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**Letters to the Editor**

**Flowers stolen off graves**

To the Editor:  
Well it has happened again. The flowers put on the graves to honor our loved ones have been stolen. This time Judy Jones Denning had brought them from

Portland in remembrance of her parents Marcel and Dee Jones. I do hope that the thieves had the courtesy to leave the flowers until Memorial Day was over. They weren't there the next day.  
(s) Lorena Jones

**Thefts from graves a shame**

To the Editor:  
On May 29, geraniums were placed on the Dick Meador and David Gray graves. They were still there on the 30th. June 1 they were gone.  
I hope whoever took them really enjoys them.  
It's really a shame when a person travels over 500 miles one way to put flowers on a loved

ones grave just to have someone else steal them. This isn't the first time. This same thing has happened for three years in a row.  
I'd like to ask how you would feel to have someone do this to you.  
If you just want a plant or a bunch of flowers to enjoy, come on by. I'd be glad to share.  
(s) Maxine Gray

**Budget defeat will invite criminals**

To the Editor:  
The Morrow County Court has tightened the budget for the next fiscal year down to the point where there is nothing else to cut unless we are determined to reduce county services to only those mandated by the state. If the budget fails one more time, we will lose essential programs and services. For example, the Morrow County Museum, one of our area's main tourist attractions, will close.  
Also, another budget defeat will leave us with a skeletonized sheriff's department; thereby, sending an open invitation to the region's criminals to come to

Morrow County and do whatever they want with virtually no fear of arrest.  
So folks, do you want visitors to come to Morrow County to enjoy the good features of our area and contribute to our economy or do you want thieves and drug dealers to visit and steal our property?  
The preservation of the quality of life in Morrow County depends on our registered voters mailing in their ballots marked in favor of the Morrow County budget for 1993-94.  
(s) John Edmundson, secretary  
Morrow County Tourism Committee

**Seeks stolen planter**

To the Editor:  
Would the person who took the planter off of the grave of Herman Stroeber Monday night please return it. My name is on the bottom of the planter. I live at 315 W. Union, Heppner.

You may enjoy the plants this summer but I would like to have the planter back so I can use it next year.  
I can't believe people would steal from the graves of the dead.  
(s) Rose Marie Stroeber Buschke

**Urges levy passage**

To the Editor:  
Tourism is the third largest industry in Oregon and it is growing faster than any other. Within the industry, Heritage Tourism is having the greatest growth. Heritage Tourism will only occur when a region recognizes its unique history and culture, and uses it to develop a marketing edge. Examples of this industry are seen on the east coast where the Revolutionary and Civil War battlefields have been attracting visitors for decades.  
The Oregon Trail provides us with our own marketing edge. For three years we have been developing the Trail as a visitor destination and this summer the people are coming. Once they are here we will encourage them to explore the rest of our state. In some cases the visitors are already here. The visitor count at your museum is already up over 65 percent from last year.

Baker City has taken the lead with the development of their Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and they are having great success. Six new businesses are opening in Baker City next month.  
I strongly encourage you to pass the upcoming levy. Do not shut down your community and shut out the opportunities that are beginning to crystalize. When the visitors come to your area they will want to experience and learn about your historical heritage. They will also want to spend their money in your community.  
The Oregon Trail is still bringing people and promise to Oregon. Look forward like the pioneers of 1843. Keep building your community and do not turn it into a ghost town.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Jill Thorne  
Executive Directory  
Oregon Trail Coordinating Council

**Janet Plocharsky and Dennis Stefani**  
along with their parents invite you to join them as they exchange marriage vows Saturday, June 19, 1993 at 4 p.m., Valby Lutheran Church, Ione. Reception will follow at the Ione Legion Hall.

**Health Dept**

The Morrow County Health Department lists the following schedule for the month of June:  
Thursday, June 10: blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Heppner office;  
Tuesday, June 15: blood pressures and immunizations, 11 a.m.-noon, Ione City Hall; 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. Boardman City Hall;  
Wednesday, June 16: blood pressures 11 a.m.-noon, senior center, Heppner;  
Thursday, June 17: blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Heppner office;  
Tuesday, June 22: blood pressures and immunizations, 1-4 p.m. county offices, Irrigon;  
Thursday, June 24: blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Heppner office.

**Graveside Service**

**Wm. Ross Doherty**  
A graveside service for William Ross Doherty will be held Saturday, June 19, 1993 at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.  
Mr. Doherty, 62, died Sunday, December 20, 1992 in Seattle, WA.  
He is survived by his wife Doyle of Seattle; daughters Eva and Rosi Gremmert, both of Carnation, WA, and Ann Doherty, Richland, WA.; foster son David Christensen, Seattle; brothers Gene Doherty, Heppner; Patrick Doherty Moses Lake, WA and Thomas Doherty, Kimberly; and seven grandchildren.

**4-H field day slated**

Wheeler County will host a Rabbit and Poultry field day, Saturday, June 12 at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds in Fossil.  
George Parmar, rabbit and poultry judge, will give instruction in fitting and showing and then give comments and help as participants practice showing their own rabbit or bird.  
Registration begins at 10 a.m. with a \$2 fee per participant to help cover the instructor's travel costs. Instruction begins at 10:30 a.m., giving time to complete registration and settle birds and animals.  
Participants should bring a sack lunch, drinks will be provided. The plan is to complete the program by 3 p.m.  
4-H rabbit and poultry project leaders and members from Morrow, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler are encouraged to attend, as well as anyone else interested.  
Extension programs are open to all. This field day is sponsored by Wheeler County 4-H and the Wheeler County office of the Oregon State University Extension Service.

**Still looking for HHS alumni**

The Heppner High School classes of 1940-46 will be holding a class reunion Sept. 4 and 5.  
The following alumni of Heppner High have not been located. Anyone who might know the whereabouts of these "Missing Mustangs" should contact Jim Barratt in Corvallis, 1-800-525-4888: Class of 1940-Harold Armstrong, Juanita Phelps Spickermeir, Howard Wray; class of 1941-Darrel Bailey, Mary Emma Curren, Agnes Butterfield King, Jack O'Harra; class of 1944-Nick Taylor and Catherine Turner; class of 1945-Melba Burnside Kelly and George Renoc; class of 1946-Beverly Forester.

**Communion set at All Saints**

The Rev. Bob Crum will celebrate Holy Communion at All Saints Episcopal Church on Sunday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Crum will be available for appointments Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12. Call the church office 676-9970 to make an appointment.

**Obituary**

**Irene B. Dollarhide**  
Irene B. Dollarhide, 88, Heppner, died Sunday, June 6, 1993 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.  
A memorial service will be held at the Heppner Masonic Lodge at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 10.  
Mrs. Dollarhide was born June 5, 1905 at Washburn, Mo., to Charles and Leona Ewrin Black. She grew up at Washburn and attended schools there.  
In November 1924 she married Fred Marquardt at Cassville, Mo. The couple later divorced.  
She moved to California where she owned and operated three restaurants at Long Beach.  
On March 7, 1976 she married Edward Dollarhide at Las Vegas, NV. They moved to Bend and following his death in 1979 she moved to Heppner.  
Mrs. Dollarhide was a life member and past grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star.  
Survivors include a son Chuck Marquardt, Heppner; five grandchildren and several great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter Fredalene Courville.  
Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager  
Sometimes volunteers wonder if the time and energy they put into their projects for their community, i.e., standing on Main Street in inclement weather greeting 1000 motorcyclists with an invitation to return, offering the suggestions to eat and gas up in Heppner because it is their best opportunity for many miles, and answering other questions about our community is worthwhile. Research indicated that, at least for some it paid off. It is my understanding that our service station did twice to three times as much business as usual and the Shriners took in approximately \$250 for their projects.  
Hopefully, some of our other businesses did well also. This is one of many examples of what your Chamber of Commerce is about, promoting our community and being involved in a variety of ways to keep Heppner alive and well. Join us.  
Speaking of tourist attractions, there's a new attraction for each and everyone of us, free. Just take a drive along Highway 74 toward Pilot Rock or a trip to the mountains. Wildflower enthusiasts will go crazy this year. It's amazing how these seeds lay dormant for years and with the extra moisture, pop up for the world to enjoy. There are many people who have much hidden potential and when they come forth and bloom with their many talents, our community blossoms too. If you're just enduring life, blossom and enjoy it. (Never mind that I was supposed to be pounding staples in a fence instead of looking at all the wildflowers.)  
Next week: Cycle Oregon planning at Chamber, we are having lunch here in September. Organization committee chairman are invited to come to the meeting also. We'll do some reminiscing of Cycle Oregon III in preparation for VI.

**Off the Wall** By Marilyn Robinson

Industry continues to grow in the County's north end. But many workers there reside in Umatilla County which doesn't add to the number of Morrow County property taxpayers. So during the past 10 years the Morrow County census remains below 8,000 people.  
By comparison, Morrow County's one year operating levy for county government grew from \$1.7 million in 1980-81 to about \$4.2 million in 1990-91. That increase reflects additional departments and services as increased county personnel costs grew from \$587,371 to about \$1.6 million for the same period. As published on June 2, the projected personnel costs under the general fund only are budgeted at \$1.95 million for 1993-94. And that doesn't include the road department.  
For the past five years the levy asking has increased by around one percent per year. That's minus the tax base that is allowed to grow by six percent each year without voter approval. The current levy proposal of around \$3.2 million plus the tax base of about \$800,000 adds up to around \$4 million in property taxes to serve about the same number of people as in the early 1980's.  
With additional grants and reimbursements it's said that the county is providing \$14 million in services with only \$4 million in county property taxes. Many residents have lived for a long time without depending on some of those services, some of which includes emergency management that is mandated by law. A small part of the budget as a number of non-mandated services requiring some tax dollars to operate.  
Morrow County is fortunate to have 65 percent of the tax burden paid by utilities. But the recent voting record proves that many individuals can't support as much taxation. Higher home values provides a few more tax dollars, but the property tax burden has shifted to rural and small businesses struggling to survive.  
Without ranches and farms our small towns would not offer so many services. But according to a recent study by Helix farmer Clinton Reeder, a former Oregon State University professor, a 27 percent reduction in annual farm incomes is anticipated for the average farmer this year.  
Energy costs are big ticket items since farmers don't plow with horses anymore. A proposed federal BTU tax is anticipated to generate \$70.5 billion from increased taxes from the use of hydro-power fuel, fertilizers and chemicals. Electrical rates alone will continue to soar due to salmon recovery programs. And other proposed legislation hopes to cut farm programs by \$2.9 billion while increasing the \$25 billion food stamp program by \$7.3 billion.  
People cannot continue to operate in the red like the federal government. Preserving a way of life in rural areas depends on economization starting with county taxation.  
It could have been a foregone conclusion that a levy would be passed without problems or the county's share of Finley Butte landfill tipping fees might not have been committed to economic development of communities. Sure, that amount is going to help many good causes, but that figure, projected to be over \$125,000 is almost half of the \$300,000 now labeled as an over estimation of projected county revenue for next year. And how that budgeting error was determined, don't ask me.  
With this year's abundant moisture farmers perhaps should have planted rice on dryland acres. But instead of providing cheap food for the nation and the world, maybe the government should buy up what land they don't already own, leaving small acreages under private ownership. The West could then be turned into a giant playground for those who are trying very hard to devastate the Northwest economy. The survivors could charge urban folks big bucks to show them plenty of ghost towns--or maybe give them a ride in a covered wagon while occasionally spotting a lone cow that wonders why the herd disappeared. And the cuisine for those adventures would undoubtedly feature imitation "vegieburgers" produced in a factory of course.

**Jamie Lovett places 4th at meet**

Jamie Lovett, an Ione High School junior, placed fourth at the Oregon Trail All Star track meet held June 5 at Oregon City.  
Lovett threw the discuss 111'5" in a field of 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A contestants.  
The meet was held at the Oregon City High School track.

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

**June 10: Ladies Nite. Dinner at 6 p.m. Flag Day Services with American Legion Post 87, Scout Troop 661 and the Heppner Elks Lodge 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend these services honoring the American Flag and its history.**

Congratulations to all of Ione and Heppner Seniors and Eighth grade students.

**Court Street Market**  
11 N. Court Heppner 676-9643  
**GROCERIES - MEATS - PRODUCE**  
Prices good June 9th - 15th

<b>Choice Oranges</b> 29¢ lb.	<b>Brownie Mix</b> 21.5 oz. Reg. \$1.99 <b>\$1.39</b>
<b>Cantaloupe</b> 33¢ lb.	<b>Pillsbury</b> Western Family 64 oz. Reg. \$2.39 <b>\$1.79</b>
<b>Fresh Mushrooms</b> 99¢ Ea.	<b>Apple Cider</b> Complete Microwave 7.75 oz. Reg. \$1.49 <b>89¢</b>
<b>Celery</b> 29¢ lb.	<b>Idahoan Potato</b> Reg. \$1.49 <b>89¢</b>
<b>Fresh Broccoli</b> 49¢ lb.	<b>Pork Steak</b> \$1.59 lb.
<b>Olives</b> 2.25 oz. Reg. 79¢ <b>55¢</b>	<b>Pork Cube Steak</b> \$3.39 lb.
<b>Relish</b> 12 oz. Reg. \$1.09 <b>75¢</b>	<b>Pork Sausage</b> \$1.59 lb.
<b>Coke or Pepsi</b> \$3.39 + dep.	<b>New York Steak</b> \$4.59 lb.
	<b>T-Bone Steak</b> \$4.59 lb.