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Health District story in error

A story on the Morrow County Health District Board meeting that appeared in the Dec. 4 Gazette-Times was in error.

The error concerned the proposed Morrow County Health District survey conducted by the Regional Services Institute at LaGrande. A group of Boardman people, including Ray Michael, Tom Meyers, Anthony Carabba and Martin Montes de Oca, resigned from the Morrow County Health District Community Response Steering

Committee. But, the group resigned before Don Eppenbach, Irrigon, wrote a letter to the MCHD Board disputing the truth of materials submitted for the survey by Michael, not as a response to Eppenbach's letter, as erroneously stated in the G-T.

The G-T was also mistaken concerning Irrigon City Hall. City hall was formerly located in a building which has been proposed as a site for an Irrigon medical clinic. Irrigon City Hall has not been located in the building for the past six months.

Justice Court Report

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

Duane Randell White, 38, Umatilla-Violation of the Basic Rule, 83 mph in a 55 mph zone, Driving Uninsured, Failure to Register Vehicle, \$256 fine;

Ana Erazo, 25, Heppner-Permitting a Dog to Run at Large, \$91 fine, with one year probation with no further violation of law;

Andrew E. Burt, 18, Heppner-Minor in Possession of Alcohol, \$147 fine with one year probation with no further violation of law;

Lester R. Martin, 58, Umatilla-Failure to Validate Big Game Tag, \$58 fine;

James O. Johnson, 30, Hermiston-Failure to Validate Big Game Tag, \$58 fine;

Joseph M. Harwood, 19, Lexington-Violation of the Basic Rule, 80 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$192 fine;

Kary Wayne Fuller, 30, Richland, WA.-Driving Uninsured, Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device (stop sign), \$359 fine;

James S. Pearsall, 34, Milwaukie-Driving While License Suspended, Unlawful U-turn, \$144 fine;

Leland Ray Marlett, 22, Milwaukie-Exceeding Maximum Speed Limit, 85 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$126 fine;

Troy Allen Murray, 28, Scappoose-Driving Uninsured, \$192 fine;

Richard G. Peck, 60-Causing Unreasonable Noise, Failure to Renew Registration, \$138 fine, Violation of the Basic Rule, 45 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$192 fine.

Humane Society seeks donations

The Umatilla-Morrow County Humane Society is seeking donations to fund a building to house a shelter.

According to Laurie Reichardt, Heppner, a Humane Society volunteer, the area shelter has been operated out of people's homes for 20 years. Reichardt said that at one time Rose Hoosier, president of Pioneer Humane Society, sheltered 17 dogs and 23 cats at her home.

Reichardt and Hoosier say that land is available on Airport Hill in Pendleton, but a minimum of \$200,000 is required to build the shelter. Hoosier estimates that 26,000 area families are served by Pioneer Humane Society, adding that if each of the families donates \$10 by January, the shelter would be built by mid-year 1997.

Hoosier says that she intends to retire, at age 85, in October, leaving "no one to answer the west end phone, nor to shelter animals here." "This will leave only our Pendleton answering person on duty, facing an impossible task," said Hoosier. "She will then also resign, thus closing down the 22 year old Humane Society for good."

Anyone wishing to contribute, may send their check to: Shelter, P.O. Box 361, Hermiston, OR 97838. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information, call Hoosier, 449-1213, or Reichardt, 676-5893.

Obituaries

Frank H. Robinson

Frank H. Robinson, 84, of Lexington, died Thursday, December 5, 1996, at his home. Frank Robinson Graveside memorial services were held Wednesday, December 11, 1996 at the Lexington Cemetery.

Mr. Robinson was born September 8, 1912, at Klickitat, Washington, to John and Martha Dyal Robinson. He grew up in Klickitat and attended local schools.

On January 22, 1934, he married Ruth M. Morehead, at Stevenson, Washington.

He worked at the Klickitat sawmill for 14 years before coming to Lexington in 1949. Mr. Robinson worked at Kinzua until his retirement in 1976.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, visiting, fishing and hunting. He also played cards three nights a week and was an avid cribbage player. His favorite hobby was reading.

Survivors include his sister, Nellie Stackhouse of Goldendale, Washington; four grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, son, Francis D. Robinson, daughter, Donna Papineau, a granddaughter, Deborah Sharp, brothers, Sam, Dan, Ed, Butch, Jake and John, and sisters, Lillian, Eva and Winnie.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

George Williamson Izzett

A memorial service was held December 7, 1996, in Healdsburg, California for George Williamson Izzett, who died November 28, 1996 of cancer at the age of 65.

Mr. Izzett was born August 6, 1931, in Venice, California. He married Margaret Boggs in 1953. He was a teacher and minister. He lived in the Portland area from 1972 to 1993. He also lived in Heppner in the mid-1980s and the early 1990s, where he served as priest at All Saints' Episcopal Church. He belonged to St. Raphael's Episcopal Church in Oakhurst, California, where he was vicar. Fresno, California; sons, Ronald of Gilbert, Arizona, Robert of Beaverton, Bruce of Tokyo and George of Portland; daughter, Heather Oliver of Chandler, Arizona; sister Mary Connor of Santa Rosa, California; brother Alistair of Elgin; and 10 grandchildren.

Disposition was by cremation. The family suggests remembrances to St. Raphael's Benevolent Fund, 43140 Highway 41, Oakhurst, California 93644.

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Letters to the Editor

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Educational system failing young people

To the Editor:

About 15 years ago, I joined Associated Oregon Industries (AOI). Many programs they conduct are for the betterment of Oregon, as well as the industries they represent. The paramount thrust of the individual industries involved in AOI is market share for their companies and their investors. I often cannot agree with what is happening (particularly in the drug and insurance industries), but in many instances I do recognize and appreciate what they are trying to accomplish in AOI.

This much I do know. They have tried everything they know to reform and help education provide the graduates who can run their businesses. It is essential that these businesses are competitive, not only in the USA, but also in the world marketplace. This is necessary for their existence, but also ultimately for the existence of jobs for all of us.

Our educational system has and is failing us in this regard, and the rise of home-schoolers is a direct result. We now have a large, organized parent group in Morrow County, with home-school curriculum more difficult than public school's. The program doesn't always work, if the parent is not really involved and the student is not helped and disciplined by them. But it is a vastly growing program because of the public school's failure to pursue excellence.

Because of this failure, AOI will be endorsing charter schools. These are schools which receive funding through their school districts, but are essentially run similarly to private schools. They hire their own teachers, who do not have to join unions, and parents are allowed to assist. They have to maintain curriculum standards, plus test standards for their students.

In essence, we have a charter school program in Morrow County, but they do not now receive monetary support from the school district. They have had merit scholars in local home-school programs.

I view the splintering of focus in education as a disaster for those parents dependent on public schools. But the people who really care and who are capable of home-schooling cannot be blamed for pursuing excellence on their own.

Neither do I blame AOI for advocating charter schools. The bureaucracy of school administrations and teachers' unions, disdain of school reform is rampant everywhere, particularly in Morrow County.

Our youngsters that need direct instruction and a good work ethic need your help. Persons willing to circulate petitions stating simply, "I am in favor of a five day school week," please call (541) 676-9777, 676-5474, 676-9625 or 422-7509.

Sincerely,
(s) Meg Murray
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Scholarships applications available

Soroptimist International of Heppner invites mature women who must enter or return to the job market to apply for a TAP (Training Awards Program) scholarship. Applicants should be heads of households completing undergraduate programs, or entering vocational or technical training programs. Forms may be obtained from Marianne Kahl, 676-5422.

It is also time for area youth to obtain a youth citizenship award application from their high school counselor. Two awards are presented annually to seniors who "have made contributions to their homes, schools, communities, countries and the world," said a spokesperson. These are merit

Yaw's Giving Tree deadline nears

The deadline for bringing items for the "Giving Tree" at Yaw's Restaurant in Heppner is Thursday, Dec. 19.

Those wishing to participate may pick out a paper Christmas ball which has been placed on the Christmas tree at Yaw's. Each ball notes a child's age, sex and items on his or her wish list. Participants then purchase the gifts, wrap them and return them to Yaw's, with the identifying tag on the gift.

love of horses

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mucking stalls, training, teaching, massaging horses and working at the Spokane Polo Club.

While living in Spokane, she met Bill Bitzas and the two eventually became engaged. After Heppner physicians, Ed and Jeanne Berretta, announced that they would resign from their positions with the Morrow County Medical District (MCMD), Dr. Bitzas was hired by MCHD.

The couple bought a house on Cemetery Hill in Heppner and moved here in September and Dale has already jumped in with both feet. She is leading a 4-H group, the Wild Riders, along with Merlyn Robinson and Tricia Coe, in addition to taking care of their six horses, Michy, a four-year-old thoroughbred; Sunny, an eight-year-old thoroughbred and a grandson of Seattle Slew; Keeta, a nine-year-old quarterhorse; Okie, a six-year-old Appaloosa; Frankie, a five-year-old Appaloosa; and Frankie's daughter, Bessie, six months. Dale would like to teach people in the area how to massage their horses and is planning to do a demonstration for 4-Hers and a series of dressage and jumping clinics.

Dale has also joined the Heppner Garden Club and hasn't had any trouble settling into Morrow County life. "Everyone has been so nice," said Dale. "Everyone has just been wonderful. Just super."

lone Legion, Aux. potluck, Dec. 17

The lone American Legion and Auxiliary will enjoy a Christmas potluck dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 17, a 6:30 p.m.

The main dish will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

The ladies are reminded to bring their Christmas cookies for Christmas delivery.

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He is the older of the uncles and turns eighty on the ninth of December.

We want to wish him a Happy Birthday and remind him of our feelings, one and all. We love you, dear Uncle, each and every day, but want to affirm it on this special day.

To Uncle Bud Batty, from the five of us, our wives, husbands, the 14 that call you Great-Uncle, and the 20 that call you Great-Great-Uncle; we, the children of Lewis and Edith Batty wish you a HAPPY EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.