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**Letters to the Editor**

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**Film provides health info**

To the Editor:  
On June 17, PBS aired the film "A Healthy Baby Girl" about filmmaker Judith Helfand's experience with DES-related cancer of the cervix. Many viewers who saw the film may want to know where to turn for information about DES. They should know that DES Action is a non-profit organization that they can call at 1-800-DES-NEWS to receive a free packet of information.

For more than 30 years, pharmaceutical companies sold DES to millions of pregnant American women, even knowing that the drug was ineffective and possibly carcinogenic. Only in 1971, when doctors discovered the link between DES and vaginal cancer in some young women exposed in utero, did the FDA recommend that DES not be given to pregnant women.

Although cancer in DES daughters remains the most widely publicized health effect resulting from DES exposure, there are many other health effects in those (including sons and grandchildren) exposed to this drug.

That is why Representative Louise Slaughter and Tom Harkin are spearheading the "DES Education and Research Amendments of 1997" bill H.R.1788. Areas to be researched include: autoimmune disorders and diseases; clear cell cancer; breast cancer; third generation; and DES sons. The education part of the bill would be a national program to educate professionals and the public about the drug commonly known as DES.

Sincerely,  
(s) Holly C. Larsen  
DES Action affiliate for Oregon Bend, OR

**Fair garden entries encouraged**

Morrow County Fair superintendents in flowers and fruits and vegetables divisions are hoping for their biggest show yet.

"We are urging all county gardeners, including juniors, to get the urge to enter some of their flowers and produce this year, especially if they have not shown before," said a spokesperson.

Fair superintendents will offer a free workshop on exhibiting in these divisions on Saturday, August 2, beginning at 10 a.m. in the main hall on the fairgrounds.

The schedule will be as follows: 10-11 a.m.-flowers, flower collections and house plants; 11 a.m.-noon-fruits, vegetables, berries and grains; 12-1 p.m.-sack lunch with coffee

and lemonade supplied; 1-3 p.m.-making flower arrangements.

Teaching and learning materials will include produce, examples, hand-outs, charts, demonstrations, videos and "hands on" experience.

Although some flowers, fruits, vegetables and flower arrangement items will be supplied, potential exhibitors are welcome to bring their own flowers, vegetables and fruits and containers for arrangements. Some "mechanics" supplies may be purchased there at a minimal cost, said the spokesperson.

The Heppner Garden Club and Kathryn Kettel, OSU Extension agent, will assist. For information on flowers, call 676-9435; for information concerning land products, call 676-9642.

**Volleyball camps scheduled**

Colleen Hunt Volleyball Camps have been scheduled at Pendleton High School.

A camp for high school students will be held July 28-31.

Camp for students entering fifth-eighth grades will be held August 4-7.

For more information call Hunt at 276-4878.

**Obituary**

**Delia Ann Davidson**  
Delia Ann Davidson, Baker City, died July 13, 1997, at her home.

Funeral service was held July 16 at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel. Pastor Ralph Holcomb of the Christian Church officiated. Interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Baker City.

Mrs. Davidson was born October 23, 1909, in Unity to Caleb and Rosetta Butts. She spent her childhood in the Burnt River area where she attended school. She graduated from Hereford High School in 1928.

On September 26, 1928, she married James Franklin Davidson. They had met while he was working for the state of Oregon on the Baker/Unity road. Due to the nature of his work, they traveled to various areas of the state, living in Heppner in the 1940s and '50s. They returned to Baker City in 1959 to retire.

Mrs. Davidson was a member of the Christian Church of Baker City, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, VFW, Lady Elks, Royal Neighbor and was an active member of the Rebekahs and Eastern Star, holding various offices in both organizations. She loved spending time with her family and was happiest when she had people around her.

Survivors include a sister-in-law Lois Britton and husband Chuck, Baker City; nephews Wes Morgan, Ronnie Holbrook and Bud Butts, all Baker City, George Skelton, Beaverton, and Charles Skelton, Troutdale; nieces, Leslie Haber, Seattle, WA, Phyllis Colpitts, Gillette, Wyoming, Wilma Oliveira, Baker City, and numerous other nieces and nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Frank, and brothers, Chester, Albert and Sanford Butts.

**Riley Munkers honored at Heppner tv meeting**



Dean Gilman (r) hands Riley Munkers his plaque for 23 years of service on the Heppner T.V. Board of Directors. (L-R) Melissa Cvarak, newly elected board member, Linda Shaw, Riley Munkers, Pres. Greg Sweek and Bob Ployhar.

**OSU issues homemade jerky warning**

A recent outbreak of E.coli 0157:H7 from homemade venison jerky in Oregon has prompted Oregon State University food scientists to pull recommendations for making any meat jerky at home.

The bacteria was found not only on the jerky but also on the dehydrator which had been cleaned for storage.

This suggests E.coli 0157:H7 survives the home drying process for jerky as well as remains on the dehydrator where it could contaminate other foods, said Carol Michael, OSU Extension agent for Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Dehydrators previously used to make jerky should be washed in hot, soapy water and then sanitized with a solution of one tablespoon chlorine bleach per gallon of water and allowed to air dry.

"Until a process is identified that will guarantee a safe jerky product, we do not advise making jerky products of any kind at home," says Michael.

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

There were 77 present for the senior dinner July 9 and 12 meals were home delivered. Members of the Christian Life Center served. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

The menu for July 23 will be Sloppy Joes, oven fries, corn, gelatin salad, blueberries and cookies. Members of the Catholic Church will serve.

Forty-seven people attended the breakfast Friday July 11, including a bus load from Boardman. Five meals were home delivered.

The menu for Friday, July 18, has been changed. Instead of ham and eggs with grits, there will be biscuits and gravy, fruit, hot and cold cereal, orange juice, milk, tea and coffee. The breakfast menu for July 25 will be pancakes and sausage, fruit, hot and cold cereal, orange juice, milk, tea and coffee.

The senior bus with 15 passengers on board made the trip to Milton-Freewater via Pendleton. After enjoying live music and a delicious meal the return trip was made down the Columbia River with a stop at the Hermiston Dairy Queen for ice cream or cold drinks. Gerald Bergstrom was the driver.

There was one table of pinocle in play Friday afternoon. Four ladies watched the movie "Shiloh" Sunday evening. The next bus trip will be to the Irrigon Nutrition Site on Monday, July 21. Seats are still available.

A memorial will be held at the Senior Center on Sunday, July 27, at 2 p.m. for Dorothy Henderson. She was a former tenant at St. Patrick's Senior Apartments. All her friends are invited to attend.

The Housing Authority will meet in the sitting room at 7 p.m. Monday, July 28.

**State fair accepts horse, poultry entries**

The 1997 Oregon State Fair is accepting entries in the poultry competition and in 18 separate horse breed divisions and in 27 exhibitor categories to be held during this year's Fair, August 21 - September 1.

Poultry entries will be accepted in nine divisions: large poultry, bantams, guineas, ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons, rabbits and covies.

In addition, there are two new specialty shows that have been added to this year's fair. The first is the Old English Game Specialty show which will be on display Thursday, August 21-Sunday, August 24. The second is the Bantam Duck Specialty show which will be on exhibit from Friday, August 29 - Monday, September 1. Entries in all sections close July 28, or when department capacity has been reached. Entries will be accepted in order received.

Horse division pre-entries are due August 11, but entries will be accepted until day of show.

The Oregon State Fair Horse Show is the oldest and longest running horse show in the Northwest. It is one of the 10 largest in the United States and extends all 12 days of the fair.

This year, the show will begin on August 22 with the hunters and jumpers and will continue through Labor Day. Quarter horses, hunters and jumpers, draft horses, miniatures, Appaloosas, walking horses,

paints and the American Horse Show Association Western Division will show during the first six days. Saddlebreds, Morgans, Arabs, half-Arabs, National Show Horses, carriages, hackneys, Shetlands, and the Regional Pinto Show will present on the last six days. The Draft Horse Pulling and Log Skidding contests are held on Labor Day.

Judges for the 1997 show include: David Johnson, Phoenix, AZ, Hunters and Jumpers; Billy Cress, Buckeye, AZ, Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Paint and Miniatures; Stephen Kruger, Las Vegas, NV, Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa and Draft Horse Driving; Bob Wright, Grand Junction, CO, Quarter Horse, Draft Horse and miniature championship; Sherri Hobson, South Lake Tahoe, CA, American Horse Show Association Western; James Curry, Lodi, CA, Miniatures; Fern Bittner, St. Charles, MO, Arabian, half Arabian, Saddlebreds, Morgans, Hackneys, Carriage, open pony driving and Shetlands; Larry Knaggs, Dallesport, WA, log pulling and skidding, and drill teams.

For more information and premium books containing a complete listing of rules and entry forms, write the Oregon State Fair Office at 2330-17th St. NE, Salem, OR 97310, or call (503) 378-3247 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**BMCC requests housing information**

The Blue Mountain Community College Admission and Advising Office staff is requesting aid from area residents who would be interested in housing students for the upcoming academic year.

Each summer the office compiles a list of apartments, houses or rooms available for rent. The list is used as a resource for new and returning students. It includes type of housing, size, rent, furnishings, location, and the owner's phone number. Owners are also encouraged to specify restrictions, such as no drinking, no smoking, or no pets.

Rental owners in Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Pilot Rock, Helix, Athena, Weston and Pendleton are encouraged to call the Admissions and Advising Office at 541/278-5930 to be included on the list. The college would like to make the list available no later than August 1, so a prompt response is appreciated, they said.

**Justice Court Report**

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

Philip John Blakeley, 19, Redmond-Violation of the Basic Rule, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$77 fine.

**Chamber Chatter**  
By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Our Main Street Project continues to make progress. During the weekly Main Street meeting Monday at 11 a.m. at Yaw's, both ODOT and Weaver Construction expressed their appreciation for the communication and cooperation from the Heppner businesses, Dave Winters and local residents. As with all Main Street projects, there are unexpected problems that arise but keeping the finished vision in mind will get us through the rough spots. Remember, our stores are doing business as usual and hope to continue to see your friendly faces. It's good walking weather and one never knows what adventure you may experience on a new route.

Sidewalks are looking good, but there are a few skateboard and human tracks. Try to heed the warnings signs and look before you leap, as we want this Main Street project to look great for many years to come. Community pride speaks for itself.

This Friday approximately 35 Oregon Trail cyclists will arrive to spend the night at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. These people are following the trail from Nebraska, so they will be tired when they come off the hill and undoubtedly have great respect for the Pioneers who walked. Heppner Hospitality will be awaiting their arrival.

Programs ahead for the Chamber are: July 22, state and local transportation issues with Tom Schuft, Region 5 manager; and July 29, State Representative Lynn Lundquist. Also provided every Tuesday at noon at Kate's, are Main Street moments. Come visit and learn what your Chamber of Commerce is about. New and current members will have the opportunity to win a four day vacation. Stay tuned.

Thought for the week: "Our conduct is influenced not by our experience but by our expectations ...." George Bernard Shaw

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