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## Letters to the Editor

### Treat animals humanely

To the Editor:

This letter is to remind people who tie their dogs outside in the winter that it is time to provide a dry bed for them. There should be a floor in the doghouse or a bed of straw. Cedar shavings also make a comfortable nest for dogs to sleep in. A flap should be nailed over the door to keep the drafts out.

Oregon has a state law that reads, "Pets must be provided with shelter from the summer and winter elements." What a disappointment when a voice answers a Heppner police number and says, "Morrow County has not adopted that law yet." It is my understanding that Morrow County is a part of Oregon.

No wild animal ever stands out in the open to receive a

blasting from the wind and the pelting down of hard rain. The deer, elk and antelope tuck themselves in the shelter of heavy growth of trees or brush. All of the smaller creatures, like rabbits, squirrels, skunks, bobcats, badgers, coyotes, weasels and mink, dig burrows to hide from the freezing elements. The beaver builds homes above the water line in the center of ponds that they have created, to protect their young during the cold winter months. Even the bear finds a dry, cozy spot for his winter nap. The frog families bury themselves for protection from the severe winter weather.

In New Zealand, it is not customary to build barns or shelters. They leave the natural forest growth along the fence-lines. When a rainstorm comes up, it is quite a sight to see all of the livestock on a dead run for the shelter of the trees.

Animals would protect themselves if they were not tied up with no way to get away. Animals are made of the same stuff that we are-skin, muscles, blood, bones and nerves. They feel pain and misery the same as we do.

One time, Beula Mankin and I headed out on horseback for a 30 mile trip from Heppner to my cabin at the head of Ditch Creek. We had not gone far when a rainstorm overtook us. We had no rain clothes, so we decided to stop on Willow Creek at the lower cabin and see if we could rummage something to help shed the water. All we could find was some window shades that were still tacked on the wooden rods. We draped them over our laps like chaps and headed on. They acted like sponges and collected more rainwater on us. By the time we got to our destination, we were so cold, stiff and numb that there was no way that we could have been able to pull the cinch straps to loosen the saddles. The horses were lucky that Fred Mankin was there to care for them and put them in the barn with their usual food of hay and grain.

If you treat every creature as you would want to be treated, you are following the humane code of conduct.

Sincerely,  
(s) Lois Winchester

## Correction

A portion of a story in the Nov. 22 Gazette-Times concerning taxpayers' appeals of their property values was incorrect.

The board of equalization will meet from January 13, not January 31, to April 15 to consider the appeals of the assessor's estimate of value.

## DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's office in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past month:

Oct. 30: Mark Louis Atcheson, 39, of Boardman, was convicted of one count of Delivery of a Controlled Substance and one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance stemming from a Morrow County Sheriff's office investigation. It was determined that he had been selling methamphetamines from his residence in Boardman. He was ordered to serve 45 days in the Morrow County Jail.

Nov. 17: Lydia Lopez Pena, 34, of Boardman, was convicted of two counts of Delivery of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamines) within 1,000 feet of a school. The investigation, headed by the Morrow County Sheriff's office, disclosed that Pena was selling methamphetamines from an apartment located on Main Street in Boardman, where she was the manager. Because the defendant was on probation due to an earlier conviction for one count of possession of a controlled substance in addition to the two current convictions, she was ordered to serve five years in the Oregon State Penitentiary.

Kathy Tellechea, 37, of Lexington, was convicted of Theft I, ordered to serve 30 days in the Morrow County Jail, and make restitution of \$10,594. She was placed on probation, ordered to do 80 hours of community service and write a letter of apology to the victim, Heppner Day Care Center. This conviction stems from an investigation that covered four years beginning in 1991 and extending to 1995 which revealed that she had embezzled approximately \$10,000 as the director of the day care center.

Nov. 21: Karen Riddle, 50, formerly of Heppner, now of Hermiston, was convicted of Driving while Under the Influence of Intoxicants. She was arrested by the Morrow County Sheriff's office on May 13, 1995 in the parking lot of the Central Red Apple Market at 9:30 a.m. As a result of the conviction, she was ordered to serve 180 days in the Morrow County Jail, with 175 days suspended and was fined \$1,350, as this was her second DUI conviction.

Nov. 28: Ronald Wilhelm, 39, of Lexington, was convicted of Theft III and Criminal Mischief II stemming from incidents that occurred in March 1995 alleging that he illegally hooked up to water owned by the City of Lexington, and, in the process, destroyed a lock which had been placed on his water meter.

## Justice Court Report

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

Joseph Matthew Harwood, 18, Lexington-Minor in Possession of Alcohol, Theft II, Criminal Mischief II, two counts of Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor, \$1,866 fine, 180 days in jail, \$200 and jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of the law;

Nathan Michael Morris, 18, Lexington-Minor in Possession, Theft II, Criminal Mischief II, \$1,166 fine, 180 days in jail, \$200 and jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of the law;

Loni P. Costello, 35, Gresham-No Oregon Driver's License, \$192 fine;

Serguio Ayala Murguia, 20, Kimberly-No Operator's License, Driving Uninsured, \$359 fine;

Robert C. Blodgett, 49, Heppner-Failure to Validate Big Game Tag (general elk), \$91 fine;

Walter E. Ephrem, 51, Eugene-Driving While License Suspended, \$67 fine;

Anthony Uanno, 25, Portland-Parking on Highway, \$79 fine;

Ronald W. Scott, 62, Bend-Oversized Load, 15' height alleged, 14' height limit, \$67 fine;

Melvin Lee McCarl, 33, Lexington-Failure to Wear Seatbelt, \$49 fine;

Stephen Allen, 22, Gresham-Illegal U-Turn, \$101 fine;

Daniel E. Graham, 36, Stanfield-Oversized Load, 14'06" alleged height, 14' height limit, \$49 fine;

Gilbert Stocker, 69, Oregon City-Failure to Use Safety Belt, \$49 fine;

Vernon Shad Jeffreys, 27, Heppner-No Operator's License, \$167 fine.

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## Cardinals open hoop season

The 1995-96 lone boys hoopsters open their season Friday, Dec. 1, against the Pilot Rock Rockets at Lone. Saturday's scheduled home game with the Dufur Rangers has been cancelled as Dufur is playing for the state football championship on that day. A game has been scheduled with Damascus Christian, at Damascus on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The first game Friday will be girls' JV at 3 p.m., followed by boys' JV, girls' varsity and boys' varsity. Saturday's games at Damascus will start at 1 p.m., with boys' JV. Damascus does not have a girls' JV team.

The Cardinals return eight lettermen from last year's state tournament team. Returning juniors are Steve Allen, Luke Swanson, Jon Garrett, Joe Bacon, Jacob Taylor and Kelly Morgan; and sophomores Marc Orem and Jake McElligott. They will be joined by seniors Rob Crum and Petr Hybs, with junior Jory Crowell.

The Cardinals will be short, but hope to make up for their lack of height in quickness. A

strength of the Cardinals is that the returning juniors saw much action on last year's team.

Coach Del LaRue, assisted by Dean Robinson, opens his 25th year at the helm of the Cardinals and looks for a successful season. The Cardinals are pointing toward returning to the district tournament in Hermiston and possibly a fifth straight trip to the state tournament in Baker City.

With only 17 out for the combined JV and varsity rosters, everyone should see much playing time. The Cardinals are looking to improve on last year's overall 12-13 record.

## MCSW to meet

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will hold its monthly board meeting December 5 at the Pettyjohn office building conference room at 1 p.m.

Agenda items to be discussed are as follows: budget, education partnership update and annual meeting plans.

The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact the SWCD office at 676-5452.

## McDaniel elected

### MCAC president

Sheila McDaniel has been elected the new president of the Morrow County Arts and Crafts Club. Shirley McNary was elected vice-president, Sharon Harrison, treasurer, and Peggy DeZoete, secretary. The club's Christmas get-together will be held upstairs at Kate's in Heppner on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. Members are asked to bring a \$5 gift to exchange and Christmas goodies to share.

The club will sponsor an oil painting workshop with artist Robert Walton in June. Day and evening classes will be available.



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November 30:  
**Annual Morrow County Livestock Growers Meeting and Banquet starting at 1:00 p.m.**

December 1:  
**Morrow County Grain Grower's Retirement Party for Clyde Allstott and Christmas Party.**

December 2:  
**Memorial Services for Brother Neil Beamer at 1:00 p.m.**

December 7:  
**Ladies Night Dinner 6:00 p.m.**  
**Memorial Services for all deceased Brothers during 1995 at 8:00 p.m.**

December 16:  
**Tom and Jerry Party from 6:30 to 9 p.m.**

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