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Letters to the Editor

Easy to give what doesn't belong to you

To the Editor:

Since Morrow County consolidated into one school district, none of the promises to Lexington have been kept. Since the consolidation, Lexington is the only school district that has lost everything (schools, etc.) (Irrigon did lose its high school.) In 1959, when it was announced that Lexington High School would be closed, the principal at Heppner High School claimed the Lexington student body money before the school was even closed. Heppner is still taking.

Through the years, we have helped finance new schools, shops, athletic fields and the land they were built on, while Lexington has received nothing.

How come two people from Heppner can parcel out Lexington? In the newspaper article they said they were trying to give something to Lexington. I don't doubt their intent, but the definitions of to give or generosity do not include the word 'take.'

To turn the old Lexington football field into a commercial lot is ludicrous. Since it's in the middle of a residential zone, there is very little they can do with it except maybe turn it into a "full service" service station. Now that would be ironic. Morrow County School District did

not purchase the football field at Lexington, it was part of the consolidation. The football field is not an eyesore. As you drive into Lexington it enhances the looks of the city with its grass and trees.

There are adequate sites above and below Heppner for a baseball field. There are also adequate sites near Lexington. To acquire a site in Heppner, I doubt very much that there would have been a land exchange. The school district would have had to purchase the land outright. So why, with the deal in Lexington, is there a land exchange where Lexington has to give up something, when Heppner would not have to give up anything?

When the land swap is complete in Lexington, will the Morrow County Grain Growers also own title to the football field in Lone, the manicured front lawn at Riverside High School, the title to Heppner High School, and the grounds at Columbia Junior High?

Sincerely,
(s) Tom Pointer
Lexington

P.S. Why is it so easy to give away or take away something that doesn't belong to you?

Appreciates donations for pool

To the Editor:

The fund raising drive to raise \$6,500.00 to repair the filtration system at the Heppner City Swimming Pool now stands at \$5,045.00. This is primarily due to very generous donations from the Willows Lodge along with sizable donations from Morrow County Grain Growers, Kinzua Corporation, the Soroptimists and the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Added to that, personal donations from the Proctors, Mabens, Kofflers, McDowells, Dentons, Murays, Pipers, Berrettas and VanEtas means we only have \$1,455.00 to raise.

The materials should be here by the first of May to get the repairs done in time to open the swimming season early in June. I would like to urge any other businesses or individuals who have been thinking about donating to the fund to do so, so the money can be raised by that time. The city swimming pool is a good asset for the community and provides many hours of entertainment, enjoyment and exercise for children. Any donations would be appreciated.

Sincerely,
(s) Geoge Koffler
Swimming Pool Repair Committee

Seeks classmate

To the Editor:

The Hermiston High School class of 1941 is searching for the whereabouts of Lyle Sargent? He transferred from Lone to Hermiston High School about 1939. We are having our class reunion of 50 years July 5, 6 and 7 in Hermiston. We have never been able to locate him. I wrote Lone school once and never

heard from them. I just wrote Heppner High School and Liz Curtis gave me your paper's name. If anyone knows where he is please contact me at 2796 So. Main Rd. #2, Twin Cedars Mobile Park, Lebanon, OR 97355.

Sincerely,
(s) Mrs. Bruce Follett
Lebanon

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Concern for soldiers appreciated

To the Editor:

This is to convey our love and thanks to our neighbors and friends, known and unknown, for your concerns and prayers for our sons during Operation Desert Storm. We are happy to report that each has now returned safely to his duty station in the States. Joe Struthers got home to wife Sarah in Maine in March in time for new baby expected May 1st. Carl II also got back in March to

Hawaii. Will completed his advanced training just as the Gulf War ended so went to Japan instead. And John just returned to El Toro, California. But America still has many men and women in the Gulf, so let's keep those flags and ribbons flying along with our concerns and prayers. Thank you.

(s) Carl & Geri Martin
Heppner

Individual rights stolen

To the Editor:

These are still trying times which try men's souls.

We send men all over the world to fight to preserve the freedom of others, but aren't doing much for ourselves or others here.

We see the gates closing all around us cutting off our rights.

The super-controllers that want to take away our right to defend ourselves are distorting every intent of the constitution. They want to take our guns away by taxing, outlawing and other ways. They are making rules and passing ordinances so that the only thing you can do with your property is to pay more taxes. They have search and seizure laws that are so strong they make you wonder if you're still under the rule of the old English kings.

On the national forests-it's getting so you can't even walk into them without paying fees. You have to get

permits to cut wood, pick mushrooms or to gather and use almost anything.

State fees, permits and licenses keep doubling.

This state has a no-self service law. But in spite of this the Lexington station operator has been driven out of business and our county attorney and lawmen don't seem to care.

I'm reasonably sure that a new big station will be built in Lexington soon after some horse trading takes place for space to build.

We are slowly losing all our individual rights while the east Germans, Polish, Russian and other people are regaining some of theirs. We're either throwing ours away or having them stolen from us.

Signed,
(S) Charles McConnell
Heppner

Births

Marci Brianne Jarvis-a daughter, Marci Brianne, was born to Mark and Cindy Jarvis, Bend, on April 8, 1991. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz.

Grandparents are Jiggs and Rita Bowman, Heppner and Lyle and Mary Jarvis, Redmond. Great-grandmother is Margaret Jarvis of Gresham.

She joins a brother, Tanner.

Alisha Jerelle Warr-a daughter Alisha Jerelle, was born to Steven and Annette Warr, Irrigon on April 10, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

Silvia Valdez-a daughter Silvia was born to Santiago and Silvia Valdez, Boardman, on April 15, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Levi Benjamin Kauffman-a son Levi Benjamin was born to Andrew and Renee Kauffman, Irrigon, on April 14, 1991 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Anne Noelle Steagall-a daughter Anne Noelle, was born to David and Carole Steagall of Kennewick, WA, on March 22, 1991.

Grandparents are Tom and Edwina Duzan, Kennewick, WA; and Bob and Beverly Steagall, Lexington.

Great-grandparents are Alda Baker, Hermiston; Marie Steagall, Lexington; Ed and Blanche Shumaker and Larry and Catherine Duzan, Woodland, CA.

4-H News

Fruit Cakes

By Kelly Rafferty, Reporter

The first meeting of the 4-H cooking club met April 22. Members of the group led by Tracie Bunch are Audra Bunch, president, Sarah Grief, secretary-treasurer, Bonney Hill, vice president and Kelly Rafferty, reporter. The name of the group is the 4-H Fruit Cakes.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 9 at the home of Audra Bunch. Members plan fruit kabobs for their first cooking project.

Crazy Cookers

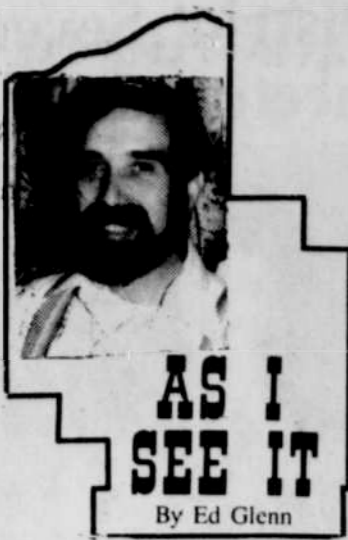
By Jake McElligott, Reporter

The Crazy Cookers met Monday, April 15 at the Ione home ec room. Jake McElligott made Southern biscuits. Kara Miller, Nathan Rietmann and Marc Orem made sour cream doughnuts. The first year members, Katie Tworek, Felicity Warren, Jamie Perez, Amber Peck, Jessica Krebs and Mike Snider made carrot sticks, strawberries, baked ham, boiled red potatoes and whipped cream.

Members practiced a food judging contest about nutrition and measuring. The first-year members practiced measuring shortening, water, flour and baking powder. Melissa McElligott graded the judging and helped the members with their measuring.

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Special Rules Apply



Every 10 years the census triggers a legislative exercise that brings out the worst in elected officials. The usual rules about representing the people don't apply and party politics play a much more important role than in other matters, if that is possible. Yes, it's time to redistrict the legislature.

It seems that the U.S. Supreme Court has said that equality means "one man, one vote." When that is applied to a legislative district, or any other district for that matter, every district must have the same population as every other district. The idea is that if there are fewer voters in my district than yours, that gives me more political power through my representative than you have by way of your representative.

Say, those tired nine old men-oops, eight old men and one woman, sure do have to think hard to come up with some of these rules.

The population of Oregon has been moving west in the past few years, and while the state as a whole has grown less than any other western state in the past 10 years, a lot of folks have moved from Eastern Oregon to the other side of the mountains. So when you divide us up among the 60 legislative districts, Eastern Oregon districts must have more people.

The first argument was over how many more. Was it OK to have a 3% difference between the biggest district and the smallest or would the difference have to be trimmed to less than 1%. That was a hot issue until it was discovered that even the lower 1% number would not shift a whole seat west of the divide.

A computer mapping program was set up to draw some possibilities but the real decisions were made in the smoke filled back rooms. There's young Ray Baum up in the northeast corner. For his district to gain more people, he'd have to reach farther into Umatilla County or dip south into Mike Nelson's district. Neither Chuck Norris to the west nor Nelson to the south were giving up ground easily.

If Norris gave up to Baum, then he'd have to reach west into Morrow County and that too is Nelson's territory. If Nelson lost ground to either Baum or Norris, he'd have to reach west himself to gain it back.

In an act of futility, Morrow County adopted a resolution saying it wanted the whole county in a single district. The county has been that way for years and it seems to add a little bit to the unity that is torn by so many other factors.

Equally futile, the city of Boardman agreed, but added the caveat that if part of the county were to be split off, then cut off both Boardman and Irrigon since there too, any further threats to unity were critical.

The usual rules about representing the people don't apply in redistricting decisions. Each representative, and senator, acts first out his own personal desire for re-election. He grabs the area where the voters are sympathetic and shuns the area where they are hostile. Second, the consideration for party preference is paramount. The incumbent looks for areas that are predominantly his party and shuns areas of the other party.

Consulting the folks at home and considering their desires is so far down the list of priorities when it comes to redistricting that most politicians forget to even consider doing that.

And just which district represents an area is important. For example, Norris represents the south bank of the Columbia through Umatilla County. That includes the new Port of Umatilla, a prospective player in the Columbia River Barge traffic system. Nelson, on the other hand, represents Morrow County including the Port of Morrow, the major Oregon player in river barge transportation.

Now if a change is necessary, it seems reasonable to put the Port of Morrow in Norris' district. After all, he lives in Hermiston, not Baker. He represents one port already and a lot of farm land that relies on the river system. Nelson has mostly National Forest in his district.

These kinds of reasons don't apply in redistricting, because this is a special kind of legislative action. Personal and party considerations are all that count.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

April 16 - 22, 1991			
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	58	36	.0
Wed.	58	37	.0
Thurs.	65	38	.0
Fri.	68	44	.0
Sat.	72	44	.0
Sun.	74	41	.0
Mon.	74	42	.0

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues. April 23	
Soft	
April	\$3.38
May-Sept	\$3.40
Barley	
April-July	\$100
Aug.	\$101
Sept.	\$102
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