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Letters to the Editor

Trauma certification raises expertise in patient care

To the Editor:
This letter is in reference to the article published in the Oregonian Sept. 11, reprinted in this week's Gazette.

The implementation of the Oregon Trauma System has not only improved the care of the trauma patient in the large metropolitan areas but it has also raised the expertise of the trauma care in the rural areas such as Heppner.

In June of 1990, Pioneer Memorial Hospital became an official part of Oregon's Trauma System by receiving a level IV designation. In order to receive this designation multiple changes and improvements in the present system of provision of emergency services had to occur. The first step was to promote a total commitment by the entire hospital staff to provide trauma care to those in need. This commitment was not only required of the specific trauma team members: physicians, RNs, laboratory technician, X-ray technician and designated EMTs; but from staff members in all departments: dietary, maintenance, housekeeping, etc.

The next step was to write and submit a 60 page proposal requesting Level IV designation and membership in the Oregon Trauma System. The result of this proposal was an on-sight survey from the state. This survey included, but was not limited to, an actual mock trauma team ac-

tivation and implementation of trauma care to fictitious trauma victims; review of emergency services available, emergency medical record review, and the policies and procedures for activating air transport.

With the receipt of Pioneer Memorial's Level IIV designation came additional responsibilities: all physicians covering the emergency room are required to have Advanced Trauma and Cardiac Life Support Certification (ATLS and ACLS); all nursing staff that cover trauma call are required to have Trauma Nurse and Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification (TNCC and ACLS). These certifications once received require recertification on a routine basis.

Presently 10 of the 11 registered nurses at Pioneer Memorial Hospital are Advanced Cardiac Life Support certified and seven of the 11 are Trauma Nurse certified.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital is very proud of its staff and their enthusiasm to provide the best feasible trauma care available. Implementation of Oregon's Trauma System has been a major coup in caring for the trauma patient, whether in the Metropolitan areas such as Portland or the rural areas such as Heppner.

(s) Sheridan Tarnasky, R.N.
Director of Nursing Service
Pioneer Memorial Hospital
(See accompanying article Trauma centers help reduce deaths).

We Can Never Go Back



I don't water ski. Nor do I ride those hotshot powered sleds.
I've never caught a walleye even though I've tried hard and under the tutelage of some of the best walleye fishermen around. I wrote a piece once about how I can't tell a bottom bump from a bite.

But I have had three very memorable rides on the mighty Columbia River, rides that cannot, in my limited imagination, ever be topped.

I rode the Sundial, with a full tow of cargo down the river one night as I followed a container of alfalfa from field to export dock. (I'm still waiting for the trip to see it arrive on the other end.) I'll never forget jumping from one tug boat to another, in the middle of the night, in the middle of the channel with water rushing under my flying feet as both boats steamed ahead at full throttle. I'll always remember the subdued light in the pilot house, the distant navigation lights and the hushed discussion associated with working the night away doing the job of hauling the Pacific Northwest's freight on the river.

These river boat men move nine million tons of cargo on the Columbia every year, from Lewiston, Idaho, Pasco, Washington, Boardman and Portland, Oregon and back again. In the faint lights and the wee hours of the morning, it's a world away where even the conversation is in gentler tones.

I rode the Legend upriver from Vancouver one afternoon as she brought the Captain Al James home to Boardman. The Legend was formerly called the Leland James, named after the CEO of Consolidated Freightways and son of the real Captain Al James, an old sternwheeler captain. The tugboat of the same name was built in Pasco in 1939, the last and the biggest of the fast-water tugs. Saved from the scrap heap by a generous gift by Tidewater Barge Lines, the Captain Al James now rides her moorage at the Port of Morrow awaiting restoration and public display. It was hard not to imagine the rush of rapids and the dangerous rocks the Captain Al James must have seen in days past. His easy to listen to those accounts by retired river Captains like Dan Creamer, the last to command the Captain Al James.

The most recent memorable ride was last week aboard the Lady Washington. A replica of the historic sailing ship of the same name, the Lady Washington was cruising the river to spur interest in the celebration next year of the 200th anniversary of the exploration of the Columbia by Captain Robert Gray. While he actually sailed in over the bar in a ship named the Columbia, the Lady Washington was his ship on the first visit to the Pacific Northwest in 1788.

My cruise on the Lady was for only four hours but my imagination was wild. I could feel the great adventure of the trip from Boston around the Horn to the shores of the Oregon country. Gray's travels were inspired by the wealth to be found in the fur trade between Oregon and China, and back to Boston with tea. His journals indicate that he immediately recognized the river he named for the ship he was then sailing as a great avenue of commerce.

My examination of the river was in reverse order in a way. The Lady Washington came last, while the event and history she calls to mind came first. The Captain Al James came in the middle of course, historically that is. But the first trip on the Sundial should have been last. Whatever the sequence, I have grown to appreciate the Columbia River as it was and is with a keen interest, sparked by three memorable voyages.

It is important to be interested in our history, and to learn about it so that we may apply the things we learn to the future. But I do not think it is possible no desirable to return to those former times. I am fearful that many folks think we can return to an earlier time, restore things to their former condition, undo what has been done. We cannot return the Pacific Northwest to the wilderness Captain Gray explored, nor can we restore the wild river that the tug boat Captain Al James navigated. We should, of course, apply the lessons of the past to our future and one of those lessons is this:

Men like Captain Robert Gray and Captain Al James and the many Captains of the Sundial and the Legend, and all their men, saw that forward was the only way to turn. From them we should learn that our future must be tempered by our past, but forward we must go.
We simply cannot go back.

Births

Jared Calvin Huddleston - a son, Jared Calvin, was born to Janice and Mark Huddleston of Beaverton on September 19, 1991, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland. The baby weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz.

Grandparents are Calvin and Beverly Sherman and Tom and Garnet Huddleston of Heppner.

The baby joins brother Kyle, 4, and sister, Mahaley, 2, at home.

James Earl Renno - a son, James Earl was born to Cindy Hart of Irigton on September 19, 1991 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz.

Paige Marie Aragon - a daughter Paige Marie was born to Connie and Larry Aragon of Heppner on September 24, 1991 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 10 lbs. 3 oz.

Grandparents are Stacey and Darlene Lovgren of Heppner and Ron Quigley, Baker; Joseph Aragon Albuquerque, New Mexico and Lita Davis, Santa Fe, CA.

Paige joins two sisters Brittni, 8, and Shelbi, 7 at home.

Zachary Lyle Hobbs - a son Zachary Lyle, was born to Denise Bush and Lyle Hobbs of Boardman on September 25, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz.

Marriage Licenses

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

October 2: William Michael Peck, 46, Heppner; and Catherine Ann Boudier, 45, Heppner.

Heppner Booster Club's RENO NIGHT

Sat. Oct. 12, 1991
7 p.m. Heppner Elks Lodge
(Public over 21 invited)

100 gallons of gas
Canyon Lakes golf package
Bed & Breakfast Package

Unit of wood
HHS sports passes
Half a Beef

Plus More
COUNTRY STORE OPEN ALL NIGHT LONG
MANY CRAFTS

Items Non-Refundable
As sponsored by PLOYHAR INSURANCE

Hunters Save Your Hides

Donate your Deer and Elk Hides for the Veterans' Rehabilitation Program

Look for Hide Barrels Around Town

Heppner Elks 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main

X-Rays Show

DEBRA LEDFORD turns 40 on October 10

Happy Big One

Love Mom, Dad, Bill, Jeanne, Bobby, Frankie, Timmy

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Risk factors contribute to drug/alcohol use

To the Editor:
Research conducted by the University of Washington School of Social Work has discovered 15 risk factors that contribute to a drug and alcohol environment for youth.

- These 15 risk factors are:
1. Economic and social deprivation;
 2. Low neighborhood attachment and community disorganization;
 3. Community laws and norms favorable toward drug and alcohol use;
 4. Availability of drugs;
 5. Family history of alcoholism;
 6. Family management problems;
 7. Parental use of drugs and alcohol and positive attitudes toward use;
 8. Low commitment to school;
 9. Academic failure;
 10. Early antisocial behavior;
 11. Alienation or rebelliousness;
 12. Antisocial behavior in early adolescence;
 13. Friend who use drugs and alcohol;
 14. Favorable attitudes toward drug and alcohol use; and
 15. Early first use of drugs and alcohol.

Market Report

Cornments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Oct. 8	
Soft White	
Oct.	\$3.77/\$3.80
Nov.	\$3.83/\$3.85
Dec.	\$3.86/\$3.88
Jan.	\$3.89/\$3.91
Barley	
Oct.	\$104.50/\$105
Nov.-Dec.	\$105.50

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

Oct. 2 - 8, 1991				
	High	Low	Prec	Rain
Tues.	85	45	.0	
Weds.	77	39	.0	
Thurs.	71	36	.0	
Fri.	67	36	.0	
Sat.	68	35	.0	
Sun.	74	41	.0	
Mon.	73	41	.0	

Rummage sale at Stokes Landing

There will be a rummage sale at Stokes Landing Senior Center located in West Irigton on the old highway at Opal Place on Friday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Food and baked goods will also be available.

Court Street Market
111 N. Court Heppner 676-9643

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GROCERIES - MEATS - PRODUCE

Mini 1lb. Pack Carrots	79¢ ea.	Pillsbury 21.5oz. Brownie Mix	\$1.19 ea.
Bananas	33¢ lb.	Cut-up or Whole Frozen Fryers	49¢ lb.
Fresh Pineapple	39¢ lb.	Boneless Top Sirloin Beef Steak	\$2.79 lb.
Fresh-Crisp Celery	29¢ lb.	Bottom Round Beef Roast	\$1.99 lb.
Dry-Yellow (Jumbo) Onions	19¢ lb.	Beef Tip Roast	\$2.29 lb.
Charmin 12 roll pack Bathroom Tissue	\$3.59 ea.	Beef Cube Steak	\$2.99 lb.
Doritos Assorted Flavors 9.5oz Chips	\$1.39 ea.	Beef London Broil Steak	\$2.59 lb.
Snows 6.5oz Minced or Chopped Clams	69¢ ea.	Pork Blade Steak	\$1.39 lb.
Liquid Gold 14oz can Glass Cleaner	\$1.39 ea.	Pork Blade Roast	\$1.29 lb.
Golden Grain 5oz. Noodles	99¢ ea.	6 pack 12oz. cans Reg. - Diet - Caffeine Free Pepsi	\$1.79 + dep.
Kelloggs Honey Smack 17.6oz. Cereal	\$2.99 ea.	2 liter Pepsi Family	\$1.19 + dep.

Prices good October 9th thru 15th
Thanks! We Reserve The Right To Limit Large Purchases.