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## Letters to the Editor

### Questions arise concerning health care

To the Editor:

As the debate intensifies, regarding the formation of a Boardman Medical District, it will be incumbent upon each voter to assess the facts and decide what is in their best interests and the best interest of their community as a whole.

Two main issues seem paramount in the minds of the committee that launched a petition drive to form the new district. First is whether Boardman is being adequately represented now and second is whether the tax funds collected by the current medical fund are being wisely and fairly administered.

The present Morrow County Medical Board has eight members. The board chairperson is Roger Cash from Boardman. Other members include Ray Michael of Boardman; Roger

Trueax of Irrigon; Bill Sheirbon of Lexington; Meg Murray of Ione; Earl Woods of Boardman; Merle Cowett of Heppner. The eighth position was recently vacated by Lori Pruitt of Irrigon and remains open awaiting appointment by the County Court. The administrator of the fund is Kevin Erich of Heppner.

I would encourage you to contact any of the board members, or the administrator and take an honest look at the facts. Ask what are the major challenges facing rural health in general and health delivery in Morrow County in particular. Is fragmenting the current health care system consistent with meeting these challenges? Also, take a look at how and where your dollars are being spent, a good portion of them come from your taxes and you have a right to know.

(s) Dan Grant

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## Obituaries

### Arthur W. Rowell

Graveside memorial services for Arthur W. Rowell were held 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at the Lexington Cemetery.

Mr. Rowell, 94, of Ione, died Monday, March 14, 1994 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

He was born Sept. 11, 1899 at Mountain Dale, to Mike and Martha Bonge Rowell. He came to Morrow County in 1916.

He did construction work and farmed in Morrow County most of his life.

On March 22, 1926, he married Lela Crowell. They later divorced.

Mr. Rowell served with the U.S. Army during World War II. On July 12, 1965 he married Virginia Leacock at Kennewick, WA. She died in 1974.

He was a member of the IOOF Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include a son, William of Ione; brother, Walter of Manteca, CA.; sisters, Mabel Ring of Ione, Josie Peck, Heppner and Grace Golden of Banning, CA.; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. A daughter, Linda Kerns, brothers, Henry and Harry and sisters Ethel, Ellen, Estelle, Dorothy and Ruth, all died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Oregon Division Inc., 0330 S.W. Curry, Portland, OR 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

### Blanche Barlow

Graveside memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 24 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery for Blanche Barlow, who died Saturday, Jan. 8, 1994 in Eugene.

Mrs. Barlow, who had been a longtime Heppner resident was 94.

She was born March 3, 1899 at Heppner to Spencer and Nellie Vaughn Akers.

On April 8, 1917, she married Charles Barlow at Heppner. Mr. Barlow died in 1955. She moved to Eugene in 1965.

Mrs. Barlow was affiliated with the Degree of Honor, Protective Association; the American Association of Retired Persons; and was a longtime member of the Christian Church.

She enjoyed gardening, quilting, sewing and raising African violets.

Survivors include a daughter, Lucille Walker of Eugene; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Another daughter Marie Warner, died in 1968.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, directly or through Sweeney Mortuary, PO Box 97, Heppner, 97836.

### Reports on Russian wheat aphid heard

Reports of Russian Wheat Aphid infestations of early seeded winter wheat are coming in from lower elevations in the Columbia Plateau.

Mike Stoltz, Umatilla County Cereals Agent, comments that Pendleton area fieldmen have found aphids in surprising numbers. He suspects warmer than usual winter temperatures allowed the aphids to carry over.

Keith Pike, entomologist at the Prosser Experiment Stations, reports they have found high

## Death Notice

### Juanita L. Carmichael

Funeral services for Juanita L. Carmichael will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 25 at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. Concluding service and interment will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Carmichael, 87, of Heppner, died Sunday, March 20 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

Memorial contributions for those who wish, may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Fund, PO Box 9, Heppner, or to the donors favorite charity of choice. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Gazette-Times.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

### Jesse A. Skidmore

Funeral services for Jessie A. Skidmore will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Lexington, OR. Concluding service and interment will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Skidmore, 84, of Heppner, died Monday, March 21 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the donors favorite charity. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Gazette-Times.

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## Births

**Nereida Navarro**-a daughter Nereida was born to Eusevia Hernandez of Boardman on March 6, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz.

**Brandon Everett Hudson**-a son Brandon Everett was born to Laura McNally of Boardman on March 6, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz.

**Alexis Carin Ashcraft**-a daughter Alexis Carin was born to Deanna and Darrel Ashcraft of Irrigon on March 8, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz.

**Rosa Marie Mendoza**-a daughter Rosa Marie was born to Tracie and Jorge Mendoza of Irrigon on March 8, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz.

**Jacob Allen Axtell**-a son Jacob Allen was born to Rashell and Keith Axtell of Irrigon on March 11, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



There were 93 people present for the senior dinner March 16. Six meals were taken out. Members of the Catholic Church served. Sam Scott won the free meal ticket and Jessie Scott won the door prize.

The menu for the birthday dinner March 30 will be turkey roll-ups, potatoes and gravy, carrots, tossed salad, fruit, cake and ice cream. Members of the Baptist and Christian Missionary Fellowship churches will serve.

The senior board met Friday morning March 18, after they helped peel potatoes for the soup for Saturday's luncheon.

Both the O' Senior breakfast at the fairgrounds and the soup, roll, pie and coffee lunch were well attended. The profits help support the senior center. The efforts of the many volunteers were much appreciated.

Judy Durkee was the winner of the St. Patrick's quilt.

The Red Cross Blood drawing will be at the senior center dining room Tuesday, March 29 from 1 to 6 p.m. The Heppner High School Student Council is sponsoring the blood drive.

The Focus on Health group will meet Thursday, March 31 at 10 a.m. to continue planning for the health fair that will be held May 19 at the senior center.

Other dates to remember: Monday, Bible study-10:30 a.m.; quilting begins in April; Tuesday and Thursday, exercise-10 a.m.; Wednesday senior dinner-noon; Friday cards-2:30 p.m.; Sunday movie-7 p.m.

Six volunteers folded newsletters for the Extension Service Monday, March 21.

## Ranger District host open house

The Heppner Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest will be hosting an open house Wednesday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to present projects which are proposed for 1994 and 1995 implementation. The open house will be held at the district office, 117 S. Main, Heppner. The district will present the key issues, objectives and the proposed action for revision of the Hardman and T & M Allotment Management Plans. Restoration projects to rehabilitate roads, streams and wildlife habitat will also be displayed.

The District will be giving

away western larch and ponderosa pine seedlings in observance of Arbor Day. In addition, a public meeting will be held in the district office conference room from 7 to 9 p.m. Forest service personnel will be available to discuss the environmental analysis process as it pertains to the Allotment Management Plan proposed revisions and the progress which has been made to date. The district invites everyone to view the projects and become involved in the planning process.

For more information on the open house contact Delanne Ferguson, District Ranger, or Janel Lacey, planner at 676-9187.

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**March 26:** Installation of Officers, public welcome, 4 p.m. New exalted Ruler - John and Cindy Breidenbach  
**Dinner 6 p.m. • Music 9 p.m.**

**April 2:** Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. promptly Pre-schooler, museum;  
1st - 2nd grade lower fields;  
3rd - 4th grade Hager Park

**Bingo Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.**  
We thank all those who helped with the St. Patrick's Celebration

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**Cake Mix** 99¢  
**Turkey Cutlets** \$1.89 lb.  
**T-Bone Steak** \$3.39 lb.  
**Pork Shoulder Roast** \$1.39 lb.  
**Dish Detergent** \$1.29  
**Paper Towel** 55¢

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## Marriage Licenses

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

March 14: Carlos Leon Torres, 19, Boardman; and Veronica Torres Lomas, 18, Umatilla.

## Justice Court Report

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

Christopher M. Theisen, 34, Newport, WA. -Illegal U Turn, \$117 fine, \$60 suspended.