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Letter home from Bosnia

Editor's note: The following letter from Bosnia was written by Morrow County District Attorney Earl R. Woods, who is serving in Bosnia with his National Guard unit.

Yesterday, I was invited by a Catholic priest to visit a orphanage in Slavonki Brod. It was the first time I'd been off this base camp since arriving, other than when I've been on patrol. The orphanage services 62 orphans ranging from one year old to age 18. It is operated by the state and seemingly very effectively run. The orphans are bused to school each morning and returned each night.

The Croatian school system is much like the German. Every Croatian is expected to complete eight years of compulsory education. At the end of the eight years, depending on grades, the student will be either terminated, enrolled in a trade school or placed in a gymnasium, which is the equivalent of our high school and a year of junior college. The trade school and gymnasium are four years in length. When students complete the trade school, they enter into the work force. The students finishing the gymnasium, again depending on grades, will either enter into the university system or will go into the work force.

The orphans in Croatia have the same opportunities to work their way through this school system as any other student and do so without cost since every aspect of education is free. As my friend, the priest, said, "It is a holdover from our Socialist past."

The situation on the other side of the Sava River in Bosnia is quite different. Driving across the Sava River is much like descending into hell. The orphanage, the town and the area are in ruins.

My friend, the Catholic priest (71 years old), protects us when we are in Bosnian Serb territory because the Serbs don't like us even when we are delivering clothing to the orphanage. We always go in convoys of four vehicles with at least one manned machine gun on a ring mount on top of our Hum-Vees.

My friend the priest offers diplomatic services and we try and introduce a little fear. I question whether that works. The Bosnian Serbs see us as a friend of the Croates, and they hate the Croates. This hatred exists at a visceral level that you and I cannot understand.

I'll write more about this hatred, the orphanage and this place as I learn more. In the meantime, I have a new address: LTC Earl R. Woods, Jr., 540-48-8029; Operation Joint Guard; Slavonki Brod, Croatia.

Oakes to resume guitar lessons

Carl Oakes will return to Heppner again this spring to teach an eight week session of guitar lessons.

The lessons will be held Saturday, March 29, April 5, 12, 26 and May 3, 10, 17, and 24. There will be no class April 19.

Oakes will have two classes. The first class, from 1-2 p.m., would be made up of those students who have already taken guitar lessons in the past. The second class, from 2-3 p.m., would be for beginners. The advanced class will focus on varied music and students will sing along as they play.

The lessons will be held at the

Morrow County Museum. A scheduled performance for all guitar students is planned on the last lesson day, May 24.

The Morrow County Recreation District has approved funding the cost of the lessons. Oakes requires at least eight students in the advanced class and at least five in the beginner class. The beginning students would have to purchase a recommended music book for \$10. Oakes will supply the music for the advanced students. Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to register for the lessons, call Marlene Currin, 676-9711.

MCCCF present program March 13

A program, entitled "Love and Logic", by Jim Fay will be presented by Dar Merrill, director of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families, will be presented on Thursday, March 13, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick

Catholic Church Parish Hall.

According to Merrill, "the program will help parents to set limits, reinforce parents' ability to teach children responsibility and learn what natural and logical consequences may be."

Child care will be available.

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.

Seeks info on sheep industry

To the Editor:

I'm beginning work on enlarging the "History of the Morrow County Sheep Industry" that appeared in the 1996 Morrow County Chronicles. It is going to be printed in booklet form and sold at the museum. If anyone has information on growers I've missed or would like to add more, please call me at 676-9820, or mail it to me at Route 1, Box 36, Lone, 97843.

I would like to find pictures of sheep using the railroad yards or being loaded, or any clear picture of the sheep business in the past. If you would like, you may leave your information at the museum by April 15.

Also, if there are any mistakes in the first article, this will be a chance to correct them.

(s) Darlene Hoskins
Lone

HB 2515 crucial for homeowners

To the Editor:

The 1997 Oregon Legislature is now in progress. Thousands of ideas and proposals are being discussed at the state capitol and many will be passed into law.

The bill most important to every property owner is HB 2515. This is the landowner notification bill. Currently, a citizen can buy a home or a piece of property under one set of zoning laws and the government can change those laws without notifying the property owner that a change has been made.

For many years, landowners have complained that the state's land-use agency is unfair. It is wrong when rules are proposed and put into law which restrict

the use of private property without informing the property owners prior to the change. In many instances, landowners have been totally left out of the land-use process. Citizens may not learn until years after laws have changed that they cannot use their property for its intended purpose.

The state land-use system has made a serious error by not including landowners in the process. HB 2515 is the first step to return needed balance to Oregon's problem plagued land-use system and to bring landowners back into the process.

(s) Joan McConoughey
Corvallis

Blood drive set for March 25th

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held in Heppner at St. Patrick's Senior Center, on Tuesday, March 25, from 2-6 p.m. Donors must be 17 or older, weight at least 105 pounds and be in good general health. Donors

can give blood every 56 days, or eight weeks.

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call the Red Cross at 1-800-868-9057. The drive is sponsored by the Heppner Soroptimists.

Commission to hold workshops

The Morrow County Commission on Children & Families has scheduled two workshops to assist contractors who are planning to submit proposals for the upcoming biennium.

One workshop will be held at the Columbia Basin Cooperative conference room, 171 W. Linden, in Heppner on Monday, March 17, beginning at 1 p.m. The second workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 18 at the

State Office for Services to Children & Families conference room, 101 S.W. Kinkaid in Boardman at 9 a.m.

Instructions on how to complete the application, measurable outcomes, etc., will be given and all individuals or agencies who are planning to submit proposals are encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Dar Merrill, 676-9675.

Crossing guard reinstated at HES



Trevor Rhea, sixth grade crossing guard at Heppner Elementary School, assists students crossing the street in front of the school.

The program was recently re-instituted at the school. The young guards volunteer for the duty.

Yard sale to benefit Braces

The Church of the Nazarene will sponsor a yard sale Saturday, March 15, at the Heppner Community Center, starting at 9 a.m.

The yard sale will benefit Jerry and Sharon Brace to help with

their medical expenses.

Those having items they wish to donate, or anyone wanting to help on Saturday should call Pastor Duane Jones at 676-5529.

Lions Mobile Screening planned for Friday-Saturday

The Oregon Lions Mobile Screening unit will be in front of Central Red Apple Market, Friday, March 14, from 10 a.m.-5

p.m., and Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

The screening will offer free vision, glaucoma, hearing, blood pressure and diabetes screening.



Lion's Club Mobile Screening unit

Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists the following monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

Thursday, March 13-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 17-blood pressures and immunizations, Lone City Hall, 2-4 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 18-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, March 20-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 25-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, March 27-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past three weeks:

Feb. 18: Jason James Ellis, 21, Bend; and

Jenny Marie Halbert, 17, Irri-gon.

Feb. 19: Joshua Mark Turner, 21, Germany; and

Lois Anne Stone, 19, Germany.

Feb. 24: Hector Escalante Madera, 22, Hermiston; and

Margarita Isabel Luvianos, 17, Hermiston;

John L. Thomas, 23, Boardman; and

Masako Thomas, 43, Boardman.

Feb. 25: Alejandro V. Arias, 26, Boardman; and

Maria Paula Ruiz Alvarez, 36, Boardman.

Feb. 26: James Daniel Sullivan, 27, Lone; and

Deyonna Faye Senn, 27, Lone.

In the Service

Army Staff Sergeant Donald E. Doherty has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other outstanding accomplishments.

Doherty is an infantry squad leader with the 14th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii.

He is the son of Charles and Beverly Doherty of Lone, and is a 1985 graduate of Lone High School.

Navy Constructionman Recruit Corey Baker, son of Robert and Robin Baker of Lone, recently graduated from Basic Construction Mechanic School.

During the course with Naval School Construction, in Port Hueneme, CA., students received instructions on the fundamentals of gasoline and diesel engine maintenance and repair. Studies involve troubleshooting techniques, preventive maintenance and tune-up procedures for heavy construction equipment, as well as welding and acetylene cutting as applied to the repair of construction equipment chassis.

The 1996 graduate of Lone High School joined the Navy in June, 1996.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

'Tis again upon us, the wearing o' the green, and green 'twill it be once the sun begins to shine. Look for a rainbow by Saturday.

Irish flags are waving, a reminder of the many hours of hard work Gwen Healy has donated in years' past. Those who watched Channel 6 were sure to see the Irish flag flying high above the IOOF Hall. Our Heppner Chamber ambassadors are doing a great job, traveling to AM Northwest and being out and about as leprechauns.

The first ambassador meeting will be sometime in April. All interested persons are welcome.

Have you seen the buttons created by Judie Laughlin? 'Tis sure you'll wish to purchase one with the Morrow County Courthouse in the background. Buttons, as well as schedules of events, including the Ceili, and tickets for the Cascadia Folk Quartet will be available at the bright green information booth. Soroptimists will again be greeting visitors and cheerfully giving information to one and all.

All past and future Irish families are encouraged to attend the KUMA Coffee hour where this year, the most recent Irish immigrants will be recognized. We had to promise to let them keep a low profile, but we're proud to honor Father Gerry Condon and Winnie Flynn during this 15th celebration. The St. Patrick's Committee keeps a list of Irish families, but because most of us can't claim the honor of being historians, we welcome knowledge of additional Irish families.

During both the Coffee Hour and the Ceili we'll be treated to the music of John Doherty and the Irish Singers. This great group has faithfully contributed their talent and wild songs to the celebration from the inception of the event. Heppner seems to be their second home.

And one last comment... sure and begorrah, many Irish settled these rolling hills, but without the Swedish, English, Scots, Italians, and the rest of our Heppner mix, the celebration couldn't happen.

Thought for the weekend: "May the sun shine warm upon all our faces." Have a great one.

MCGC shoot on March 23

The Morrow County Gun Club will not hold a shoot on Sunday, March 16 due to the St. Patrick's Celebration. Weekly shoots will begin again on Sunday, March 23. Starting time is 12 noon.

Curt Day and Jeff Cutsforth hit 24 out of 25 targets to lead all shooters last Sunday. Rob Ashbeck followed with a 23.

Wind and rain made shooting "Annie Oakleys" difficult, said a club spokesperson, but Mike Adams won two, with Jeff Cutsforth and Curt Day winning one each.

A ladies' shoot will be held in April; the date and time of the shoot will be announced later.

New addition to

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Sheri (l) with Hair I Am owner Leah Brosnan

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