 at his home.

He was born July 6, 1928, at Heppner to Harry and Cora Gilman Munkers. He attended school at Ione until his senior year when he moved to Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School in 1947. In 1949, he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and after his discharge in 1952 he returned to Heppner where he was employed by Morrow County Road Department.

In 1973, he began working for Morrow County Grain Growers in the grain division.

Mr. Munkers enjoyed bowling, hunting and fishing and spending time with his family.

On June 16, 1951, he married Ruby J. Teague at Stevenson, WA.

He was a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife at the home; sons, Stephen of Elgin and Dale of Heppner; daughters Donna Acock of Heppner and Kathryn Alldritt of Lexington; brother Riley of Heppner; half-brothers, Harold "Doc" Sherer of Ione and Glenn Sherer of Union; and 17 grandchildren. A son, Eddie, died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

## Death Notice

**Jeanne T. Collins, 48,** of Sherwood, formerly of Heppner, died Tuesday, November 13 at Emanuel Hospital in Portland. She is the daughter of Daisy Collins and the late William C. Collins.

Memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, November 17 at United Methodist Church in Heppner. A complete obituary will follow in next week's paper.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

## Births

**Spencer Alan Palmer**-a son Spencer Alan was born to Larry and Tina Palmer of Heppner on October 28 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Grandparents are Roger and Shirley Palmer, Heppner and Jerry and Janet Kloepfel, Vernal, UT.

Great grandparents are Elmer and Murial Palmer, Harold and Edna Peck, Everett Keithley all of Heppner and Nellie Kloepfel, Vernal, UT.

**Elliott James Ployhar**-a son Elliott James was born to Jean and Jim Ployhar of Lufkin, TX, on November 5, 1990. The baby weighed 9 lbs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ployhar, Heppner and Mrs. Julius Conrad, Franklin, PA.

He joins a sister Allison, 2 years old, at home.

**Kristina Ann Axtell**-a daughter Kristina Ann was born to Keith and Rashell Axtell of Irrigon on November 1, 1990 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz.

**Cayla Nicole Smith**-a daughter Cayla Nicole was born to Oscar and Cathalina Smith of Irrigon on November 2, 1990 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz.

## Heppner Police Report

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

October 29: 4 p.m. assist Mental Health; 4:42 p.m.-report of Harassment; 5:23 p.m.-citation issued for No Helmet and Allowing Passenger to Ride with No Helmet.

October 30: 1:15 p.m.-Worthless Document Case; 9:47 p.m.-assist Fire Department; 10:29 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

October 31: 12:06 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 5:01 p.m.-Criminal Complaint; 7:40 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief.

November 2: 1:22 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 1 p.m.-Worthless Document Case; 9:08 p.m.-report of Shots Fired; 10:33 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief.

November 3: 11:18 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Department; 11:19 a.m.-Dog Complaint; 10:24 p.m.-report of Prowler.

November 4: 11:02 a.m.-Motorist Assist; 11:07 a.m.-Motorist Assist; 9:44 p.m.-report of Domestic Violence; 11:35 p.m.-parking citation issued.

November 5: 1:30 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

November 6: 10:23 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

November 7: 6:38 p.m.-report of Fire Alarm; 6:45 p.m.-assist Fire department.

November 8: 2:51 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

November 10: 5:59 p.m.-report of Speeding Car; 11:45 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

November 11: 6:28 p.m.-citation issued for Disobeyed Stop Sign.

## Marriage Licenses

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

Tim Edward Hedman, 28, Heppner; and

Jacque Ann Johnston, 20, Heppner.

## Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Department lists the following schedule for the month of November:

Friday, November 16-blood pressures and immunizations, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, November 20-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman City Hall, 1:30-4 p.m.;

Wednesday, November 21-blood pressures, Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, Ione, 2-3 p.m.;

Friday, November 23-blood pressures and immunizations, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Heppner office;

Tuesday, November 27-blood pressures and immunizations, 1-4 p.m. Irrigon County office;

Friday, November 30-blood pressure and immunizations, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Heppner office.

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## The Depot Is Gone

The Umatilla Army Depot is lost again. Lost to a morass of governmental power play.

The depot is on the list of military bases slated for closure as a part of the long range stand-down. The long term program to pound swords to plowshares (in its modern sense it's more like national security into welfare) will eventually close a lot more than the depot.

In the case of the Umatilla Depot, that won't happen for quite a few years. There's a pretty big stock pile of chemical weapons there that have to be destroyed first. That's an expensive undertaking in itself. The first estimate of the cost was around \$34 million. Most recently that cost has climbed to \$500 million and I'd bet it will double again.

There's even some talk that maybe it is too costly and the old legacy weapons should be shipped somewhere else to be burned up.

But however that fiasco turns out, the depot will be closed in 20 years or so. It's not too soon to figure out what happens next.

About a year ago, Gary Neal, general manager of the Port of Morrow, spied a group of six buildings on the southwest corner of the depot that are presently unused, easy to get to from Paterson Ferry Road and particularly suited to a variety of private business uses. He devised a plan of "Early Access" which would allow the port access to those buildings right away for use in local economic development efforts. He even found a tenant for one of them.

The plan only involved moving some boundary fencing, cleaning up one of the buildings and building a little road. Private use of the buildings would not interfere with present activity at the depot since they are empty now anyway and there are no plans to use them in the future. Besides, the rentals would reverse the flow of money back into the treasury.

Neal and Port Commissioner Dan Creamer talked the plan up all the way to Washington, D.C. Face to face with some high powered general, Neal and Creamer found enthusiastic support for the "Early Access" plan.

But the political powers that be couldn't stand the pressure of a Morrow County plum. Governor Goldschmidt, with some special contacts in Umatilla County, ordered creation of the Umatilla Depot Task Force to determine the future use of the facility. That task force would have two members appointed by the Morrow County Court (Judge Louis Carlson and former Port Commissioner Matt Doherty), two members appointed by the Umatilla County Commission (Commission Chairman Bill Hansell and Hermiston attorney George Anderson), a chairman selected by those four (Pendleton attorney Alex Blyer) and two members appointed by the governor.

The governor has now announced his two appointees. Both from Umatilla County, of course. That puts the score at 2-5.

The Umatilla County folks want to convert the weapon incinerator (which they have managed to slip across the county line from its original location in Morrow County) to commercial use and/or use the entire depot for a new National Guard unit stationed in Hermiston.

While Morrow County has a couple of good folks on the task force, I have some first hand knowledge of the power of provincialism shown by at least two of the Umatilla County people. There is little hope that the "Early Access" plan will even get an airing.

With 10 percent of the people in the two county area, and 28 percent of the membership of the task force, Morrow County interests will be on the short end of the stick again. Never mind that 60 percent of the land area and about 50 percent of the building floor space lie in Morrow County.



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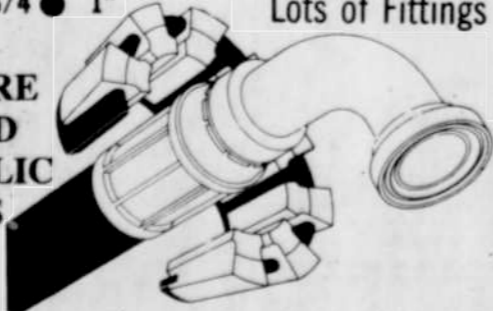
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