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Letters to the Editor

Dr. Boss deserves apology

To the Editor:

This is in response to Cheryl Rietmann's letter in the Gazette of Aug. 30, 1995. I believe she has some of her facts wrong. Dr. Boss has never contested the audit of the Clinic's books. His personal income is not the business of Cheryl's or anyone else.

Yes, he has built up the business here. As a person fluent in Spanish, he is a very welcome person to our Hispanic population. As do the Berrettas, he refers his patients to specialists whenever and wherever needed.

We know the doctors in Heppner, all three receive an excellent salary plus a new clinic, with everything furnished. Not so with Dr. Boss. From the funds provided him he pays the salaries of his nurses, his office help, one physician's assistant and if he has a day off, a substitute doctor. He pays his own utilities and has purchased some of his own state-of-the-art equipment. As for the x-ray machine, it was purchased by P.G.E. and the citizens of Boardman.

As for tax dollars, we have supported the doctors, hospital, nursing home, nurses, ambulance, Pioneer Memorial staff, Mr. Erich's salary, ect. for years and will continue to do so. I'm sure that we could find what we would consider some unnecessary items should we examine the audit of Pioneer Hospital.

We resent the fact that Cheryl has questioned the integrity of Dr. Boss. I think a public apology is very much needed. It is people like Cheryl that helps fuel the feelings that exist in the county.

As a citizen of Boardman and Morrow County taxpayer, I resent the implications in Cheryl's letter about Dr. Boss

Give kids same opportunities

To the Editor:

I am a seventh grader at Columbia Middle School and I have waited a long time to play sports. The only reason I don't mind going to school is to play sports. If there were no sports, I wouldn't want to go to school. My brother is a senior in high school and he has been playing sports since seventh grade and I want the same opportunities he had. That's why I'm asking

and the Boardman Clinic. We are fortunate to have a doctor of his abilities that likes and wants to be here. It is not easy to find someone that wants to live in these out-of-the-way places instead of the larger cities.

As a patient of Dr. Boss as well as a taxpayer, let me say I hope the medical board is not as biased as Cheryl.

Following is a copy of the material asked for by Kevin Erich and the Morrow County Medical District:

Boardman Health Care Clinic, statement of income and expenses, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1994; revenue: clinic income \$308,232; patient refunds 8,408; gross income 299,824 Expenses: utilities 3,960; advertising and promotional 1,816; telephone 5,407; malpractice insurance 1,720; liability insurance 8,204; employee benefits 11,800; legal and accounting 1,781; office supplies and postage 12,333; donations \$50; dues and publications 4,867; laboratory fees 4,558; medical supplies 23,406; miscellaneous 5,343; outside physicians 29,025; outside services 5,727; professional fees \$197; bank charges \$505; seminars and education 4,521; security expense 200; convention/travel/entertainment 2,867; business gifts 550; rent 2,876; repair and maintenance 5,802; taxes and licenses 37,260; salaries and wages 143,282; supplies 738; interest expense 2,992; pension plan/SEPP 2,284. Total expenses 324,071; net gain/loss 24,247.

The above was submitted to Barnett and Moro P.C., CPA, in April 1995, by Virginia L. Vincent, Ltc, licensed tax consultant, on behalf of Dr. Robert Boss.

Sincerely,
(S) Jeanne West
Boardman

people to vote yes on the Recreation District.

(s) Casey Huxoll
Irrigon

Marriage Licenses

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

Sept. 12: Raul H. Ramos, 21, lone; and
Jennifer C. Martinez, 18, lone.

Don't vote down kids' dreams

To the Editor:

You can please all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time. With a school district that stretches as far as ours and with the diversity in our population, there will never be a time when the decisions made by the school board and administration will please everyone.

There are a couple of ways that voters can deal with decisions they don't agree with. One way of doing this is by going to the school board and advisory board meetings and voicing those disagreements. Sometimes, by attending these meetings, a person can express an opinion and convince those in authority to change an existing policy. Sometimes, that same person may have a chance to hear a decision explained in a way they had never thought of before and understand the reasoning behind it. Unfortunately, there are going to be times when both parties still disagree. That is why we have a democratic system in operation. We place in office or position those we feel will best serve the interest of our students.

Another way voters can deal with their disagreements is by a negative vote at the polls. This is a way to express oneself in a democratic society, but it

doesn't always solve the problem. For one thing, those in a position of authority still may not understand just what it is that the voters are upset about. Another problem with this type of expression is that it sometimes ends up hurting the wrong people.

There have been some tough decisions made by our school board in the past couple of years. Naturally not everyone has agreed with all of those decisions. We now have an issue before us that has caused some disagreement in our community. The issue I'm speaking about involves the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Some people are not happy with the way the county and/or school board have handled it. At this time, however, it is the only way that the extra curricular activities so many of us have taken for granted can be saved. I ask you, as a responsible member of our community, that if you are not happy with some of the decisions that have been made, please do not take it out on our students by voting no on this important issue. If there are things that you feel could be handled differently, attend the meetings, voice your opinion, or even run for a position on the board, but please, don't take it out on our kids by voting down their dreams.

(s) Ellen Slover
Irrigon

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Change, by chance or by choice? New businesses are starting in Heppner and many are changing. Let's give them a welcome and encourage their success. Heppner will miss the Riels and the Lowes, yet we wish them well in their choice to make a change.

Many changes seem to be occurring lately and everyone has the opportunity to give input to these projects right from the start if they speak up and attend meetings.

Examples of projects that belong to everyone are the Ag/History Museum and the Main Street Renovation. Public meetings will be held to get creative juices flowing. This week, the second meeting for Main Street design was held with many more to follow. Now is the time to share ideas with the businesses and city about the light posts, sidewalks, planting of trees, etc. If you've had your fill of meetings, then stop by the office for "a chat".

Also of importance to Heppner is the Ag/History Charette the week of September 18 to 22. Mark your calendars and stick your head in the former GEODC/Chamber office during those days to look at ideas and give input. It's an exciting project to be a part of. Speak up now to be a part of history in the making. Chamber will be holding their Sept. 19 meeting at that location to be a part of the Charette. Lunch will be served on the spot.

Thought for the week: "As soon as the second person appeared on earth, the rights of the first were cut in half. Now divide your rights by the total population, and that explains everything."

Obituaries

Florence M. Holt

Florence M. Holt, 74, of Heppner, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 1995, at Hill House Assisted Living facility in Heppner.

Graveside memorial service was held Friday, Sept. 8, 1995, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Holt was born March 10, 1921, at Portland to John and Gladys Hall Coulter. She attended schools in the Portland area and graduated from Springfield High School.

She married Millard T. Holt on May 14, 1940 at Vancouver, Washington.

She had been employed as a nurses' aide.

Mrs. Holt moved to Heppner in 1972.

She was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and the VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include sons, Jack of Pendleton, Bud of LaPine and Chuck of Heppner; daughter Jan Turpin of Pendleton; sister, Pat Hunt and brothers, Bob Coulter and Harold Coulter, all of LaPine; 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Her husband died in 1993; a brother, John Coulter, also died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health Care, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, 97836 or Air Life of Oregon, 2500 N.E. Neff Road, Bend, Oregon 97701.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Mary E. Harris

Graveside service for Mary Harris was held Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1995 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mary E. Harris, 83, of Heppner, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 1995, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

Mrs. Harris was born Feb. 8, 1912 at Montpelier, Idaho, to Ira and Molly Clifford Hays. She grew up at Pocatello, Idaho and attended school there.

She had been a resident of Nevada, Sumpter and The Dalles before coming to Heppner in 1942.

On Jan. 9, 1947, she married Max Harris, at Blackfoot Idaho.

Mrs. Harris enjoyed fishing, her dogs and making ceramics.

Survivors include her husband, Max, at the home; daughter Donna Orwick of Lexington; stepsons, Roger Harris of Imkom, Idaho and Robert Harris of Kennewick, Washington; sister Ruby Petty of Pocatello; brother Ira Hays of Chubbuck, Idaho, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A brother, Clifford Hays, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Heppner, 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Mildred G. Stamm

Mildred G. Stamm, 76, of Irrigon, died Friday, Sept. 8, 1995, at her home.

At her request, no services were held. Disposition was by cremation.

Mrs. Stamm was born Sept. 24, 1918, at Springfield, Mass., to James and Irene Stevens Coleman. She grew up at Springfield and she married Charles Stamm on Sept. 28, 1939, at Springfield, where they continued to live until 1949, when they moved to California. They moved to Irrigon in 1988.

Mrs. Stamm enjoyed fishing, reading, crocheting and knitting.

Survivors include sons, Gary of Umatilla and James of Willamina; daughter Faith Irene Ball of Garibaldi, 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Her husband, Charles, died in 1989.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Martha J. Anderson

The funeral for Martha J. Anderson was Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 13, 1995, at the Arlington Church of the Nazarene. Concluding service and burial was at the Arlington Cemetery.

Mrs. Anderson, 86, of Arlington, died Friday, Sept. 8, 1995, at Summit Springs Retirement Village in Condon.

She was born Jan. 25, 1909, at Jamestown, N.D., to Walter and Selma Marquardt Hartfield. They moved to Oregon in 1912 and she was raised at Mayville, where she attended school, graduating in 1926 from Arlington High School. She attended the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, then taught school at several locations in Gilliam County.

On April 25, 1941, she married Floyd Anderson at Goldendale, Wash. They began farming near Arlington in the mid 1940s.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of Neighbors of Woodcraft, Eastern Star, the grange and the Gilliam County Historical Society.

Survivors include sons, Allen of Arlington and Alva of Sisters; brother Harold Hartfield of Wickenburg, Ariz.; and three grandchildren. Her husband, Floyd, and a brother, Elwood Hartfield, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Summit Springs Retirement Village, P.O. Box 769, Condon, 97823.

Sweeney Mortuary, Condon, was in charge of arrangements.

Charles H. Starks

Graveside service for Charles H. Starks will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Starks, 78, of Heppner, died Sunday, Sept. 10, 1995 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

He was born June 15, 1917 at Camas, WA, to Henry and Alma Asher Starks. He grew up at Camas and attended schools there, graduating from Camas High School.

He served as a pilot with the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He married Gene W. Wilson July 1, 1946, at Vancouver, WA. They moved to Heppner in 1962.

Mr. Starks was employed at Heppner Auto Parts and owned and operated the Northwestern Motel.

He enjoyed playing golf and was a member of Willow Creek Country Club and BPOE 358.

Survivors include his daughter Susan Johnston of Heppner; a sister, Fae Miller of Camas; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and special friend Betty Pfeiffer. His wife, Gene, died in 1980 and a daughter, Linda Ripple died in January 1995.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, PO Box 515, Heppner, 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Justice Court Report

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

Shari Lynn Stahl, 29, Lexington-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$107 fine;

Michael Eugene Lairmore, 41, Welches-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 71 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$67 fine.

Births

Gracyn Joelle Martin-a daughter Gracyn Joelle was born to Heather and Will Martin of Heppner on September 8, 1995 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 7 lbs. She joins a sister, Kassy, four and brother, Wade, one, at home.

Grandparents are Carl and Geri Martin, Heppner; Wendy Henley, Anaheim, CA. and Bob Richardson, Lake Tahoe, CA.

FALL TRUCK LOAD SALE

OUR BEST SALE OF THE YEAR

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124 N. Main

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at
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for your Dining
and Dancing pleasure

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Buy one dinner...
...get the second one free.

\$1,000 REWARD

for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for taking wire, steel posts and stock panels from the Roach Ranch.

Contact Roy Drago, County Sheriff
Morrow County 676-5317