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**Letters to the Editor**

**Apology to community**

To the Editor:  
To the community of Heppner, I wish to apologize for taking money from Heppner Day Care, Inc. When I took over as director of the day care, I invested a lot of my own money into the business to help make it a success. When it came time to get my money back, I was not up front with the board of directors of the day care and I truly am sorry for that. I know the community trusted me and I betrayed that trust. I apologize to each one of you.

that no matter what else I may have done, I loved each and every child that was under my care and never did anything to harm them.

To Tina and Sue, I wish you much success at operating the day care; you deserve it.

To my family, they say time heals all wounds and I can only hope that in time you will forgive me for the hell I have put you through. Thank you for standing by me.

To all my friends, thank you for your love and support.

Thank you,  
(s) Kathy Tellechea

**Lack of support not "nice"**

To the Editor:  
To the people of Umatilla and Morrow counties and especially to animal lovers and current and former members of Pioneer Humane Society:

This letter isn't going to be nice. If that bothers you, don't read on.

At a time when your Pioneer Humane Society is attempting to establish a shelter to serve the animal needs of these two counties, why is its public support the second lowest in its history?

A brief review: organized in 1975, with nine members, Pioneer Humane Society survived on the profits of a thrift shop until 1981, when the shop became unprofitable and was closed. On the premise that "if the people want a humane society, they will support it", we went to a strict "membership/contribution" format in 1984. It worked. Membership built to over 600.

What has happened? At this moment, only 200 active members support Pioneer Humane Society's volunteer service to the 30,000 families in the area. That is less than one percent of the population served. Yet over 5000 people phoned for our

help this year. What is the problem? "I don't know when my membership is due." Well, you will...it is on the address label of every one of the 1,043 newsletters we are mailing this week.

But that can't be the whole reason. Are we invisible? (A shelter would change that.) Is the service we are able to give from our homes insufficient? Is it misinformation? ("Pioneer Humane Society is tax-supported, isn't it?" No it isn't. It is a non-profit, volunteer, tax-deductible organization, registered with the IRS and the state of Oregon.) Or is it apathy? ("George will do it.") Procrastination? ("Oh, next month.") Or maybe it is misunderstanding, getting something for nothing, receiving service without responsibility.

Whatever the problem, unless there is a significant increase in sustained support, lack of funds will force Pioneer Humane Society volunteers to limit services or to cease operation altogether.

Aren't helpless, suffering animals everybody's business? I told you it wasn't going to be a nice letter.

(s) Rose A. Hoosier,  
PHS president

**Country-western New Year's Eve dance set in Hermiston**

Hermiston Country-Western Old Time Dance will hold a New Year's Eve dance Sunday, Dec. 31, from 9 p.m. until after midnight.

Admission is \$2 each and those attending are asked to

bring finger foods. Noisemakers, hats, streamers and balloons will be available.

The dance will be held at 215 W. Orchard Avenue, Hermiston.

There will not be a dance held on Saturday, Dec. 30.

**Sheriff's Report**

The Morrow County Sheriff's office in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

Dec. 19: Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police Dept. with a juvenile problem.

Dec. 20: Morrow County deputy arrested Tony Lee Kellar, 22, Irrigon, for Eluding/Reckless Driving. Kellar was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail;

Morrow County deputy responded to a dispute at Park Avenue in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to a dispute at Desert Springs Estates in Boardman.

Dec. 21: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to Wells Street for a female with chest pains. The patient was transported to the clinic;

Morrow County deputy responded to a family disturbance at West Glenn in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a custody dispute;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Route 1 for a female with chest pains. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

Dec. 22: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of burglary and vandalism near Cutsforth Park by Heppner;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Paul Smith Road for a male with an illness. No transport was made, DOA;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Robert D. Cate, Jr., 24, Joshua W. Yeigh, 19, Joshua M. Spencer, 22, Roxann Turner, 28, Roger Douglas Tomlinson, 23, all of Umatilla, on Burglary I charges in connection with a burglary near Cutsforth Park. All were released to appear in Court except Tomlin-

son, who also had a felony warrant out of Benton County. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to North Shobe for a female with an injury. The patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to the post office for a female with an injury. The patient was transported to Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles;

Morrow County deputy responded to the lone area for a report of stolen checks;

Morrow County deputies responded to Irrigon for a domestic problem. Candelario Garcilazo, 46, was arrested for Assault IV Domestic. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

Dec. 23: Morrow County deputy responded to the west-bound Boardman rest area for a male that had been a victim of a kidnapping and a robbery that occurred earlier in Kennewick, WA.;

Morrow County deputy responded to a disturbance at Bakes in Irrigon.

Dec. 24: Morrow County deputy arrested Brent Lee Davis, 19, of Pasco, WA, for Criminal Mischief II, attempted Theft II, and failure to carry and present a driver's license. Eldon Porter Copper, 24, of Pasco, was also arrested. Both Davis and Copper were lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

Dec. 25: Morrow County deputy arrested Sergio Carmona Moran, 30, of Boardman for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving While License Suspended. Moran was cited and released with a court date.

Dec. 26: Morrow County deputy responded to the Chevron Station in Boardman for a reported vandalism.

Morrow County deputy began an investigation of vandalism to a cabin above Cutsforth Park.

**Lone kids win Les Schwab stocking**



Four children of the Town family, Donna, Decimia, Katherine and A.J., of Lone have

been announced as the winners of the Les Schwab Christmas stocking.

days in the county jail, make restitution to the victim and to successfully maintain a drug and alcohol aftercare program.

Robert E. Gregory, 47, Hermiston, was convicted of a Aggravated Theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, Burglary and being a felon in possession of a firearm, stemming from the Oct. 20 burglary of the Morrow County Grain Growers store and shop in Lexington. He was sentenced to 10 months in the Oregon State Penitentiary and ordered to pay \$34,125 in restitution to MCGG. He was also court-ordered to testify against Nolan Douglas McClatchy. McClatchy was the individual who attempted an escape from the Morrow County Courthouse in October.

Christine M. Brewer, 31, formerly of Irrigon, now of Portland, was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance and ordered to serve 10 days in the county jail, undergo drug and alcohol treatment and serve two years' probation.

**DA's Report**

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

Nov. 30: Bobby Gene Burgess, 29, Irrigon, was convicted of Probation Revocation and ordered to serve six months in the Oregon State Penitentiary. He was previously convicted of four counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. His revocation resulted from these convictions which occurred in January 1993 when he went on a crime spree involving the theft of several vehicles belonging to farmers and other citizens in the Lone/Lexington area.

Dec. 14: Varian Alfred Mattison, 69, Irrigon, was convicted of Sexual Abuse in the second degree. A pre-sentence investigation has been ordered and the defendant will be sentenced the first week in February. This conviction comes as a result of an incident in Irrigon where Mattison reportedly abused an 11 year old girl in June 1995.

Shawna Marie Hamilton, a.k.a. Cash, 24, formerly of Boardman, was convicted of Forgery in the first degree and Theft in the third degree, stemming from an incident which occurred February 1992. She was court-ordered to serve 20

**Emergency info calendars mailed**

1996 Emergency Public Information calendars are in the mail to 16,400 homes in the area surrounding the Umatilla Army Depot. The calendars are part of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program's directive to provide maximum protection to the residents living and working around the Army's stockpile of chemical weapons.

The emergency information in the calendar covers accidents involving the chemical stockpile at the Umatilla Army Depot, radiation hazards from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation and natural disasters like flash floods, earthquakes, severe winter weather and range and wildfire.

The calendars feature photographs of local scenes by Mari-

lyn Lieuallen of Adams. Local events are listed by each month. "We wanted to produce something that would be both practical and informative. The calendar stays up on the wall. If someone needs to refer to the emergency information, they know where it is. We also hope the calendar is pleasing to the eye and includes events that people are interested in," said Dennis Olson, Umatilla County Emergency Services director.

Additional calendars are available at courthouses and post offices in Pendleton and Heppner, and at Safeway and Payless stores in Pendleton. They are also available at the Umatilla County Emergency Management office in Hermiston and the Morrow County Annex building in Irrigon.

**Stokes Landing plans game night**

Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon will have their regular game night on Friday, Dec. 29. A country-fried steak dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. at \$3 each. Games, including Scrabble and pinochle,

will begin at 7 p.m. at a cost of \$1.

The dinner is open to the community to people of all ages.

The Monday dinner has been cancelled for Jan. 1 because of the holiday.

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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS!**  
A big **THANK YOU** to each and every individual, association, company, organization and corporation that has contributed to the Neighborhood Center. Your generous outpouring; donated clothes, food and monetary support, has make the Neighborhood Center's work of providing assistance to the community an ongoing realization. We expressly hope that your new year is filled with happiness.  
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