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**Letters to the Editor**

**Hats off to Heppner students**

To the Editor:  
As the flags and banners again go up for the St. Patrick's Day celebration, I remember that I have intended for some time to write this letter.  
Last year, new to the days preceding the big spring weekend in Heppner, I was not prepared for what happened to the multiple decorations and signs that lend such a festive air as the weekend nears: they were still in place when the weekend finally came.  
Last Christmas, we had our first opportunity to participate in the Community Christmas Tree decorating and I was so surprised by what happened to the decorations in the weeks following: they were still beautifying the gorgeous tree when the holidays had passed and the tree was to come down.  
These two scenes would not be real everywhere we have lived. Some communities cannot enjoy such experiences because vandals would take or destroy

the decorations, flags, banners, ornaments.  
Not everywhere we have lived can boast a code of sportsmanship that still supports silence at sporting events when a player is injured or when a single player must stand at a free throw line to shoot unassisted by teammates.  
Not everywhere is Heppner. Why such a positive difference? I suspect these real scenes in Heppner are evidence that old and young citizens are proud individuals, that parents are parenting, students are peer-educating. Heppner is a positive in our life. Living where people take responsibility for their actions and care about their community and one another is truly a refreshing experience.  
My hat is especially off to the students in Heppner because they are demonstrating such pride, care and responsibility at young ages.

(s) Doris Brosnan  
Heppner

**Still keep in touch**

To the Editor:  
Congratulations to coach Dana Heideman and to the Lone Cardinals for winning the State 1A basketball championships the past week at Baker.  
We follow the records of the Morrow County teams thanks to the coverage of the Gazette-Times. As my Heppner-born wife, Dorothea, and I lived the first 21 years of our lives in Heppner, we scan the newspaper for the names of children and grandchildren of our former Morrow County friends.  
When I saw the great writeup in today's Sunday Oregonian, I immediately asked the question, "What is the relationship between Melissa McElligott and Eunice McElligott?" Eunice grew up with Dorothea and me at Heppner and graduated in the HHS class of 1943.  
As we will be in Heppner for

the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, we will find out then the answers to my questions. Congratulations also to Annie Hisler, a granddaughter perhaps of the Paul Hislers we knew as ranching neighbors in our early Heppner lives.  
Melissa, come to to Corvallis and let us introduce you to our wonderful new coach for women's basketball, Judy Spoelstra. Too bad you didn't get down for one of her games. As of now, her Beavers are rated 14th in the nation. The Barratts never miss one of her home games and will be in Eugene next week with about 500 Beavers as we take on the Ducks. We whipped them by two points at an earlier game played in Corvallis before about 6,000 fans.

Cordially,  
(s) Jim and Dorothea Barratt  
Corvallis

**Not ashamed**

To the Editor:  
We feel very fortunate to live under the protection of Heppner's Volunteer Fire Department. We have witnessed the quick response time and dedication of these men and feel that they deserve unqualified gratitude and respect. They are volunteer, not paid, firefighters with other jobs and responsibilities, volunteers who put their health and lives on the line for our welfare.  
When the siren sounded the night the green house near the drive-in burned and when we saw how high the flames were shooting into the sky, our hearts sank. We were afraid that we were witnessing the loss of another large section of Main Street, including two service stations and the drive-in. Instead, we saw not only their rapid response, but their professional handling of potentially widespread devastation and the dedication that had them at the scene for hours after the fire had been contained, making sure that the fire was truly out.  
No, we are not ashamed of

our volunteer fire department. We are proud of them and very grateful for the job they do and the peace of mind they give us.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Valery Campbell  
(s) Dave Campbell

*Tom and Shannon Wicklund,  
Kathleen Cbinen, Heppner,  
and Teruo Cbinen Sr., Spokane,  
would like to request the pleasure of  
your company at a buffet reception  
celebrating the marriage of*

*Rebecca Kimberley Wicklund  
and  
Teruo Cbinen Jr.*

*Saturday, the twenty third of March  
Nineteen hundred and ninety six*

*One O'Clock p.m.*

*Morrow County Fair Grounds  
Heppner, Oregon*

**Bank of Eastern Oregon opens new mortgage office PMH hires new director of nurses**

By April Hilton-Sykes  
The Bank of Eastern Oregon (BEO) has opened a new office for its mortgage department. The bank established the mortgage department in January of 1995 and this month moved to a more spacious office at 274 North Main Street in Heppner, across the street from its Heppner branch.

"We're growing," said Mike Armato, mortgage loan manager. "We've hired a third staff member to try and keep up with the demand and we expect to continue to grow." Armato added that the new office will offer clients more space, more privacy and a quieter atmosphere than the bustling main office.

Armato, who has been in the banking business for 18 years, says that BEO is now able to offer FNMA (Fannie Maes) and FHLMC (Freddie Macs), which are federally chartered, which means the programs were authorized and created by Congress to make housing more affordable. "We're now able to offer the same rates you get in Portland in Heppner, Lone, Arlington and Condon, and with the same terms," said Armato.  
Armato said that offering these programs could save "tremendous amounts of money" for homebuyers, providing better interest rates and better terms, which make housing a lot more affordable. For example, he said, interest on a 10 year bank loan could be around 9.75 percent. However, with the secondary market, the interest rate could be as low as 7.375 percent. Instead of the 20 percent down required, Armato said that it could be possible to buy a home with as little



Paula Morris (right), Mike Armato and Patti Allstott

as five percent down. He said that the bank also offers remodeling and construction loans. "This enables the community to upgrade their housing stock," he added.  
A low income housing program and home owner education (for people who previously would not qualify for a loan) are also available.  
"There is a big demand for housing here," said Armato, who came to Heppner in Jan. of 1995 when he began working for BEO. "Last year at least 47 homes were sold in Heppner. Heppner is growing and it's a wonderful place to live." Armato said the bank is doing everything possible to foster the proposed subdivision on

Cemetery Hill.  
Armato said that after a trip to Heppner, he fell in the love with the area. "This is the kind of place where we want to raise our kids," Armato and his wife, Kim, have two children, Maggie, four, and Joe, two. Kim, who was born in Heppner, is the daughter of Sharon Lewis of Heppner and Kenny Cutsforth, Hermiston.  
Patti Allstott, who has been with the bank for 12 years, is marketing coordinator in the new office. Allstott and her husband, Dave, both Heppner natives, have two children. Paula Morris, who is new to the community, is secretary/assistant loan processor. Her husband is a new deputy sheriff.

**PMH hires new director of nurses**



Teresa Altman-Lang

By April Hilton-Sykes  
Teresa Altman-Lang has been hired as the director of nursing services at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, effective March 4.

Altman-Lang, most recently of Palouse, WA, which is near Pullman, replaces Sheridan Tarnasky who has resigned to attend school to become a physician's assistant.  
Altman-Lang is originally from the rural Gig Harbor area, near Tacoma, WA. She attended elementary school in Bremerton, WA, high school in Kansas and college in Tennessee and San Francisco. She received her associate of science degree in nursing in 1978 and her bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1993 at California State University at Dominguez Hills. She has practiced in the San Francisco area, Pennsylvania and the greater Seattle area.  
In addition to nursing, Altman-Lang is interested in architecture, many aspects of which can be transferred to nursing, she says. She also enjoys gardening, animals, art appreciation, reading and cooking.

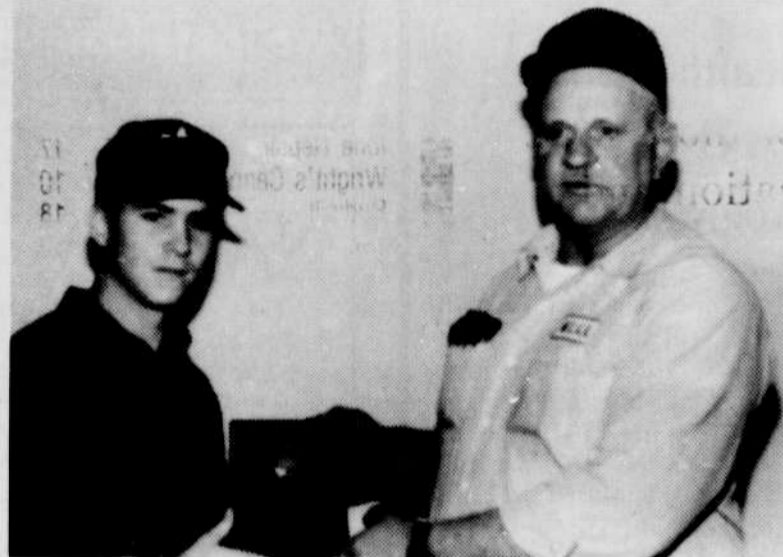
Altman-Lang says she is in the process of looking for a home in the area. Her husband, Juergen Lang, a physician, earlier indicated to the Morrow County Health District that he is interested in negotiating a contract with the district to establish a practice

action of firefighting. "It's a big rush," he said. He plans to go into the Navy and continue with firefighting. "Maybe someday I'll be chief," he laughed.

"We appreciate the fact that the schools let the people out to fight fires," added Boor. Boor said that the Lone RFPD has several other high school members, Jacob Taylor, Corey Baker, Len Rietmann and Rob Crum. Boor encourages people to join the group. "There's always room for more," he said.

Baker is the son of Bob and Robin Baker of Lone.

**Baker named Lone Fireman of the Year**



Joseph Baker (left) and Jim Boor

By April Hilton-Sykes  
He's still in high school, but he's old enough to be a fireman--a darn good one at that.  
Joseph Baker of Lone received the 1995 Fireman of the Year award from the Lone Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD). Lone

fire chief Jim Boor, who presented Baker with a plaque, said that Baker "took the extra step", adding that Baker attended all of the district's meetings, missed only one fire and completed extra training.  
Baker said that he likes the



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station on  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY**

**Don't miss our  
annual  
COFFEE  
HOUR  
10 A.M.**

**Live from the Heppner Elks  
Sat. March 16**

