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## Letters to the Editor

### Support Cooley

To the Editor:

I am appalled over the news media's attack on Congressman Wes Cooley. We have a president who refused to fight for this country, even lied about it, and other congressmen who have been untruthful about their military services.

Look at the facts: during WWII and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, we had special men and women going into war zones to do or perform unauthorized missions. If they were caught, they were on their own, our government would not come to their aid, yet they did this voluntarily because they believed in protecting this great nation. No records were kept, no medals given, no special pay, no GI identification tags-stripped of

all identity until the mission was completed, even taking an oath of silence. I know this as I was involved.

Now look at Cooley's 16 months in Congress-his record: fighting for ranchers, miners, timber people, farmers, veterans, elderly, poor, free enterprise, and the list goes on. Cooley has accomplished more for the 2nd District in 16 months than his predecessor did in four terms in the same office. Cooley is a true fighter, fighting for your rights to protect your property, jobs, businesses, families, lower taxes, reducing big government and more. I urge you to support Cooley, keep him working for your best interests.

A concerned veteran,  
(s) John Newkirk  
Lebanon, OR

### St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

There were 86 people present for the senior meal May 22; seven meals were home delivered. Three guests came over from Monument. Ed Hunt won the meal ticket. Members of the Methodist Church helped the cooks, served and cleaned up after the meal. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

The menu for dinner June 5 will be hot dogs on buns, macaroni salad, baked beans, fruit salad, chips and dessert. Members of the Lutheran Church will serve.

A meeting was held after the meal concerning reinstating a Nutrition Site Committee. Several of those present were interested in helping on that and the menu committee. An election will be held in June to select a new Nutrition Site Committee, with room on the ballots for write-ins.

One of the ideas for decorating tables was small floral centerpieces. Anyone having tiny flowers or very small baskets they would like to donate would be welcome, and anyone wishing to help make the arrangements would be appreciated. Materials may be left at the office.

Saturday, June 8, a classical guitar workshop will be held in the dining room from 2-4 p.m. A concert will be at 7 p.m.

The senior bus will leave the Senior Center at 9 a.m., Monday, June 10 for a trip to the John Day Nutrition Site. A sign-up sheet is in the center office.

The Health District will hold a town hall meeting in the Senior Center dining room June 10 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Dates to remember: Tuesday and Thursday exercise, 10 a.m.; Wednesday hearing aid assistance, 10 a.m.; blood pressures taken, 11 a.m.; senior meal, noon; Friday cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday movie, 7 p.m. Don Robinson brought in three movie tapes for the seniors to use for their Sunday movie. The seniors appreciate having them and will see that they are returned in good condition.

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## Obituaries

### Matthew John Kenny

Matthew John Kenny, 81, of Milwaukie, died May 17, 1996, at his home of age-related causes.

A Mass of Christian burial was held May 20 at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Milwaukie. The Reverends Joseph Neuville, Bruce Brown and Lawrence Saalfeld officiated. Recitation of the Rosary was May 19, at the Stehn's Milwaukie Funeral Home. Concluding service followed the Mass of Christian burial in the Willamette National Cemetery, Portland.

Mr. Kenny was born April 12, 1915, at Heppner. He lived in the Milwaukie area 51 years. Mr. Kenny was a conductor with Amtrak, Southern Pacific Railroad, for 40 years, retiring in 1980. He served in World War II with the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Kenny married Rita Marie Chabot in Miami, Florida on September 7, 1944.

Mr. Kenny was a member of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Mr. Kenny is survived by his wife, Rita, at the home; sons, John, Milwaukie, Thomas, Seattle, Washington, and Michael, West Linn; daughters, Susan Proulx, Bothell, Washington, and Kay Ann Kenny, Portland; brothers, Emmett, Pendleton, James, Lake Grove, and William, Heppner; sister, Patricia Erwin, Sherwood; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Donations for those who wish may be made to the Clackamas County Special Olympics, in care of Stehn's Milwaukie Funeral Home, 2906 S.E. Harrison Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222.

Stehn's Milwaukie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Norma Catherine Groce

Norma Catherine Groce, 67, passed away Wednesday, May 15, 1996, at North Lincoln Hospital, Lincoln City. Memorial services were Saturday, May 18, 1996 at the Boardman Christian Center. Graveside services were at Idlewild Cemetery, Hood River.

Mrs. Groce was born October 7, 1928, in Portland to Orville and Olita (Stephen) Hatch. Norma married Leland Groce in 1956. They were married for 18 years and later divorced. She raised her family in Estacada and Heppner. Mrs. Groce worked for Cal's Cafe in Heppner for many years and also for Morrow County Mental Health as a secretary, before she retired and moved to Boardman in 1987.

Mrs. Groce is survived by sons Larry Groce and Stephen Groce of Boardman; daughters Elizabeth Morris of Boardman and Laurel Groce of Ukiah, brother Lou Hatch of Vancouver, Washington; sisters Orvalita Hopkins and Ilene Cobvarubias of Phoenix, Arizona; and four grandchildren, Ken Morris, Cory Morris, David Groce and Caty Groce. The family suggests memorials to the Heppner Senior Center.

Pacific View Memorial Chapel, Lincoln City, was in charge of arrangements.

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## BMCC schedules registration appts

Registration appointments for fall term have started at Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC). Students planning to return to BMCC in the fall are encouraged to make their appointments as soon as possible. Registration for fall term 1996 begins Wednesday, Sept. 18. Classes begin Sept. 23.

For students who will be new to BMCC and who have never attended college, the registration process starts with placement testing. The Admission and Advising Office, in Pioneer Hall, offers placement tests on Monday and Thursday at 11 a.m. Anyone interested in attending BMCC and taking more than eight credit hours of course work is required to take the placement test. Appointments are not necessary; there is a \$10 testing fee.

Registration appointments for returning students, transfer students or anyone who has already completed the placement test can be made by calling the Admission and Advising Office at 278-5929 or 278-5930.

## Lexington Grange holds meeting

By Delpha Jones

Lexington Grange met on Monday evening for their regular meeting, with Master Clarence Buchanan in the chair. The following guests were introduced and welcomed: Mike Medlock, Wheatland Pomona master, Bobbi Jo Medlock, Wheatland junior chairman and GWA chairman, and Bob Hammack and Aloha Medlock.

There was much discussion on the Clean Water Measure, which some people are trying to get on the ballot. "This is important to the Grange as are all farmers' problems one way or another, especially concerning cattle growers and those farming near the creeks," said a grange spokesperson.

The Lexington Grange will meet at the regular time in June at the hall.

In the past few years, the group has met at the Gilbert Cabin on Sunday for a picnic and meeting, but plans have been changed and this time, it will be a potluck dinner.

The roofing of the building was also discussed and the decision concerning future plans was left to the building committee.

Supper was served before the meeting and the lecturer's program was a quiz on Decoration Day, or Memorial Day, as it is now known. Several humorous readings were also enjoyed.

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## Morrow County voter turnout down

Voter turnout in Morrow County was down for the election at the polls Tuesday, May 21, according to unofficial figures released by the Oregon Secretary of State's office. According to the secretary of state, only 38.12 percent of the registered voters in Morrow County cast their ballots, compared to 65.13 percent in Gilliam County; 61.78 percent in Sherman County; 52.31 in Grant County; and 34.84 percent in Umatilla County.

In addition to the Morrow County Treasurer's and Morrow County Commissioner's position detailed in last week's Gazette, votes cast in Morrow County are as follows:

-U.S. Senator: Dem.-Tom Bruggere, 258; Harry Lonsdale, 169; Bill Dwyer, 106; Anna Nevenich, 47; Jerry Rust, 39; Rep.- Gordon Smith, 632; Kirby Brumfield, 30; Jeff Lewis, 26; Lon Mabon, 24; Robert J. Fenton, 14.

-U.S. Representative 2nd District: Dem.- Mike Dugan, 478; George E. Fuson, 65; Rep.- Wes Cooley, 355.

-Secretary of State: Dem.-Phil Keisling, 571; Rep.- Stan Ash, 273; Paul Damian Wells, 220.

-State Treasurer: Dem.- Jim Hill, 562; Rep.- Bev Clarno,

560.  
-Attorney General: Dem.-Hardy Myers, 335; Kevin L. Mannix, 204; Rep.- Victor J. Hoffer, 480.

-Supreme Court Judge: Non-partisan - Ted Kulongoski, 638; Rex Armstrong, 398; Frank J. Yraguen, 246.

-Circuit Court Judge 6th District: Non-partisan - Garry L. Reynolds, 565; Daniel J. Hill, 510; Robert E. Ridway, 355.

-State Senator 28th District: Dem.- Kevin M. Campbell, 221; Vern Cook, 125; Rep.- Patty Wehri, 242; Ted Ferrioli, 125; Terry Drever-Gee, 42.

-No. 23, increases value required to obtain jury trial: yes-1013; no-435.

-No. 24, requires that initiative petition signatures be collected from each congressional district: yes-963; no-516.

-No. 25, requires 3/5 majority in legislature to pass revenue raising bills: yes-920; no-572.

## Reception set for Brosnans

A wedding reception in celebration of the marriage of Leah and Damon Brosnan on will be held on Saturday, June 1, at Heppner Elks Lodge at 3 p.m.

The community is invited to attend.

## Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

-- Scott Groshens who recently underwent major surgery in Portland and was also a patient at Bend, is recuperating at the home of his father, Vic Groshens, in Baker City.

-- Luella Taylor was a Portland visitor last week where she underwent major eye surgery. She returned on Tuesday for a checkup.

-- Cecil and Delpha Jones,

and Jo and George Irvin motored to Walla Walla on Wednesday where they visited Earl Miller, a former Lexington resident who is a patent at the Veterans Hospital there.

-- John Wagenblast from Yakima, Washington was a recent caller at the home of his mother, Lee Wagenblast.

-- Charlene Whitney from Portland was a recent caller at the C.C. Jones Ranch.

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A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF JUNE 2, 1996 THROUGH JUNE 8, 1996, AS "HEPPNER GARDEN WEEK".

WHEREAS neatly kept yards and gardens contribute to the livability and attractiveness of the Heppner community; and

WHEREAS the hard work of local gardeners demonstrates our community's pride in our appearance and a desire to maintain Heppner as a beautiful place to live;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN THAT, I, BOB JEPSEN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HEPPNER, OREGON, DO PROCLAIM THAT:

Section 1: The week of June 2, 1996 through June 8, 1996 is hereby declared as "Heppner Garden Week" in honor of community gardeners and their yards and gardens that make Heppner a healthier and more beautiful place to live.

PROCLAIMED this 24th day of May, 1996.

CITY OF HEPPNER, OREGON

BY *Bob Jepsen*  
Bob Jepsen, Mayor