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**Letters to the Editor**

**Tax increase unfair to smokers**

To the editor:

Here we go again. The powers that be are trying to raise the cigarette tax to pay for the floundering Oregon Health Plan.

I can plainly see that the proposed tax increase is unfair to smokers. After all, the cigarette tax was increased by 10 cents last year to fund this same program. Imposing an additional 30 cents per pack is outrageous. That's \$425 per year for every smoker in Oregon, amounting to \$154 million over a two year period.

If taxes are indeed intended to pay for services that benefit all, then the cost of the Oregon

Health Plan should be shared by all Oregon citizens. We should not be forcing one group to pay so that the rest receive a free ride.

Proponents, including hospital corporations, knowing full well the easy sell of anti-smoking measures, are quick to make smokers the fiscal management of the Oregon Health Plan. A deficit of nearly \$20 million after only two years in operation is not a record to be proud of.

Sincerely,  
(s) Gloria Moxley  
1425 NW Carden  
Pendleton

**Justice Court Report**

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

Rodney Paul Langlitz, 29, Heppner-three counts of No Drivers License, Driving Uninsured, Failure to Wear Seatbelt, \$334 fine each count;

Andrew Roger Smith, 23, Boardman-Failure to Drive Right and Violation of the Basic Rule, 80 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$334 fine;

David Nelson, 47, John Day-No PUC Permit, \$87 fine;

Michael Gregory Holtz, 19, Ione-Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$101 fine;

Nancy Carol Snider, 48, Ione-Violation of the Basic Rule, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$67 fine;

Benjamin C. Humbert, Jr., 46, Milton-Freewater-Tandem Overload, 34,000 limit, 36,500 alleged, \$77 fine;

Fredrick Milton Fox, 55, Umatilla-Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, \$122 fine;

Robin M. Ball, 31, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 56 mph in a 35 mph zone, \$122 fine;

Elmer Arthur Heath, 75, Heppner-Unsafe Pass on the Left, \$132 fine.

**WCCC Golf**

Low gross of the field: Pat Edmundson, 37.

Flight A: low gross-a tie between Jan Paustian and Susan Atkins, 40; low net-Lois Hunt 27; least putts-Carol Norris 16; K.P.-a tie between Pat Edmundson and Karen Wildman #11; chip in-Dorris Graves #11, Eileen Padberg #12, Lorraine Montgomery #10, Betty Rietmann #11, Lucille Peck #15, Bernice Lott #11, Lois Hunt #13; team ball winner-Susan Atkins, Dorris Graves; long putt-Jan Paustian.

Flight B: low gross-Bernice Lott 45; low net-Debra Kendrick 28; least putts-Lucille Peck 12.

Flight C: low gross-Lorraine Montgomery 52; low net-Dorris Graves 33; least putts-Jackie Allstott 18.

**Ken Wallace graduates from OSU**

Ken Wallace has graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in radiation health physics.

He is the son of Gene and Chirella Wallace, Lexington.

**Obituary**

**Pessie Nadine Flatt**

Funeral services for Pessie Nadine Flatt, 65 of Condon, will be held Friday July 12, 1996, at 11 a.m. at the Condon High School Gymnasium with concluding services and burial at the Condon Cemetery.

Mrs. Flatt died Monday, July 8, 1996, at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, after a long and hard fought battle with cancer.

Mrs. Flatt was born on Oct. 8, 1930, at Hood River, to Jessie and Mervin Cloe. She attended school in Hood River and The Dalles, graduating from The Dalles High School.

On July 23, 1950 she married Bill Flatt at The Dalles. The couple lived briefly in Moro, and moved to Condon, soon after the birth of their first child. Except for brief periods when they lived at their second home in Sunriver, the couple lived in Condon for nearly all of their married life.

Mrs. Flatt was very active in her family life and in the life of her community. She was involved in Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lady Elks and was a private pilot. She spent many years as a Mother Advisor and Grand Deputy in Rainbow for Girls. She served three terms as Worthy Matron in the Order of Eastern Star and she was an honorary life member of Condon Elks Lodge number 1869. She spent two terms as Condon's first city councilwoman and was instrumental in development of the Condon City Golf Course and renovation of the city park. She was also chairman of Condon's first 4th of July breakfast, an annual tradition now in its 33rd year. For the past 40 years, Mrs Flatt was secretary/treasurer of Mid Columbia Bus Co., Inc., actively managing the family owned school and charter bus business. She also served on the board of directors for the Betty Hise Trust for Cancer Research.

Mrs. Flatt enjoyed flying, sewing, golf, bridge, cooking for large gatherings, travel, friends and caring for her grandchildren.

Survivors include her mother, Jessie Sweeney of Pendleton, her husband, Bill at their home sons Doug, of Pendleton, Kevin, a lieutenant colonel stationed at Columbus AFB in Columbus, Miss., Bruce of Condon, and Jeff of Twin Falls, Id., a daughter, Laurie Roberge of Vancouver, Wa., 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, brothers, Merv Cloe of Reedsport, and Lonnie Cloe of Wapato Wa. Her father, Mervin, and her stepfather, Ken Sweeney, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Betty Hise Trust for Cancer Research, through the Condon Elks Lodge, Condon, Or., 97823, or to the South Gilliam County Ambulance "Jaws of Life" fund, through the Gilliam County Medical Center, Condon, OR, 97832.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon was in charge of arrangements.

**Sheriff's Report**

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

July 2: Morrow County deputy assisted with an animal problem on I-84 mile post 168 east bound;

Morrow County deputy began an investigation of a criminal mischief at the Pettyjohn building in Heppner;

Morrow County sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a motor vehicle accident on I-84 in the median at mile post 164. Ambulance was cancelled enroute;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence on Olsen Road for a civil complaint;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Oregon State Police to locate an unlicensed driver driving a stolen vehicle. Police officers were unable to locate anyone;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area with Children's Services Division for an interview;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area near Olsen and Kunze road for a report of a suspicious vehicle;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a domestic problem in progress;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to the Blue Spruce Apartment for a female with an unknown illness. Patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner and Ione Fire departments to a grass fire near Balmfork Rd.;

Morrow County deputy responded to the West Glen Addition in Boardman for a juvenile problem;

Morrow County deputy assisted a disabled motorist by calling a tow;

Morrow County deputy responded to the West Glen Addition for a disturbance. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County deputy assisted a disabled motorist. The vehicle was running so no assist was needed.

July 3: Morrow County deputy responded to Oregon Hay in Boardman for a report of stolen span cable. The value was unknown at press time;

Morrow County deputy received a report of a possible drunk driver near Irrigon on Hwy. 730. Deputy was unable to locate anyone;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to the Oregon State Police sub station for a 79 year old with an unknown illness. No transport was made.

July 4: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire department to the Boardman Texaco for a vehicle fire;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire department and ambulance to a single vehicle rollover on I-84 mile post 148. Four people were transported to The Dalles;

Morrow County deputy responded to the area of Hwy 730 and county line road for a report of fire crackers being used;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Marine Park for a report of fire works causing damage to a vehicle in the parking lot;

Morrow County deputy responded to the West Glenn Addition, Boardman area, for a report of shots being fired.

July 5: Morrow County deputy responded to the Paterson-Ferry Road area for a report of a prowler in the area;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of illegal burning;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray and Mitchell ambulances to the Waterman area out of Mitchell for a logging accident. One male was transported to St Charles;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for an animal problem;

Morrow County deputy investigated a report of theft from vehicle parts from a Lexington address;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a family problem. Turned out to be a civil matter;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police Dept. with locating a missing child in the Boardman area;

Morrow County deputy took a report of suspicious circumstances in the Boardman area;

Morrow County deputy responded to do a welfare check on Libby Thompson, Ripee Rd. Everything was OK;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil EMTs to C St. in Fossil. One male with an illness was taken by private vehicle to the clinic;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for an animal problem.

July 6: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence off of Laurel Lane for a male with an unknown illness. Patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a golden retriever caught by his chain on the tracks. The dog was rescued;

Morrow County deputy responded to an alarm sounding at the Intertribal Fisheries on Tower Road;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence near Kinzua Road for a male that had been kicked by a horse and a female with an injury. They were transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital and they to St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla, WA.;

Morrow County deputy assisted Oregon State Police with a rollover with injuries on Hwy 730 one mile east of

Irrigon; Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a disturbance;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for another disturbance;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Country Garden Estates for a disturbance;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Marina for a suspicious vehicle in the area. The vehicle and its occupants were checked.

July 7: Morrow County deputy responded to assist the Boardman Police Dept. in checking on a suspect with a violation of a restraining order;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 730 near Irrigon BP;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to I-84, Port of Morrow, westbound exit for a male with an unknown illness. No transport was made;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to I-84 one mile east of Boardman, for a juvenile with an injury. No transport was made;

Morrow County deputy attempted to locate a report of a possible Driver Under the Influence of Intoxicants on Hwy 73/207;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Mobile Court to investigate a report of a suspicious person;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Marina for a disturbance. A female was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston with an unknown injury;

Morrow County deputy delivered a message to a residence in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon marina for a juvenile problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a residence on County Line Rd., near Frontage Rd, for a report of burglary of a residence. Household items with unknown value were taken.

**Garden Club picnic changed**

The Heppner Garden Club potluck and picnic scheduled for July 14 has been changed to July 21 at 1:30 p.m.

The change is to give people the opportunity to attend the churches picnic planned July 14 by the Ministerial Association, said a Garden Club spokesperson.

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