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Letter to the Editor

JC Penney says no

The following letter was written to JoyceKay and Jerry Hollomon from the J.C. Penney Catalog Sales Merchant Program.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hollomon: Thank you and your communities' interest in J.C. Penney Independent Catalog Sales Merchant Program.

I'm sure you are aware, there are numerous business considerations taken into account when evaluating potential marketers for Catalog Sales Merchant installation, not the least of which is current market

share.

After reviewing this market, I regret to inform you that J.C. Penney does not anticipate entering the area with a catalog store operation at this time. I can assure you, we continuously monitor markets for prospective expansion opportunities and should Heppner meet the criteria in the future we would take positive steps.

Again, thank you for your interest in J.C. Penney Merchant Program.

Best Regards,
(s) Brian D. MacPherson
Catalog Sales
Expansion Manager

Appreciates community support

To The Editor:

As this year's street repair and rebuilding work nears completion I wanted to take a moment to give my appreciation to the community for the tolerance and patience shown during these past weeks of inconveniences, dust, dirt, obstructed driveways, and closed streets. Our reward will be new and improved streets that will serve the community for many years to come.

After the asphalt crews are finished paving the streets, finish work will take place to back-fill curbs, restore property access, and to undertake

private paving work. So, if it appears the asphalt workers forgot to fix your driveway or perform some other type of work for you please be assured that they will return. Please also note that in most cases new street paving will be finished with new gravel shoulders to eliminate any "bump offs" at the new edge of pavement.

Again, the City appreciates the community's support shown during this summer of improvements.

Sincerely,
(s) Gary B. Marks
Heppner City Manager

Wonderful to be back

To The Editor:

Two months ago, we moved "home" to Heppner, after an absence of 26 years. Everyone we have encountered has made us feel truly welcome, people we knew before leaving so long ago and people we are just now having the pleasure to meet. Being back feels wonderful, and we know it is because of such warm welcomes. (We have

been embarrassed a few times by not recognizing a face we should remember, but we know you will forgive what time does to the memory, and faces). Please stop, three miles toward Pilot Rock, to say "hi". Dan will be the one on a tractor, and Doris will be the one with a hammer or paint brush, probably, and we both will be delighted to have you stop.

(s) Dan and Doris Brosnam

Pool issue a step closer to the ballot

The Willow Creek Park District board voted to approve two motions that would clear the way for a swimming pool bond levy and operating levy to be put before the voters in November.

The park district board approved a motion to give Gary Marks authority to work with Dick Roberts, bond attorney with Preston, Gates and Ellis, to form a bond resolution. The board intends to vote on that resolution at their next meeting, Wednesday, Aug. 24. If the district board approves the resolution, they will put a \$975,000 bond levy for pool construction and a three-year operating levy at \$36,000 per year before the voters of the Willow Creek Park District in November. The district consists of south Morrow County and includes the cities of Heppner, Lone and Lexington. The park board has agreed that it will tie the passage of the construction bond levy with the operating levy, because a pool cannot function without operating funds and vice versa.

Pool Commission member Mark Pointer stressed that an operating levy is necessary because income generated from pool use is not enough to keep it running. "The point we want to make," Pointer told the Gazette Tuesday night, "is that the pool cannot support itself. It has to be subsidized." Marks estimates that the previous pool brought in around \$5,000 during the three-month season and required another \$25,000 in city monies to operate. The city cut funds to operate the pool because of ballot measure 5 budget cuts and the pool's deteriorating condition.

The district also agreed to work with David Ulbricht, bond underwriter with Strand, Atkinson, Williams and York of Portland. Ulbricht has worked as underwriter for several Morrow County bonds, including those for the Boardman Parks and Recreation District, the city of Heppner and the Port of Morrow.

Marks, who volunteered to work as pool project coordinator, stressed that he is volunteering his time and is not being paid or working on the project as Heppner city manager.

The park district has not yet approved a site for the pool. An ad hoc committee, the Pool Commission, however, has recommended Hager Park as the first choice for a pool site on the basis of a pool feasibility study commissioned earlier. Walt Pilgrim, who lives near the park, appeared at a park district meeting Wednesday, Aug. 10, in opposition to the Hager Park site. Pilgrim said he was not against a pool, but did not want it in his neighborhood because of traffic and noise concerns.

The Pool Commission had reviewed several sites, including the Morrow County Fairgrounds, Heppner High School, the former pool site and the Lexington ball park, prior to recommending the Hager Park site. They said that the fair site was opposed by fair and rodeo officials because the Fairgrounds Master Plan would not allow room for the pool access and parking; concerns were raised over the dangers of children walking up the hill to the high school site because of traffic; and the Lexington site, which was the number two selection, would encounter sewer problems. If the Lexington site was chosen, a holding tank would have to be built for the water discharged from the pool to allow for dissipation of the chlorine before discharging in the septic system. Transportation to and from the Lexington site from the major population area in Heppner could also be a problem. The former pool site was not selected because it could not meet code and could subsequently face legal problems. Selection of the former pool site would also create an additional expense of demolishing the former pool. Flood plain and flood way regulations created problems for other suggested sites. The Heppner City Council has indicated that it would make the Hager Park land available upon passage of the bond issue.

The pool option favored by the Pool Commission would include a zero depth pool, which is gradually sloped much like a beach, a slide, a bath house with a meeting room and a small indoor therapy pool, which may be operated year round. The zero-depth pool

would accommodate the handicapped and the therapy pool could be used for seniors, physical therapy and various classes. While these options cost extra, they may also open the way for special grants that a basic pool would not qualify for. The total estimated cost for this option would be \$1.2

million, but the commission recommended and the board voted to ask only \$975 thousand from the voters. They decided to seek grants, gifts and volunteer labor for the remaining \$225 and, if it could not be raised, scale down the pool plan to a more basic option.

Estimated cost for the 20-year construction bond levy would be around 38 cents per thousand. A homeowner with a \$100,000 home would pay around a year; a businessman with a \$500,000 business would pay around \$190 a year; and a rancher with a \$1,000,000 ranch would pay around \$380 a year.

Births

Jared Paul Gorham-a son Jared Paul was born to Nancy and Kerry Gorham on June 27, 1994 at Grand Ronde Hospital in La Grande. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz.

Grandparents are Dwight and Janell Bailey, Heppner and Merrill and Diana Gorham, Summerville.

Great grandparents are Paul and Nadine Bailey, Hermiston, Ralph and Helen McLean, Elgin and Dorothy Gorham, Tri Cities, WA.

Nayeli Calvillo-a daughter Nayeli was born to Roselia and Sabino Calvillo of Boardman on July 22, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lb. 12 oz.

Francisco Javier Nunez-a son Francisco Javier was born to Maria and Javier Nmez of Ir-rigon on July 27, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 12 oz.

Chelsi Morgan Meads-a daughter Chelsi Morgan, was born to Roxanne Poulain and Justin Meads of Boardman on July 27, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Kaitlin Mary Kolka-a daughter Kaitlin Mary was born to Robin and Dean Kolka, of Miles City, Mont. on August 3, 1994. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 4 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Jan Bothum of Pendleton, Jim Bothum of Prineville and Cecil and Delores Kolka, of Vollborg, MT. Great grandparents are Mary and Ralph Beamer, Heppner.

Justice Court Report

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

Sally Jo Maddern, 38, Heppner-Impeding Traffic, \$57 fine;

Robert Lewis Stravens, 34, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 71 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$95 fine;

Jeffrey Botefuhr, 18, Heppner-Criminal Mischief III, \$422 fine, 30 days in jail, \$100 and jail sentences suspended with one year probation with no further violation of law excluding minor traffic, contact Morrow County Mental Health for anger management counseling, contact Morrow County Road Dept. by Aug. 12 to determine amount of restitution and make restitution.

John McCabe, Heppner-Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance, \$43 fine;

Ivy Lundgren, Heppner-Negotiating a Bad Check, \$655 fine, 90 days in jail, \$300 and jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of the law excluding minor traffic.

Billee June Owen, 40, Lexington-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$95 fine;

Geneva Mathews, Heppner-Permitting Dog to Run At Large, \$42 fine.

Arts & Crafts to meet

The Morrow County Creative Arts Club has planned a meeting for Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 1 p.m. at Kates.

During the meeting the English cottage class will exhibit their paintings and members will discuss fair.

Volkswalking meeting held

A meeting held last week to consider forming a Heppner volkswalk club resulted in a decision not to form a club at this time.

However, an ad hoc group of Heppner Chamber of Commerce members did decide to facilitate establishment of a designated volkswalking route in Heppner.

The volkswalking route will be used for both an annual volkswalk event as was held during the St. Patrick's celebration in 1992 and also for a year-round volkswalk event.

A year-round volkswalk event involves covering a designated route at any time during the year which suits the convenience of the participant.

Volkswalking is non-competitive, recreational aerobic exercise. Participation is open to anyone and does not require membership in an organized volkssport club.

Heppner Chamber members involved include: Gail and Forrie Burkenbine (Central Market), Delanne Ferguson (U.S. Forest Service), Mike McGuire (U.S. Postal Service) and John Edmundson. Those interested in learning more about volkswalking may contact any of these individuals for more information.

Barbecue set at Country Club

The Willow Creek Country Club will have a family barbecue on Sunday August, 21 at 4 p.m.

Each family will bring their own meat to barbecue. Those whose names begin with "A" through "I" should bring dessert; "J" through "Z" are asked to bring salad.

Hosts will be Bob and George Nairns, Gary and Martha Munkers, Duck and Ann Lusher, and John and Kelly Boyer.

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