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**Letters to the Editor**

**'Rape' of Heppner appalling**

To the Editor:  
The impending "Rape of Heppner" by Lane County business interests operating under the name of Pioneer Resources is appalling.  
I have two major loyalties, to OSU and to my hometown of Heppner. The Beavers can handle themselves in any struggle but how can Heppner compete when Pioneer Resources make plans to dismantle the Kinzua Lumber company, putting 140 employees out of work and as Gary Marks, Heppner city manager, puts it "you might as well take out an eraser and wipe Heppner off the map."  
This is not as devastating as the Heppner flood back in June of 1903, when 247 died, but to the 140 who will lose their jobs, it is a similar crisis.  
I only wish that the four or five partners of Pioneer Resources knew of Heppner and its 1400 citizens as I do. My wife and I grew up there and after WWII migrated to the Willamette Valley. Heppner enjoys a unique situation where its high school covers itself with glories through

the success of its students, who do so well in athletics. The kids who go on to college have a high success ratio. Their parents band together and with civic pride sponsor such events as the northwest's largest St. Patrick weekend, where the population swells to 5,000.  
When I was a youngster, Orville Smith was owner of this same Kinzua Lumber Company. He and his wife were close friends of my parents. They adopted a little girl who became famous as a female jockey. She became more famous when at the age of 40, she married the 80 year-old Fred Astaire. The people who operate Pioneer Resources probably don't even know about this story or about so many other interesting yarns about Heppner. Obviously, they care even less.  
In conclusion, we pray that Pioneer Resources act more like Oregon pioneers than hard-hearted businessmen and work together to build up Heppner, rather than destroy it.  
(s) James G. Barratt  
Corvallis, Oregon

**My Two Cents Worth**  
By Louis Carlson, Morrow County Judge

*Editor's note: the following article was submitted by Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson.*  
Congratulations to all of you for passing the one year operating levy for Morrow County. The levy passed with a 56.2 percent yes vote. All but one of our 11 precincts found favor with the levy. Commendations all who worked so hard to put the levy together, especially the budget committee of John Pragg, Boardman, Matt Doherty, Irrigon, George Koffler, Heppner and the commissioners.  
Also passing with a 57.5 percent vote was the one year operating levy for the Morrow County Medical Fund. These are encouraging results during stressful times, especially in south Morrow County where there are ominous sights that the Kinzua Mill may be sold off to a Eugene firm and closed. At risk are well over 200 jobs that are directly or indirectly eliminated. The disruption of family lives and elimination of small business will have a devastating effect on our entire county.  
I recommend bringing our tax base into the 20th century.  
The Morrow County primary election date is May 17. Morrow County will be referring to the registered voters of the county a proposed updated tax base for the 1994-95 fiscal year of \$4,540,435. Prudent management of any governing body requires long term planning. Under the present hiccup hit and miss option of annual voter approval, virtually no planning for future years is possible lacking secure funding.  
Without the security blanket of a realistic tax base or that of a reliable annual operating levy, Morrow County is required to operate on the existing tax base established in 1911 in the amount of \$831,986, enough to operate existing services for a period of 90 days, for shame.  
"Don't trust 'em" cry those who believe that trust no government is the best policy. "Everyone knows that government at any level will spend all

that it can get, especially if a free six percent is given in addition to the already adequate tax base."  
Not so you disbelievers. Past history has proven that not only have county commissioners and budget committee members kept the annual tax levy in check but have actually decreased the levy over the past three years. County one year operating levies in recent years have reflected actual needs, often not tied to inflationary costs. Your elected officials pay taxes as well, and, are subject to ejection from office. Enough said.  
Despite some rough and tumble trips at the starting line, the Charter Committee is on track and gathering information for an informed decision in the future. Should Morrow County develop a county charter and become what is known as a "Home Rule County"? Some neighboring counties have tried and rejected while others have pressed on. I won't second guess the charter committees' intent or decision. They have been given the charge to "charge" and let's all stand back and let the process work.  
Locating the PGE Gas co-gen plant at Boardman came one step closer as the county court, port officials and city officials met to determine the effects of annexation of the co-gen plant within the city limits of Boardman. Seems as though the PGE plant needs a super reliable source of water which the city currently has in the way of a well driven by massive shallow underground source.  
Negotiations are currently underway between the city of Boardman and the four other Morrow County cities to mitigate any negative aspects of this annexation. The county, city of Boardman and the Port of Morrow are also attempting to determine what effect this annexation will have on the Morrow County other road district fund. As these negotiations continue, we will keep you posted. At the present time, it appears that virtually everyone will be the big winner on this one.

**Obituaries**

**Betty M. Aldrich**  
Graveside services for Betty M. Aldrich were held Thursday, March 31, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.  
Mrs. Aldrich, 63, of Heppner, died Sunday, March 27, 1994 at Menlo Park Care Center in Portland.  
She was born November 7, 1930, at Norwalk, Conn., to Anthony and Carmella Angione. She grew up in Connecticut and attended schools there. In 1944, the family moved to Culver City, CA.  
On April 1, 1948, she married Benjamin Sorenson at Ely, Nev. The couple moved to Heppner and later divorced.  
Mrs. Aldrich worked as a waitress at Cal's Restaurant, the Wagon Wheel Restaurant and the Elks Club in Heppner. She had also been employed at Beecher's Restaurant in Ione where she lived for seven years before returning to Heppner.  
On June 10, 1971, she married Clifford Aldrich at Lewiston, Idaho. They also later divorced.  
Mrs. Aldrich had worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner for three years.  
She was a member of the Lone American Legion Auxilliary and enjoyed playing bingo.  
Survivors include her daughters, Lesa Shuman, of Eagle Creek and Sandra Sorenson of Portland; stepdaughters Arletta Arnstiger of St. Helens, and Arlynda Gates of Ione; sister, Delores Angone of Norwalk, Conn.; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Association of Oregon, 3330 N.W. Yeon, Suite 130, Portland, 97210, or Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Box 9, Heppner, 97836.  
Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

**Grace Robins**  
Grace Stahl Robins, 82, of Irrigon, died Saturday, March 26, 1994 at her home.  
Memorial services were held Saturday, April 2 at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Burial was at the Irrigon Cemetery.  
Mrs. Robins was born Nov. 11, 1911 at Fond du lac, Wis., to Herman and Mabel Bauer.  
On July 4, 1929, she married Wallace Stahl at Berrien Springs, Mich. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Peru for 6½ years of missionary work among the Indians. In 1938, they moved to Monrovia, CA. then to Paradise, CA. where they operated a nursing home. They moved to Irrigon in 1974. Mr. Stahl died in 1981.  
In October, 1984, she married Orlando T. Robins, a high school friend of her first husband.  
Mrs. Robins was a longtime member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.  
Survivors include her husband Orlando, of Irrigon; sons David Stahl of Paradise, CA., and Joel Stahl of Irrigon; daughter, Anita of Rio Linda, CA.; stepdaughters Lynn of Culver and Erma Rae of Redding, CA.; a brother, Lloyd in Calimesa, CA.; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Besides her first husband, Wallace, a brother, Glen and a stepson Gene, also died earlier.  
Memorial contributions may be made to International Children's Care, PO Box 4406 Vancouver WA. 98662-0406 or to Holbrook Seventh-Day Adventist Indian School, PO Box 880 McLaws Road, Holbrook, AZ. 86025-0880.  
Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

**Dona Shasteen**  
Dona Ruth Shasteen, 61, of Boardman, died Friday, April 1, at her home.  
Memorial services were held Wednesday, April 6, at the home of Dan and Julie Reed, Boardman.  
Mrs. Shasteen was born January 20, 1933 at Trinidad, Colo., to Theodore Field and Roberta Field Moffett. She graduated from Centennial High School at Pueblo, Colo., in 1951.  
In 1955, she married Everett Shasteen. They lived in Arizona and California for many years before coming to Boardman in 1979. They operate Shasteen's Auto Clinic as a family business

and Mrs. Shasteen worked at Kegler's Sentry Market for nine years.  
She enjoyed her family.  
Survivors include her husband Everett at the home; sons Terry of Pendleton, Teddy and Timmy, both of Boardman; daughter, Tammie of Boardman, Shane, Tiffany, Shalyn, Teralyn, Dustan Bonney, Teddi Von and Zachary Shasteen, her mother Roberta Moffett of Boardman; brother, Sonny Field of Dayville and sister, Meri Lynn Hurd of Boardman. Her father, Theodore, died earlier.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the Dona Shasteen Fund at Inland Empire Bank in Boardman.  
Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

**Earl Alfred Sykes**  
Memorial services were held Thursday, March 31, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Gardiner for Earl Alfred Sykes. Private burial was at the Gardiner Masonic Cemetery. Sykes, the father of David Sykes, Heppner, died Sunday, March 27, 1994 of complications from lung and heart problems. He was 76.  
Sykes was born March 25, 1918 in Berkeley, CA. to Earl and Elizabeth Collins-Kelly Sykes. Until he entered junior high, he received his education at home. He graduated from Berkeley High School and attended the University of California at Berkeley.  
When the war began he left college and joined the Civilian Battalion after working in the shipyards. He then volunteered for the Underwater Demolition team, the forerunner of the Navy S.E.A.L.S. He was awarded several medals and the Bronze Star. He donated his memorabilia and medals to the S.E.A.L.S. museum in Florida.  
Following his service in the Pacific, Sykes attended officers' candidate school and held the rank of lieutenant junior grade. He returned to college and graduated in 1947 with a degree in journalism and history.  
He married Myrtle Van Buren on Feb. 1, 1947, in Berkeley. She died in 1976.  
Sykes bought The Courier newspaper in Reedsport from William Tugman in 1960 and settled in Gardiner. He was the publisher and editor for many years and saw the publishing business evolve from hand-set type to the computer age.  
He was a believer in grassroots democracy and was active in political and environmental affairs. He served on several legislative committees, was a member of the Oregon Shores Coalition and was a charter member of 1,000 Friends of Oregon. He served on the Douglas County Library Board and was on the Water Conservation Commission.  
He enjoyed reading, history and travel. He was involved in backpacking in his youth and later traveled to Austria, Italy, Spain, England, Scotland and Australia with his daughters.  
Sykes is survived by daughters Ardeen Sykes and grandchildren Alan, Jim and J.C. Clay of Monmouth, Vickie and Charlie Lewis

and Max and Anne of Portland; two sons, David and April Hilton-Sykes and grandchildren, Chris, Allison, Andy and Camille, Heppner and Charles of Portland.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the Earl A. Sykes memorial Journalism Fund in care of Pacific State Bank, PO Box 107, Reedsport, 97467.

**Justice Court Report**

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:  
Richard Cramer, Sr., 36, Haines-Oversize Length, 60' size limit, 66'3" alleged, \$93 fine;  
David Sam Hull, 26, Pendleton-Disobeying Stop sign, \$235 fine, \$140 suspended;  
Lester LeRoy Haworth, 63, Binger, WA.-Failure to Secure Pole Trailer, \$82 fine;  
Michael Edger Palmer, 46, Ukiah-Expired Truck License, Expired Log Trailer Registration, No Operator's License, Insufficient Binders, No Log Book, Driving While Suspended, Expired Truck License \$817 bail forfeited.

**Market Report**

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

**Tuesday, April 5, 1994**

Soft White	
April	\$3.47/\$3.50
May	\$3.52
June	\$3.53/\$3.52
July	\$3.50/\$3.48
Aug.-Sept.	\$3.46
Barley	
April-May	\$1.00
Aug.	\$0.97

**Chili Feed**  
at  
**Christian Life Center**  
Friday, April 8  
5-7 p.m.

**Births**

**Cameron Eugene Day and Cassidee Jene Day**-twins, Cameron Eugene and Cassidee Jene were born to Sandi and Curt Day of Heppner, on March 23, 1994 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. Cameron weighed 5 lbs. 9 oz. and Cassidee weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz.  
They join brothers Cody, five; Zane, four and Chance, two at home.  
Grandparents are Bob and Betty Green, Spray, Gary Kroske, Irrigon and Troy and Molly Day, Heppner. Great grandparents are Leona Hough, Spray and Marble Blann, Mitchell.

**Mary Victoria Rietmann**-a daughter Mary Victoria was born to Donna and Joe Rietmann of Ione, on April 1, 1994, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla, WA. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.  
She joins a sister Emily, four at home.  
Grandparents are Lee and Mary Ann Palmer and Betty Rietmann of Ione. Great grandparents are Bernice Nash, Heppner; Geneva Palmer, Ione; and Delbert Anson of Hermiston.

**Marriage Licenses**

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:  
March 29: Ryan Robert Wilson, 20, Heppner; and Sarah Louise Britt, 18, Heppner.

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**April 7th:** Ladies night, dinner 6 p.m.  
**April 8th:** Duck's Unlimited Banquet-Auction Lots of drawings. Social hour 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m.  
**April 9th:** Special Chinese dinner. Shrimp Chow Main, Egg Foo young, Pork Fried Rice, all for \$6, by Will Klein  
**April 10th:** Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby 5 p.m.  
Dining room will be open  
Friday and Saturday nights from 6-9 p.m.  
Bingo every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Court Street Market**  
111 N. Court Heppner 676-9643  
GROCERIES - MEATS - PRODUCE  
Prices good April 6th - 12th

Potatoes 10 lb. Bag	\$1.29	Western Family Sandwich Style 2 lb.	\$1.00
Mini Peeled 1 lb. Bag		Western Family Microwave 10.5 oz.	
Carrots	99¢	Popcorn	99¢
Cherry Tomatoes	89¢ Cup	Ivory 4 pk. 3.5 oz.	
Choice Navel		Bar Soap	\$1.35
Oranges	25¢ lb.	New York Steak	\$3.99 lb.
Wilderness 20 oz.		Boneless Beef	
Cherry Pie Filling	\$1.59	Pot Roast	\$1.89 lb.
Western Family Red Raspberry 18 oz.		Boneless Country Style	
Preserves	\$1.59	Beef Ribs	\$1.99 lb.
Nalleys 46 oz.		Bumble Bee 6 1/8 oz.	
Pickles	\$1.99	Chunk Lite Tuna	69¢