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**Letters to the Editor**

**Delighted at pageant participation**

To the Editor:

With 120 performers, one Jacob sheep and one Border Collie, on stage and around 50 backstage workers and with a receptive audience of 530 for our first pageant "Erin Came to County Morrow", surely our communities merit credit for cooperation in adding another facet to St. Patrick's weekend.

Personally, I am delighted to see the community theatre project here growing and want everyone to know that HIT (Heppner Intergenerational Theatre) is sponsored by MCCYSC (Morrow

County Children and Youth Services Commission) dedicated to a good life for Morrow County children. One of several projects of the commission, HIT aims to have all ages working together in theatre arts. We ranged from five months to 87 years. Box office goes to the support of pre-school and day care programs in Morrow County.

We had fun. We hope to do a show for the Fourth of July, if everything works out. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Sincerely,  
(s) Jane Rawlins

**Stop rude behavior**

To the Editor:

Another parade and again groups of rude and impolite kids and adults come late and go to stand in front of others. This has happened at previous St. Patrick's and rodeo parades.

In front of St. Patrick Senior Center and along the block, they

put chairs along the edge of the sidewalks so that seniors, some in wheelchairs can watch the parade. Saturday, not once could these seniors see the parade come up the street; they got a glimpse of something as it passed up the street past them.

Just because some adults want to take pictures or see something doesn't give them the right to come and stand so the seniors can't see. Even if asked to move, these impolite people just refuse to be considerate. The ropes left along the street, just let them come late and stand in front. And the groups of kids blocking the view-not to see the parade-only so they can get all the candy being thrown out. Those in charge of the parade should ask the participants not to throw candy to put a stop to this rude activity and put a stop to the mess on the street.

(s) Irene Anhorn

**Market Report**

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, March 17, 1992

Soft White	
March	\$4.38
April	\$4.40
May	\$4.40/\$4.36
July	\$3.97/\$3.95
Aug	\$3.93
Sept.	\$3.95/\$3.97
<b>Barley</b>	
March	\$1.05
April	\$1.06/\$1.07
July	\$1.06
Aug	\$1.07
Sept.	\$1.08

**City needs room tax support activities**

To the Editor:

On Monday, March 9, the city council began examining whether the city should enact a Transient Room Tax. In my opinion the city needs this opportunity. In the wake of measure 5, an act forced on us by the folks on the other side of the mountains, we in the city of Heppner stand to lose much of what makes living good in a small town. Without the money this tax will bring we may lose chamber manager Claudia Hughes, who acts as our community hostess, community coordinator and our strongest promoter. Our chamber manager works not just for the Chamber of Commerce, but for the entire community in ways too numerous to count.

There are many misunderstandings about what this tax does and doesn't do.

This tax will not be collected from any city resident. This tax is paid by non-residents who use the city streets, facilities, fire protection and police protection. Why should they not contribute for this use?

This tax will not cost the motels any customers. Will anyone really drive an extra 45 miles to avoid paying a dollar or two room tax in Heppner just to pay it in Hermiston, Pendleton or Umatilla, all of which have such a room tax? I have never asked about a room tax before agreeing to take a room.

This tax will not cost the business owner any additional expense for which he or she is not paid. The motel owner is entitled to keep 10 percent of what he or she collects to pay the administrative cost of the tax.

This tax will allow the Chamber of Commerce to continue to employ Claudia Hughes. The current manager is Hepp-

ner's biggest promoter and makes numerous referrals to the Heppner motel and bed and breakfast.

This tax will allow Heppner to keep its St. Patrick's Celebration as large and successful as it has become. Anyone who doubts how large a role chamber plays in organizing this function should spend the week before the celebration following the chamber manager around and working with other chamber volunteers. It fills both the motel and bed and breakfast.

This tax will allow Heppner to schedule such events as Oregon Cycle III, which also filled the motel, Volkswalks and other tourist activities.

This tax will allow Heppner to aggressively attract tourists and new business.

The city has recognized the Chamber's value to this community and has generously contributed to the manager's salary over the last several years. This has served the city well. Measure 5 has taken away from the city the ability to continue the funding. There are realistic alternatives. As with the swimming pool and library, without innovative and progressive thinking, Claudia as a community resource may be lost. No volunteer member of chamber can spend the time to accomplish what the chamber manager does. Let's work together to keep those things that make Heppner a wonderful place to live. If you have questions about the tax or why the city needs it, call the chamber manager or talk to any chamber member. Also take time to let the city council know how you think on this important issue.

Sincerely,  
(s) William J. Kuhn

**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

The Luck O' the Irish must have been with us...great weather for the weekend and now snow on "them thar hills". While many of you are breathing sighs of relief, others are busy wrapping up the annual Wee Bit O'Ireland celebration with cleaning up, clearing out, rounding up leprechauns, putting away props, hauling tents, paying bills, taking down flags, writing thank yous, and listening to "suggestions" for next year. We had some glitches we'll have to iron out, mostly occurring due to lack of communication and follow-through. Some of the hundreds of volunteers who make this celebration possible were exhausted...don't forget to give them a big "pat on the back". After being a sounding board most of yesterday, it was great to get a call from a lady from out of town wanting a copy of the Heppner Gazette this week and to tell us she is bringing twice as many people next year. The committee does appreciate constructive suggestions. We will be having the wrap-up meeting April Fool's Day, so please give us ideas for next year. In 1993, March 17 falls on a Wednesday, so the question is which weekend? And yes, we do have to think about that now...it's becoming a year-round event.

Theresa Morris of Warm Springs, Oregon was the lucky Pot O' Gold winner. Her parents are Wayland and Pat Hyatt of Heppner.

Many, many thanks to all the terrific volunteers in our community and that includes Lexington and Ione. How about sending roses to special people, \$15 dozen from a chamber member. This helps chamber to continue supporting community events such as St. Pat's celebration which brings business to town. It also gives a "warm fuzzy feeling when you see the recipient smile."

Next week Gary Marks will discuss the Heppner swimming pool situation. Many people are concerned and all are welcome to come to the Chamber meeting Tuesday at noon to "get the straight goods" on the pool.

Thought for the week: "I don't know the key to success but the key to failure is trying to please everybody." - Bill Cosby.

**Justice Court Report**

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Harley Bruce Young, 33, Heppner-Operating With Flat Tire, \$40 fine;

Tony Allen Fox, 23, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$46 fine;

John F. Nicholson, Jr., 30, Commerce City Failure to Drive Right Side of Center Line, \$46 fine;

Budd Edward Richards, 30, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 70 mph in a

**Health Dept.**

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

Thursday, March 19-blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Heppner office;

Tuesday, March 24-blood pressures and immunizations, 1-4 p.m. Irrigon County office;

Thursday, March 26-blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Heppner office.

**Court Street Market**

111 N. Court Heppner 676-9643

Prices Good March 18th through 24th

**GROCERIES - MEATS - PRODUCE**

Red Delicious		ChunKing Frozen 13oz.	
<b>Apples</b>	<b>69¢</b> lb.	<b>Chow Mein</b>	reg. \$2.29 <b>\$1.60</b> ea.
Choice Navel		Western Family American 8oz.	
<b>Oranges</b>	<b>29¢</b> lb.	<b>Sliced Cheese</b>	<b>99¢</b> ea.
<b>Cauliflower</b>	<b>49¢</b> lb.		reg. \$1.00/limit 2
2lb. bag		Heinz keg 32oz.	
<b>Carrots</b>	<b>59¢</b> ea.	<b>Ketchup</b>	reg. \$2.00 <b>\$1.29</b> ea.
Western Family 12.75oz.		<b>New York Steak</b>	<b>\$3.99</b> lb.
<b>Salad Dressing</b>	<b>\$1.39</b> ea.	<b>Rib Eye Steak</b>	<b>\$3.99</b> lb.
Western Family 6oz.		Beef Shoulder	
<b>Stove Top Dressing</b>	<b>79¢</b> ea.	<b>Pot Roast</b>	<b>\$1.79</b> lb.
42oz. Dawn - Ivory - Joy		81% Lean	
<b>Liquid Detergent</b>	<b>\$1.99</b> ea.	<b>Ground Beef</b>	<b>\$1.49</b> lb.
Western Family			
<b>Paper Towels</b>	reg. 95¢ <b>59¢</b> ea.		
Northern 9 roll			
<b>Bathroom Tissue</b>	reg. \$5.29 <b>\$3.99</b> ea.		
<b>London Broil Steak</b>	<b>\$2.49</b> lb.		

**PUT SPRING & SAVE In Your Step**

**"They"**

There's an old western proverb that avows: "You can't teach an old dog new tricks."

That's pretty much true about old men too.

A city manager we know often says about new ideas "That's new thinking. It's apt to take years."

Why is it that new ideas, new thinking, "new tricks" are so hard for us to understand, evaluate and put into action? It seems so often that the very best reason given for doing things a particular way is "That's the way we've always done it." That sentiment is embodied in a long list of proverbs of its own like "Don't reinvent the wheel."

These are the days when there is even more reason to look at new tricks. You've heard that "If it ain't broke don't fix it." Well, it may be more broken than we could imagine.

Take the Spotted Owl, for example. A whole industry shut down over a bird few of us have even seen, much less eaten. And the Snake River Sockeye. We're shutting down irrigation to a couple of hundred thousand acres, cutting off barge transportation of nine million tons of cargo, going elsewhere to buy a couple of three hundred million dollars worth of electricity all over a single strain of fish that now only number six fish.

There is plenty of evidence that things are broke. We are so afraid of a little leaking gasoline that gas stations across the state are closing in record numbers and those that are left are rendered absolutely valueless. We're in an economic recession because the cost of hiring employees has gone up faster than their productivity. Business and personal bankruptcies are running at an all time high because we know less and less about using credit.

And credit institutions are falling like flies because there is a general deterioration of morality in the folks that run them.

Nearly all the symptoms of the break down stem from one little idea. One little idea that seems to be an old trick that is a bad habit.

You and I have been looking to government to take care of us. Government is, of course, ourselves, our friends and neighbors, the big "they" when we say "they should be doing something about," this or that or some other thing.

"They" are saving the spotted owl because somebody said "they" should. "They" are saving the salmon and saving us from possible gasoline fumes. "They" are making sure our businesses pay higher and higher wages and provide workers' compensation insurance, health and accident insurance, unemployment insurance, social security and a safe, clean and wholesome workplace.

"They" are regulating our credit institutions so that we don't have to worry.

"They" are protecting us from ourselves with building regulations, zoning restrictions, permits, licenses and fees for every imaginable thing. Why? Because we have asked for it.

Government: city, county, state and federal: is like a steam locomotive with the dead-man peddle blocked out it keeps building steam and gaining speed until somewhere, some how it will crash. We are now watching the effects of a government crashed in the Soviet Union. There are dozens of examples of runaway, and crashed government throughout the history of the world.

Can we learn by the mistakes of history and get our own speeding locomotive under control? Or will ours, too, crash on a turn and scald us in the escaping steam?

We must take the reins of our own destiny and not leave so much in the hands of "They." We must look after our own interests, provide for our own needs and accept the responsibility for our own welfare. We cannot shift the responsibility of man to "They" for long.

As my city manager friend would say, "That's new thinking, it is apt to take years." We may only have a few years to reach for the throttle and bring it under control.

If not, prepare for the crash.

**Weather Report**

By City of Heppner

March 3 - 10, 1992

	High	Low	Prec	Rain
Tues.	65	37	0	
Wed.	66	36	0	
Thurs.	67	35	0	
Fri.	64	38	0	
Sat.	66	42	0	
Sun.	66	39	0	
Mon.	59	42	Tr	

In honor of the  
50th wedding anniversary of  
Roy and Katherine Lindstrom  
their children cordially invite  
friends and relatives  
to a reception on  
Saturday, April 4 from  
two to five o'clock p.m. at the  
Ione Legion Hall  
No Gifts Please

**Saturday, March 21, 1992**  
Old-timers, P.E.R.'s, Widows and  
Ladies Night  
6:00 p.m.  
Oyster and Ham Feed - \$5.00  
8:00 p.m. Lodge  
Ladies Cards  
**Friday, March 20, 1992**  
No Dinner - Cribbage Tournament  
**Saturday, March 28, 1992**  
Installation of Officers  
**Heppner Elks 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main

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