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Letters to the Editor

Thanks for Christmas donations

To the Editor:

The Christmas and holiday season took on new meaning to over 160 people in South Morrow County thanks to the generous outpouring love, gifts and monetary support from individuals, churches, organizations and businesses. The spirit of Christmas touched over 73 households as people enjoyed festive foods and gifts.

I think the fine people of South

Morrow County deserve a special thanks for making this year's Christmas season special to many people throughout all of Morrow County.

I also want to share the appreciation of our service personnel overseas for the support you have shown them and their families.

(s) Rev. Stan Hoobing
President of the Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Center of SMC

American Legion to send care packages

To the Editor:

The American Legion Auxiliary is formulating plans to send care packages to our local service personnel who are serving with Operation Desert Storm. Anyone who has a family member or knows of anyone who is serving in this campaign may contact Rita Hedman at 676-9278 or Evelyn Sweek at 676-9483.

If anyone is interested in participating in this project and would like to donate any items, below is a list of things which are very much needed: batteries-AA, C, D, shav-

ing items, foot powder, tooth paste, tooth brushes, packaged snacks, non-scented soap, combs, brushes, cassette tapes, feminine hygiene products, playing cards.

These items must be non-aerosol, non-breakable and non-perishable. Money will also be accepted to help defray postage expenses. These items may be dropped off at Miller's Mini Mart.

Thank you
(s) Linda Schultz, secretary
A.L.A. #87

Grateful for award

To the Editor:

Town and Country week has come and gone and I felt very honored by the award presented to me. What a surprise. Were it not for this great community of volunteers, I would not have been standing up there and I am grateful.

Town and Country week is in its fifth year. It requires hard work by a number of groups and individuals, as well as donations from businesses and organizations to pull it off. Larry Mills and Fred Lundin "carried the ball," with Sue Evans and Tami Rietmann responsible for inviting Wayne Philen (beef demonstration) and Valerie Johnson (Oregon Lands Coalition). Soroptimists hosted the wine tasting with music provided by Jeff Wallace and Tom LaRusso. The beautiful table decorations at the banquet were created by Heppner Garden Club. Special recognition goes to the Elks who provided the

facility and the hospitality; and to the Bank of E.O.; Kinzua Corporation, First Interstate, Morrow County Grain Growers, Heppner Chamber, Peterson's, Cattlemen and CattleWomen, Central Market, Wheat League, SWCD, Small Woodlands, Port of Morrow, panel members presenting Measure 5 and involvement of the Morrow County Queen and Court.

The Town and Country committee desires input from the community regarding the weeks activities. Should it be a one day only event? Should it continue to be combined with all the meetings? Is January a good month? Are there new faces willing to work on the planning committee? Please share your thoughts with Larry Mills, Fred Lundin or myself as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
(s) Claudia Hughes

4-H News

Food Fun

The Food Fun 4-H club of Heppner will be having a bottle/can drive Sunday, January 27.

Proceeds will be used on their community project.

Monday Crazy Cookers

By Jake McElligott, Reporter
The Monday Crazy Cookers met Monday, January 14, at 5:30 p.m.

in the Ione High School Home Ec room.

Those attending made nachos and chili and talked about meeting twice a month and about recycling. Members decided to try recycling by saving things at home. Leader, Nancy Miller, told members what to bring to the next meeting and Mrs. Miller said she would take them to Hermiston.

City tallies questionnaire response

To the Editor:

The City Council and I thank all of you who responded to our questionnaire sent with last month's water/sewer billing. We sent out 551 and received 125 in return for a 23 percent return. I have tallied the responses and find the following:

	More	Same	Less
Personnel	0	54	71
City Pool	11	71	39
Police Car Reserve	0	31	84
Street Lights	3	84	31
Fire Materials/Support	17	90	9
Fire Equipment	17	91	6
Library	4	59	55
Library Books	7	39	67

As you can tell, some responses did not answer on all items. However, the above does give us an idea of the thoughts of the citizens. There were a few comments on the questionnaires which I would like to address at this time.

Currently, at the St. Patrick's Senior Complex the handicapped unit is the only vacancy. We have been able to maintain all costs through rentals and have developed a reserve fund. Our Heppner Housing Authority has done a fantastic job of meeting all the needs of the residents and seniors at the Senior Center and are to be commended for their work. The city is not losing money on this long term, much needed senior investment.

As you can see from the tally, it was overwhelming that we keep our fire service as it has been in the past. We agree that this service is much needed in our rural area. We have just signed a formal agreement with the cities of Ione and Lexington for reciprocal service, if needed--and as has been proved in the past, is needed.

Many people commented on our city police force. I would like to offer at this time some statistics from that department: The Heppner Police department handled 1006 incidences during 1990. This was an increase of 42 cases from 1989. The following is a list of these incidences:

Animal ordinance 38; assault/menacing/resisting arrest 4; assist a citizen at residence 5; assistance/hospital 26; assistance/fire dept. 22; assistance/Morrow County Sheriff's office/OSP/Other police dept. 102; assistance children's services div. 11; burglary 12; child abuse 1; courteous driver awards 10; criminal mischief/vandalism 26; criminal trespass 1; disorderly conduct 2; domestic violence 18; drugs/investigations 1; false security alarms 36; fights/loud parties 25; found property 12; fraud/worthless documents/bad checks 11; funeral escorts 5; harassment 13; health hazards 3; minors in possession/open containers/alcohol 10; missing persons 12; police officers hold/mental 4; prowler calls 13; security checks/doors found open at businesses 61; theft/theft by deception 24; traffic accidents 11; traffic citations including parking fines, DUI and DWS 97; traffic control 2; unlawful possession of a firearm 1; warning tickets 364; warrant arrests 6; welfare check 14; vacation security checks 536; unattended deaths 2; total incidents 1542.

Also, in addition to being available 24-hours a day, members of our police department serve on city/county boards including the Morrow County Tourism Committee, Morrow County Medical Board, Blue Mountain Criminal Justice Board, Oregon Together, Oregon Police Chief Association and Morrow County Child Abuse Team.

As for our visible police cars, we do have three city owned cars. One was donated for use of our Rural Fire department, and one is used as a back-up should our newest car be broken down. The council agreed that the police cars could be parked at the respective officer's homes who are either on duty, or on call, to cut down on response time. This has proved to be effective.

Many commented on our dog problem. At one time, the budget contained money to develop a dog pound and a dog control officer. The total budget was outside the six percent limitation and upon a vote, was defeated. These monies were cut by the budget committee. There is a leash law in the city, however we have neither a dog control officer nor pound in which to keep these animals. Without a budget to pay for these costs, the problem needs to be addressed on an individual basis. Keep your dogs on a chain, or contained within a fenced yard. We will be dealing with a proposed "Dangerous Animal Ordinance" at our next council meeting. Should you have questions or comments on this, you are welcome to attend our February 11 meeting at 7 p.m.

Again, we are grateful for the help of you who responded to our need for citizen input. Our first budget committee meeting will be on January 29 at 7 p.m. at city hall. Our budget committee members consist

of our city council: David Allstott, Rick Curtis, Martha Doherty, Arnie Hedman, Chuck Holt, Kay Robinson as well as committee members: Jackie Allstott, Pat Hyatt, Larry Mills, Linda Shaw, Barb Watkins and Roger Williams. Feel free to contact me or any other city personnel to give your comments.

Sincerely,
(s) Cara L. Costa
Mayor

A warning to parents, children

To the Editor:

This letter is to warn parents that even in small towns children can be taken.

Last Wednesday, Jan. 16, while my first grade son was walking home he was approached by a stranger in a pickup. This stranger asked Kelly if he wanted a ride. When Kelly turned and ran this man yelled at him to come back. We live just about one block away from the grade school. Needless to say Kelly was scared to death but we are so proud of his actions.

We are also impressed by the police chief, Doug Rathbun and the grade school's actions. They were both called immediately to be warned and given a description. Less than 45 minutes later Doug had cornered someone downtown matching Kelly's description. It wasn't the man but Doug's quick action was very important to us. He has continued to keep his eyes open too.

The next day the word was passed on to the children by their teachers and a paper telling them not to talk to strangers.

Even in this small town it is so important to teach our children the dangers of talking to strangers. We always want to believe that our children will always be safe but we need to do everything to make sure they will be.

Thank you,
(s) Rick and Shanna Paullus

Shipmates sought

To the Editor:

The LST Association is looking for LST shipmates for reunions with old shipmates. The association reunion will be held in New Orleans in Sept. 1991.

Call 1-800-228-5870 for information or contact: Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, Texas, 75948. (409) 579-3732.

(s) Bob Garner

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

	Jan. 15 - 29, 1991	High	Low	Prec	Snow
Tues.	45	33	.02		
Weds.	53	37	.0		
Thurs.	57	30	.0		
Fri.	54	25	.0		
Sat.	46	24	.0		
Sun.	36	18	.0		
Mon.	42	22	.0		

Prisoners of War

Did you see the captured pilots on telly last night?

You could have been kind of casual about keeping up on the war until then. But those boys in the hands of Saddam's sadists couldn't help but get your attention.

War is hell, no doubt about it. Human affairs have got to fall to a pretty low state of rationality when war breaks out. War must be the very bottom of what it is that distinguishes man from animal.

And seeing the destructive capacity of modern war machinery on the TV just minutes or hours after it destroys, really brings the seriousness of war right into every living room across the land. It isn't hard to see the point of the peace demonstrators who seek more negotiation, more time for sanctions, more of anything than war. Even the heathens among us are drawn to the prayer vigils and the isolationists who would only wage war when our own borders are breached draw an audience.

And the cost of war is astronomical. Million dollar rockets are being fired at will, multimillion dollar airplanes fly into air defense systems over and over. Few of us can even imagine how much a billion dollars is, much less really appreciate but a single day's cost of waging war.

We all find it difficult to forget the heartache of Viet Nam and we hate the idea of maybe finding ourselves in another war just like that one. We find it equally difficult to apply the lessons of World War II where Chamberlain negotiated "Peace in our own time" just to be even more deeply involved when Hitler grew unsatisfied with invading just Poland and went on to conquer all of Europe.

Most of us have a real live friend or relative in harm's way, like Boardman's Curtis Vial, an A-10 pilot flying daily sorties over Iraq. That could have been Curtis on the TV last night. That makes the war pretty personal.

Some of us cannot forget our own brush with war. I never saw, first hand the terrible destructive force of the nuclear demolition munitions I was trained to deploy. The movies I saw at the time seemed remote indeed. Now, however, those movies are as real and urgent and indelible as last night's television update. Every veteran must be having those flashbacks of their own experience with war and the ability to make war. The impact on war on families must be devastating. Frightened mothers and young children barely able to grasp the significance of Dad's absence are one of the greater costs of war. And parents, such as Francie and I, of cannon fodder-aged sons and daughters, live on the cusp between patriotic pride and hope for peace.

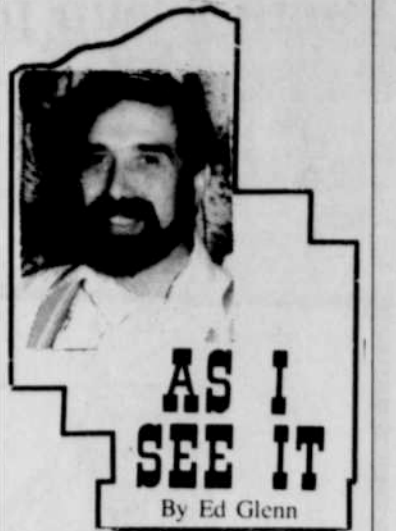
With all that in mind, the sight of those pilots in captivity last night made the course of the future crystal clear for me. The puffy, bruised and battered face of that young lieutenant left no doubt in my mind. The British pilot, unable to even lift his head, barely able to mutter the dictated words, gave clear insight to the only acceptable response. The wing commander's subdued demeanor and unexpected phraseology demand an unquestioned pursuit of world order.

Saddam Hussein must be driven from the face of the earth. He is a cruel, inhuman despot and he must be destroyed. It is equally clear that no single man can impose his will on a nation imposed. Saddam's top circle of commanders are equally at fault and they too must be destroyed. We must use the most sophisticated, destructive and awesome weapons in our arsenal and we must use them now. Another minute of this tyrant is too much.

Nor can I find an ounce of compassion for the people of Iraq. Sometimes a leader is not in tune with his people. Sometimes a dictator can direct action contrary to his subject's choice. But that can account for only minor differences. History is replete with instances of revolt, of overthrow of deplorable despots.

That has not happened in Iraq. The people seem to support this scourge on the face of the earth. I cannot find a speck of compassion for their plight, if they do not support him, let them join us in his prompt destruction. Seeing those battered, tortured, broken Americans last night made it clear: We must wage war, we must wage it now and we wage the most destructive war known to man so that the despotic regime of Saddam Hussein comes to an end at the earliest possible date.

To do otherwise would abrogate our American heritage.



Births

Hope Ann Whitaker-a daughter Hope Ann was born to Joe and Teresa Skow Whitaker, Redmond, on January 3, 1991 in Redmond. The baby weighed 10 lbs. 2 ozs. Grandparents are John and Ann

Skow, Heppner and Wini and Elbert Whitaker, Redmond. Great grandparents are Bill and Lorraine Ary, Stigler, OK., Frances Whitaker, Redmond and Elmer Whitaker, Talent.

The baby joins a brother Jacob, 2½ and Jordan 1½ at home.

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