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Letter home from Bosnia

Editor's note: The following correspondence is from Morrow County District Attorney Earl R. Woods, Jr., who has been sent to Bosnia with his National Guard unit.

When I stepped out of my tent this morning, I was struck by the oddly beautiful sight of the sun providing a background for a city destroyed.

My unit is currently based in Slavonki Brod, which is a city of approximately 100,000 people, situated on the Sava River in eastern Croatia. This city, during the Bosnian-Croatian wars, was struck by over 10,000 artillery rounds, which destroyed 1/3 of the city, including over 800 commercial and residential buildings. Also, an estimated 2,300 people were killed and twice that number suffered assorted wounds in attacks by Bosnian Serbs.

The Croatians have done a terrific job of rebuilding their city. However, across the river in Bosnia, no such building is going on. The Bosnia city of Brosanski lies in ruins. We can only refer to this

city by its Bosnian name of Brosanski on this side of the river. On the other side, which is now held by the Bosnian Serbs, this city is now called BosBro, which is a Serbian name.

We control the bridge between the two cities and constantly stop Croatian and Muslim refugees who try and carry weapons and ordinance into Bosnia in the hopes they will be able to reclaim their homes which have been destroyed. We seize those items; this sometimes gets tense. We also patrol the Bosnian side of the river to service base camps occupied by American soldiers to help them coordinate their defense with each other and us.

On Feb. 11, the Breko Arbitration commenced in an effort to try and arbitrate Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian Muslim claims to western Bosnia. I am betting this won't work.

I'll be writing periodical articles about this conflict and can be reached with your questions, if any, at: LTC Earl R. Woods, Jr.; 540-48-8029; Operation Front Guard; APO AEO 9789; Slavonki Brod, Croatia.

Number of Morrow County criminal cases rises

Criminal cases handled by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) in 1996 are up 123 over the previous year and up over 400 cases from six years ago.

According to information released by Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago, the MCSO handled 1223 criminal cases in 1996; 1100 in 1995; and 809 in 1990.

Burglary, theft and criminal mischief/vandalism showed increases with burglary up from a low of 54 in 1994 to 70 in 1995 to 83 last year; theft is up from a low of 70 in 1992 to 106 in 1995 and 123 last year; and criminal mischief/vandalism up from a low of 63 in 1992 to 68 in 1995 to 102 last year.

There was some good news in the report, however. Driving under the influence of intoxicants is down from 30 cases each in 1990 and 1991 to 15 last year and only nine the previous year. Motor vehicle accidents are down from 33 in 1990 to 17 last year. Drug investigations are down from 42 in 1991 to 19 in 1995 and 21 in 1996. Criminal driving (such as reckless driving, driving while suspended, driving while revoked and eluding police officer) has had a general downward trend from 45 in 1990 to 13 in 1995 and 17 in 1996.

Sex crimes, such as rape and abuse are up and down, ranging from a low of three in 1990 to a

high of 22 in 1994. There were 12 sex crimes reported in 1995 and 16 in 1996.

Service reports (such as responding to alarms, assisting ambulances, checking residences, checking suspicious circumstances and disturbances, juvenile problems, rendering assistance, etc.) are up dramatically, increasing from 1029 in 1990 to 1426 in 1995 to 1558 in 1996. Complaints are also up markedly, from 1394 in 1990 to 2156 last year.

Arts and Crafts Club to meet

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club will get together for lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Willow Lanes Bowling Alley in Heppner at 1 p.m., with the meeting to follow at 1:30 p.m.

The fair annex building will be open the same day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for any artists or crafters who would like to finish old projects, start new ones or just get together.

Plans will be made for the St. Patrick's Day sale as well as for several workshops.

New members and guests are invited to attend.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

"Yes" on 25-26 is good first step

To the Editor:
Congratulations.
Somebody is finally getting it right.

Propositions 5 and 47 are signs of dissatisfaction with the current method whereby state and federal governments tax us and then return small amounts of it to local government in the form of grants, along with very specific spending instructions.

This is backward.

If we fully fund needed local projects, and if state and federal governments can convince our local officials, who can convince the taxpayers, then monies and instructions should be sent to them. Money is power. Let us retain both at the local level.

A "yes" vote on Ballot Measure 25-26 would be a good first step.
(s) Floyd White
Heppner

Vote in favor of Heppner levy

To the Editor:
In last November's general election, 64.5 percent of the voters of the city of Heppner opposed state initiative Ballot Measure 47. All four Heppner voting precincts opposed the measure.

The consequences of Ballot Measure 47 for our city would be reduction of our police force from three officers to two officers, elimination of 80 percent of our park maintenance budget, elimination of the weekend emergency employee and elimination of summer extra help for maintenance and clean-up projects.

The result of these cuts would be a significant reduction in the safety, efficiency, appearance, and livability of our city.

The city council has decided to submit a serial tax levy to the city's voters which will enable us to

continue city services at the present level. The levy will not increase our tax rate. The levy will keep our tax rate within the \$10 per \$1,000 valuation limitation for local, county and special district services of Ballot Measure 5.

It is time for rural Oregonians to send a message to the westside big money people that we want to preserve our right to determine for ourselves the level of public services we will maintain in our small towns. We need to serve notice that we don't like being "jerked around" by laws enacted by the urban majority of this state that just don't work for us in Heppner.

I urge you to exercise your democratic responsibility and cast your mail-in ballot in favor of the city of Heppner's serial levy.

(s) John Edmundson
Heppner

"Yes" vote on city levy critical

To The Editor:

This weekend we will receive mail ballots for the serial levy for the city of Heppner. This levy is to replace funds lost due to Ballot Measure 47. The loss of these funds will seriously hamper the city's ability to maintain basic services.

We think this is critical at this time because the city is making great strides in upgrading the downtown area and the liveability of the entire community.

Please join us in voting yes for the city of Heppner ballot measure 25-26.
(s) Larry and Betty Mills
Heppner

St. Pat's Auction set on Sunday

To the Editor:
"Oops!" The news article two weeks ago incorrectly stated the date for this year's St. Pat's Auction. The auction committee regrets that error and any confusion it might have caused.

The auction will, again, be on Sunday of the St. Pat's Weekend Celebration. The auction will, again, begin at 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds on that Sunday, March 16.

We continue to be in awe of our community this time of year.

Everyone seems to search and find at least one more item to donate to the auction. Such support is what makes the auction work and what means that the community can sponsor another year of the celebration. Proceeds from the auction also contribute to the South Morrow County Scholarship Fund and at least one other area project each year.

We welcome your new and collectible auction items. We will also be excited to see you at the auction on Sunday, March 16.
(s) Doris Brosnan
Heppner

Wranglers to begin playdays

Wrangler's Riding Club will hold their spring playdays on Sundays, April 20 and 27 and May 4 and 11 at the club grounds. Sunday, May 11, will be a Mother's Day barbecue.

All playdays begin with a potluck at noon and games to follow at 1 p.m. Two clean up days have been set for April 6 and 13 beginning at 12:30 p.m. to get the grounds cleaned up and ready. The next Wranglers' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Kate's.

The St. Patrick's Day Auction date previously given was in error.

The correct date for the auction is Sunday, March 16, in Heppner. Future articles will include time, location and more information about the auction.

Legion, Aux plan meeting

Heppner Legion and Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting Monday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church basement.

A potluck dinner will precede the meeting. Veterans and their families are welcome to attend.

Little league plans meeting

The Heppner Little League will hold a meeting Wed., Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Heppner high school library.

Topics of discussion include discussions on a new field (preparations, costs, and construction) and election of officers. All adults interested in all aspects of little league (coaching, managers, umpires, helpers and volunteers) are urged to attend.

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Obituaries

Ralph S. Crum

Ralph S. Crum, 84, lone, died February 11, 1997, at The Dalles. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 15, 1997, at the United Church of Christ in lone, with concluding service and burial at the Arlington Cemetery, Arlington.

Mr. Crum was born March 4, 1912, in Ajax and attended school in Mayville, Olex and Arlington. In 1936, he began work for Braden-Bell Tractor & Equipment Company in Arlington, repairing machinery, then in sales and service for eight years in the Columbia Basin.

On June 16, 1929, he married Lou B. Strahm of Arlington and in 1946 they moved to lone where they established a wheat ranch. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1989. Mrs. Crum died June 7, 1993.

The Crums helped establish the Church of the Nazarene in Heppner. They were able to travel to several foreign countries and visit many of the states, including Hawaii. Mr. Crum had taken two Good-Will Tours with People to People, visiting Russia, Germany, France, Sweden and China.

Survivors include daughters, Bonnie Peterson of Tempe, AZ and Kathy Hageman of Mesa, AZ; sons, Jack Crum of Portland, Bob Crum of Dayton, WA, and Monte Crum of lone; grandchildren, Robin and Rance Peterson, Holly Crum, Rob, Cami and Steve Crum and Jeremy and Danny Hageman; great-grandchildren, Ace Peterson and Hope Crum; sisters, Inez Kegley and Charlotte Crum of The Dalles and Maxi Kust of Woodburn; and two brothers, Jeremiah Crum of The Dalles and Joe Crum of Washougal, WA.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Child Evangelism Fellowship (Umatilla County Chapter), P.O. Box 1454, Pendleton OR 97801.

Spencer, Libby and Powell was in care of arrangements.

Leona M. Mason

Leona M. Mason, 66, Heppner, died Tuesday, February 11, 1997, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

Graveside funeral services were held on February 18, 1997, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Ms. Mason was born at Alton, Kansas on September 25, 1930, to Wane and Edith Ash Mason. She moved to Oregon when she was 12 years old and lived in Salem, Pendleton, Condon and Heppner.

Survivors include sisters, Merna Campbell, Pendleton, Grace Emerson, Wichita, Kansas, and Ruth Hakerott, Osborne, Kansas; brothers, Ed Mason, Nyssa, Calvin Mason, Osborne, Kansas, Alvin Mason, Fruitland, Idaho, and Wayne Mason of Alma, WI.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in care of arrangements.

HCC to meet

The Heppner Coordinating Council (HCC) will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 a.m. at the Heppner Ranger District office.

The council will work on the Heppner community strategic plan and make final arrangements for the community volunteers' recruitment and development workshop that will be held at the ranger station from 7-10 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend all HCC meetings.

Justice Court Report

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

Patrick Kay Schwarz, 31, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 60 mph in a 45 mph zone, \$67 fine;

Keith R. Papineau, 39, Heppner-Failure to Wear Seatbelt;

Robert Neil Bowles, 44, Union Gap, WA.-Truck Speeding, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$67 fine;

Marla James Anderson, 27, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, Expired Vehicle Registration, \$146 fine;

Jacqueline R. McConnell, 24, Heppner-Careless Driving, \$137 fine, Violation of the Basic Rule, 48 mph in a 35 mph zone, \$101 fine, Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, \$122 fine, Furnishing Alcohol to Minors, \$617 fine, 180 days in jail, \$150 and jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of law;

Jeffrey R. Botefuhr, 20, Hermiston-Failure to Renew Registration, \$49 fine;

Jason Alan Bathurst, 20, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 71 mph in a 55 mph zone;

Brian David Holz, 20, Lexington-Minor in Possession of Alcohol, \$147 fine;

Jon David Hanna, 20, Heppner-Minor in Possession of Alcohol, \$147 fine;

Ron C. Lewis, 26, Pendleton-a Negotiating a Bad Check, \$620 plus restitution, \$180 days in jail, \$200 and jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of law.

Sara Adkins celebrates 102



Sara Adkins, Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home resident, celebrated her 102nd birthday on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Adkins, wearing a shirt made by a Valentine, is a long-time Heppner resident.

Friends of the Library to meet

Heppner Friends of the Library will meet Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Museum.

Call the library, 676-9964, for more information.

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