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Letters to the Editor

Hats off to Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo

To the Editor:
Hats off to the Oregon trail Pro Rodeo chairman Jerry Gentry, the Pro Rodeo Board, Queen Jenni Ashbeck and her beautiful court, the generous sponsors and the dozens of volunteers for a fabulous rodeo.
I feel that this year's rodeo was the best ever. I don't think there was an empty seat left all three days. As a member of the Women's Pro Rodeo Assn. and the Northwest Pro Rodeo Association I feel that this was one of the best rodeos I've attended all year. We had a world renowned announcer, top quali-

ty stock, excellent ground conditions, and super sound system. It is obvious that the hundreds of hours put in by dedicated citizens had paid off by not only a very successful rodeo, but also by the amount of revenue and publicity brought into Heppner and the surrounding communities by the thousands of spectators and contestants. I feel that with the positive attitude and ambition portrayed this year we can look forward to a bigger and even better show next year. I'll take my hat off to that anyway.
Thanks Morrow County.
(s) Mary Ann Munkers

Column 'right on'

To the Editor:
Your "Off The Wall" column writer by Merlyn Robinson of Wednesday, July 22, 1992, about L.D. "Doc" Tibbles and the adjoining essay by his granddaughter Barbra Tibbles were right on the mark about the beloved and highly respected "Doc".
I was privileged to get to know him as a compassionate physician and as a friend while I was administrator of the then fledgling Pioneer Memorial Hospital of the said forties and the early fifties.
"Doc" was all Merlyn and Barbra said he was. "Doc" even rode at times with Bob Lowe and me on an ambulance run every once-in-a-while, just to make sure that any injured par-

ties might need a physician at the scene. I, as the laboratory and X-ray technician, in addition to my administrative duties would on many occasions be called by "Doc" to the hospital in the middle of the night to perform tests for his diagnostic work-ups of an emergency patient. He was always there when he was needed.
As Merlyn Robinson said, "His extended family came to know and love their "Doc".
And many of us will never, ever forget him as a friend and most capable physician.
(s) John B. Emsdorff
Lewiston, ID

Wallace has best qualifications

To the Editor:
This coming November, we will be voting for our next district court judge. This will be one of our most important local races. That's why I am supporting Jeff Wallace. He has the experience that the job requires.
Jeff has been the district attorney in Morrow County for the past six years. He's been a prosecutor for 10 years. He has been in private law practice in this area for a number of years as well. He's the only candidate who has

prosecuted criminal cases or been in private practice.

I've known Jeff Wallace for the past six years. He's calm and thorough in his approach to law. He deals well with the police and crime victims. He would make an excellent judge, not only because he knows people.

Jeff Wallace has the best qualifications for the job and I'm asking you to vote for him on November 3.

(s) Norma French

County health care at all time high

To the Editor:
Health care in Morrow County is at an all time high. With the Dr.'s Berretta in the south end, with the physician assistant, and Dr. Boss and the Boardman

Clinic in North End, the residents of Morrow County can feel secure that their health care needs can be met.

(s) Hazel Mahoney

No on Measure 9

To the Editor:
As a concerned Oregon citizen, I am asking you to join with me in voting no on Measure 9, which will appear on the November ballot. Measure 9, if passed, would be the first piece of legislation in this nation's history which would take away civil rights from any of its citizens, and would encourage hate, intolerance, distrust and violence.

Measure 9 was designed by the Oregon Citizens' Alliance (OCA) and is intended to amend the Oregon State Constitution to relegate gay men and lesbian women to the status of second class citizens. It would make it legal to discriminate against them in housing, insurance, finance, employment, police protection, health care and in all other aspects of daily living.

The OCA is a neo-Nazi, fanatical religious hate group, which is targeting a vulnerable segment of our society by spreading half-truths, innuendos, and out-and-out lies about the sexual orientation of gay men and lesbian women. The OCA, with

its Measure 9, is attempting to equate the sexual orientation of a large segment of our population with pedophilia, sadism and masochism, none of which has anything to do with sexual orientation.

Gay men and lesbian women do not want "special rights", they want equal rights, and Measure 9 is structured, not only to take away their equal rights, but to take away the equal rights of all those perceived to be gay or lesbian and from all those who support them.

Measure 9 is a dangerous piece of legislation and has the ability to open doors to all kinds of abuse, not only to gays and lesbians, but to all minorities, as well, and to any person or group of people, whom the OCA considers not to be in agreement with its own biased, hate-filled and bigoted agenda.

Please join with me in voting no on Measure 9 in November.

Sincerely,
John Kurka
North Bend

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

This week, a few things "off the top of my desk..."

Chamber's second "Good Morning Heppner" is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 23, 7:30 a.m. hosted by the Elks. The "If Looks Could Kill" customer relations video will be shown with informal visiting over coffee. These morning sessions are being given a trial run to encourage participation for businesses unable to attend chamber at noon. Non-chamber members are invited.

It's not too early to think "Irish". A call from Portland this weekend gives all indications that our singers and dancers from Ireland wish to return in '93. They need to perform in other cities to make their trip cost effective, but most of all they indicated a desire to return to Heppner and spend more time. They are willing to bring slides, share their culture in schools, teach dancing, hold a Celi, perform where scheduled, participate in the pageant, whatever. The catch, they do need some assistance funding their airfare. Put on your thinking caps. The St. Patrick's Committee will be meeting in early October. Next year's dates are March 12-14, 1993.

Responses are coming in from candidates invited to speak at Chamber Candidates and Issues Forum, Oct. 6, 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School. Mark your calendars. This will be a great opportunity to decide how to vote at the polls. Everyone is welcome.

The Chamber office is getting more and more calls from people wanting to relocate in eastern Oregon. One man, the third caller from California that day, wants to move to Heppner, "but only if there are no Californians here."

Thought for the week: "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape."

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Mixed Blessings

Isn't it funny the way something can strike wildly different responses in folks? How a simple little event can make some of us cry and others laugh? Take the rain for example.

Many of the dry-land wheat fields were turning green last week, seed sprouted on the last wisps of moisture from a few weeks ago. I didn't ask, so I don't know for sure, but it seems to me that those little sprigs of winter wheat were just begging for a drink. The last couple of days of rain sure couldn't have hurt, and maybe helped a lot. Put dry-land wheat farmers in favor of a little rain.

But fellows with hay down, onions in the window to dry and potatoes in the ground don't have much use for rain. Some are bold enough to say they hope it doesn't rain a drop from April 'til November. After all, the water they need for irrigation comes through a pipe, and they can put it on whenever they want.

Something as simple as rain is surely a mixed blessing.
Take last Friday night's football game. One team won and they were excited, another lost and they were down in the dumps. I wrote about a football team a few years ago and the whole community was on my neck for saying the boys didn't play very good ball. So I'm not going to write about Friday's game, except to say, another mixed blessing.

And then there's the puppies. That stirs up a lot of love and hate all in the same instant. Sydney, that's what we call the family dog, too young to have spayed just yet, I said. And she was out only that one morning, but there was a whole yard full of dogs.

The puppies look like a good mix between tan Cocker Spaniel and Doberman Pinscher. The vet said it would be best to take them away before the first nursing and I did have good intentions. But Sydney is such a good mother, she tried to bite me when I reached for a pup the first morning. Well, there would be another day, I said.

It's now two weeks and the little tykes (not so little already) have their eyes open and are beginning to roam from their bed. I don't talk to much about disposing of Sydney's pups but I certainly don't want to raise four little mongrel dogs.

Puppies must always be a mixed blessing.
Harold is off to OSU in a few days, Laurel starts BMCC next week. Francie goes off to school alone now, the first time in years. Every parent must be proud when his children jump off into the cold cruel world by themselves. But of course, it is so nice to see kids grow up day-by-day. We're both glad to see the kids go, it's the natural thing to do. But we're sad to have the empty house to ourselves.

Raising kids is sort of a mixed blessing itself. But when the raising is over and they go on to do their own thing, that too, raises mixed emotions.

I guess I've written about the great American Dichotomy where we try to make everything good or bad, black or white, yes or no. The truth is, even simple things like the weather and a litter of puppies are never all good or all bad. Most things in life are mixed blessings.

Men's cross country tournament set

This Sunday, September 20, and par becomes a very difficult marks the annual Men's Play 68 instead of the usual 60. Cross Country Tournament at Breakfast will be served at 7 Willow Creek Country Club. The a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Entry-fee is \$5 for members. entire course layout is changed

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Oranges	29^c lb.	Top Sirloin Steak	\$2⁸⁵ lb.
Betty Crocker 8 oz.		Oregon Grown	
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Betty Crocker 18.25 oz.			
Cake Mix	\$1⁰⁵ ea.	Jimmy Dean 12 oz.	
Rice Krispies 19 oz.		Sausage	\$1⁰⁰ ea.
Cereal	\$3⁴⁹ ea.		
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Friday & Saturday's Menu
Dinner Served 6 p.m. till 9 p.m.

- Prime Rib Dinner - Reg. Cut \$10⁹⁵**
Cowboy Cut **\$14⁹⁵**
- Baked Tolopi Fillet \$8⁹⁵**
With Spicy Red Sauce (similar to Red Snapper)
- Teriyaki Beef Kabobs \$9⁹⁵**
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