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Letters to the Editor

Don't sell out local pharmacies

To the Editor:
Heppner, Oregon is a town of 1450 population. It is heavily dependent upon agriculture (wheat and cattle) and forest products to sustain the economy. As both are in decline we now are promoting value-added products, tourism and retirees. It is impossible to promote these things without a viable health care system.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital at Heppner has the only trauma IV level emergency services available for 150 miles on three (3) sides. And on the remaining fourth (4) side the nearest hospital is fifty (50) miles away.

Most family farms are here, as these farmers will work for less monetary return than corporation farms. I understand congress is becoming worried about the average age (55) of farmers, as well they should. Few replacements are in sight. A farmer who plants a crop and suffers crop failure is not unlike the retail operation that buys Christmas merchandise and then has no sales. It is now so expensive to get a crop in the ground that even disaster loans do not help. How many loans can any farm stand?

How many health care customers can a community lose and still have a health care system? The recent Blue Cross/Blue Shield proposal to have all federal employees use mail order pharmacy would hurt a community like South Morrow County badly. In Heppner the Forest Service alone has fifty-five (55) permanent employees and 14

temporary employees. Then add the AARP, postal employees, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and other insurance customers who get price breaks for mail order. It could become impossible to keep our pharmacy doors open for customers who only use our services when they need medications immediately.

Citizens have a right to a fair price on their medications. Utilities and phone service prices are regulated to secure fairness of pricing, but still ensure providers are available. Are medications any less vital?

No congressman or administration official should be proud of selling out community pharmacy to the insurance and pharmaceutical companies. I will no longer vote for those that do.

Sincerely,
(s) Margaret G. Murray
Vice-chairman
Morrow Co. Republican
Committee

Correction

The Kate J. Young Lodge of the Degree of Honor will have their annual picnic on July 14 not July 7 as previously stated.

The picnic will be held at the home of Dean and Shirley Connor beginning at 6 p.m.

The lodge will furnish the meat. Those attending should bring a salad or dessert.

For more information call Ruth Bergstrom 676-9717.

Eric Connor was inadvertently omitted from the Blue Mountain Community College honor roll.

Justice Court Report

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

Gregory Christopher McDaniel, 19, Heppner-No Coast Guard Approved Life Saving Devices, \$22 fine;

Robert Lee Wilson, 21, Ione-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$46 fine;

William Dean Rill Jr., 25, Hermiston-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$68 bail forfeited; Geneva Mathews, Heppner-Allowing Dog to Run At Large, \$18 fine.

Marriage Licenses

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

June 23: Howard Loran Breidenbach, 18, Heppner; and Tonja Georgette Morrell, 17, Heppner.

June 26: Jose Cornelio Villegas-Bedolla, 30, Irrigon; and Elena Ponce Madero, 21, Boardman.

Births

Kellee Ruth-Suzanne Jones-a daughter Kellee Ruth-Suzanne was born to Mike and Robin Jones of Heppner on June 10, 1992 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla, Wa. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Grandparents are Barbara and David Williams, Baker City; and Bob and Sue Jones, Heppner. Great-grandparents are Les and Ruth Erwin, Baker City; Delmar Fellers, Eugene and Alva Jones, Heppner.

Kellee joins a sister Brianne, four years old, at home.

Shayla Nicole Patterson-a daughter Shayla Nicole, was born to Sombah Zumwalt and Jason Patterson of Heppner on June 12, 1992 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Jose Raul Martinez-a son, Jose Raul was born to Irasema and Raul Martinez, Jr. of Boardman, on June 12, 1992 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Araceli Zalvala-a daughter Araceli, was born to Carmen Valencia of Boardman on June 19, 1992 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

June 16 - 29, 1992		
	High	Low
Tues.	72	48
Wed.	79	50
Thurs.	85	56
Fri.	92	54
Sat.	91	58
Sun.	95	63
Mon.	98	66
Tues.	102	64
Wed.	99	72
Thurs.	93	67
Fri.	90	60
Sat.	97	60
Sun.	96	54
Mon.	74	52

Obituaries

Rose J. Hellums

Rose J. Hellums, 75, Heppner, died Tuesday, June 23, 1992 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

At her request no funeral services were held.

She was born June 6, 1917 at Stanfield to Arthur and Clara Gossage Motheny. She grew up in the Stanfield and Echo areas and attended local schools.

On May 19, 1934 she married Virden A. Hellums at Walla Walla, Wa. They lived in the Echo and Pendleton areas for a number of years. They were at American Falls, Idaho for 12 years before coming to Heppner in 1972.

She and her husband have spent winters in Southern California and Arizona for the past 18 years.

Mrs. Hellums enjoyed walking, hiking and traveling.

Survivors include her husband at the home; daughters Marlene

'Janie' Rimensberger of West Lake Village, CA., and Elizabeth 'Liz' Burke of Hermiston; son, Virden 'Scoop' of Portland; brother Orval Matheny of Heppner; and sister Ada Kent of Bonanza; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A sister Opal Motheny died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Oregon Division, 0330 SW Curry, Portland, 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Pearl L. Curry

A memorial service for Pearl L. Curry will be held at the Irigon Seventh Day Adventist Church on Saturday, July 4 at 4 p.m. Private inurnment will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery in College Place.

Mrs. Curry, 93, of Boardman, died Wednesday, June 24, 1992, at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

She was born Feb. 20, 1899 in Nebraska to Omar and Florence Predmore Stallings. She grew up in Nebraska and attended school there.

On March 15, 1922, she married Claude Curry at Gearing, Neb. She and her husband lived in many areas of the United States following his occupation in heavy construction. They moved to Walla Walla, WA. in 1946. Mrs. Curry worked at Birds Eye Foods in the mid-1950s and had worked in a greenhouse for Mojoniers after her retirement.

She enjoyed tating. She was a member of the Irigon Seventh Day Adventist Church and the Home League Club.

After her husband's death in 1981 she moved to Boardman to live with her son.

Survivors include her son C.L. Curry, of Boardman; brother, Omar Stallings of Salt Lake City, Utah; two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, Milton-Freewater, is in charge of arrangements.

Celebrate Capitalism



Well, here we are on the eve of another 4th of July.

A holiday for a picnic in the park, a parade and shooting off our fireworks in more ways than one. Parades will be full of politicians this year which brings us to the point.

While historical purists debate the point, we celebrate the 4th as the birth of our nation, the beginning of the United States. We call it a Democracy only because we need a word for it and FDR gave us a word. Our form of government is not a democracy, of course. FDR was a Democrat. Until 1940, we called ourselves a Republic, which is what we are, of course, but FDR was a Democrat not a Republican.

But form of government does not describe the feature about the United States that is most distinctive throughout the world nor does our form of government account for the high standard of living we enjoy. There have been democracies and republics before and since, all without distinction.

What really sets us apart in the world and accounts for how well we live, is our form of economic system. We believe in the private ownership of property, profits and losses and rewards for our risks. Economists call us a Capitalist economy.

Capitalism is different from socialism where the government owns all the property and makes the decisions about what to do with it. Communism is a form of socialism imposed by force. There could be a democratic socialism I guess or even a republic socialism (though it's hard to imagine).

When a person who owns property, say a store building, invests his money in fixtures and inventory and opens a store of some kind in the hope that he can sell his merchandise at a profit, that's the clearest example of capitalism at work. If he desires even more profit (they all do) he might hire a clerk or two and maybe a delivery boy. The drive for profits creates jobs, maybe the only thing that ever created a job.

When a person's property consists of a farm complete with water rights, the same principles apply. Farmers buy equipment and fertilizer and other supplies which some other capitalist produces, hoping to make a profit.

But when the government comes along and takes away some of that property; taxes, the right to use certain chemicals, and some of the irrigation water necessary to grow a crop, then capitalism breaks down and we become more and more a socialist state.

The creeping fescue dies out as creeping socialism robs the capitalist of access to those materials and resources needed to make a profit. Without profit, of course, there is no means to pay taxes, nor hire employees nor expand production so all of us can have new and better things to enjoy life with.

So as you enjoy the 4th of July holiday, remember it is not Democracy (nor more correctly a Republic) that we celebrate most. It is capitalism that gives us the time, money and desire to celebrate the birth of the greatest nation on earth.

And after the fourth, as you go back to work, either at your own capitalist project or that of your employer, think about the ways that capitalism is being eaten up by socialism. We could be celebrating a hollow holiday sometime soon.

4-H News

Kitchen Krew Meeting
By Lori Moeller and Mindy Qualls

Mindy Qualls and Lori Moeller held a cooking meeting on June 26 at leader Chloe Pearson's house. They made sweet rolls, white bread, frozen raspberry jam and fruit smoothies. They took the leftovers home for their families to taste. After the meeting was finished, they had an enormous cleaning job.

Super Chefs
By Dan Scott, reporter

Miranda McElligott, Nikki McElligott, Dan Scott and Mark McElligott attended a 4-H meeting at Bridget McElligott's house on June 24. The club made tacos, milkshakes and jello. They also talked about the fair and what they should be doing to get ready. The club will meet again in July.

In the Service

Marine Cpl. Dennis G. Whitaker, son of Ruth M. Bostick of Irrigon, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

The 1988 graduate of Riverside High School, Boardman joined the Marine Corps in January 1989.

Army Staff Sgt. David E. Hall, a squad leader, has arrived for duty at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.

Hall is the son of LoRayne Bowman, Heppner, and Eldon Hall, Corvallis.

The soldier is a 1980 graduate of Alsea High School.

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Bar-S Ham		Mini Carrots	99¢ bag
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Prices good July 1 through 7th
Closed Saturday, July 4th