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American heritage fading out

To The Editor:

I am writing to address an issue that has come to my attention as a concerned parent. This issue is Spanish being taught at K - 5 grade level. In Morrow County they are teaching Spanish in the elementary school and asking us as parents to encourage it at home. There was no previous notice or questionnaire on whether we wanted this.

I was under the impression that we still live in America. Why are we giving up teaching our kids reading and writing to teach them a foreign language? Statistics show that we already have a literacy problem here in America, so we should take away from learning to read and write to accommodate a foreign language. America is known as the Melting Pot, it has been for years, but the Germans, the Italians, the French and etc. that moved here were proud to learn

English not vice versa. I do not object to Spanish being spoken in Spanish homes but to take away from our children's education to teach only this language is taking away the skills they need later.

What's to stop other ethnic groups like Germans, Vietnamese, French, Russians and Japanese, for example, from wanting their language to be taught at the elementary level also. How much of our children's education are we willing to give up to accommodate other ethnic groups. We are slowly becoming a minority in our own country. I know I am not alone in this matter. We are slowly fading out our American heritage to accommodate another ethnic group.

(s) Vicky J. Morrison
Irrigon

Work with universe for a happy death

To The Editor:

What are we to make of voters who pass the "death with dignity" measure to put all end to intolerable pain and suffering in Oregon while over in Washington State voters turned down medical use of marijuana to relieve intolerable pain and suffering?

No doubt the marijuana naysayers feared the misuse of cannabis. Could the assisted suicide bill have anything to do with not knowing we are much more than just a physical body; that we are each one an immortal soul? Who is it who incarnates and develops a physical body to inhabit? If it is the soul, then that is the captain at the helm and it is the one who guides us through life and will end this experiment when the time is right, is it not? We've been given free will so we can, of course, override the Captain. But is that such a good

idea? Scientists know now that we have an energy field. It's called an aura. Clairvoyants can see these colorful, spontaneously changing lights flashing in and out with each thought, each emotion. In fact, one doesn't have to be clairvoyant to see the beam of love sent to a beloved or the lightning-like bolt of anger lashing out. Also there are machines which can photograph a poor reflection of the real thing. Abusive thoughts and deeds damage this energy field as well as the physical body. What if arbitrarily deciding to pull the plug and get rid of the painful physical body does nothing but compound the problems for the energy fields?

We all know there are laws in the universe. It might be a good idea to learn how to work with them and have a happy death.

(s) Helen Solem
Vernonia

4-H Awards dinner held at IHS



Josie Proctor (left) presents award to Bobbie Rankin.

By Nova Rietmann
The 4-H Awards and Achievement dinner held Sunday, November 6, at the Lone High School cafeteria, started off with a dinner catered by the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court: Queen Maci Childers and Princesses Lindsey Ward and Bobbie Rankin. The catered dinner was to raise money for a Black Hills gold and silver ring that will be raffled off at the fair next summer.

After dinner Josie Proctor welcomed every one and the awards began. Beginner Record Book Awards went to Shanna Rietmann for home economics/expressive arts and to Amy Jepsen for livestock.

Junior Record Book Awards went to Natalie McElligott for home economics/expressive arts, Cameron Krebs for livestock, Lacey Davis for horse and Meaghan Unruh for small animal.

Intermediate Record Book Awards went to Amy Drake for home economics/expressive arts, Shelby Krebs for livestock, Erin Crowell for horse and Emily Unruh for small animal.

Senior Record Book Awards went to Jessica Krebs for home economics/expressive arts, Jory Crowell for livestock and Kara Miller for horse.

Club Secretary Book went to Emily Unruh for Barnyarders.

Intermediate County Medals went to Shelley Rietmann for achievement; Erin Crowell for citizenship; Amy Drake for clothing and textiles; Leland Rill for conservation; Jodie Carlson, fashion revue; Claire Anderson, food and nutrition; Keith Baker, leadership; Kevin Drake, market beef; Meghan Bailey, market sheep; Julie Mason, market swine; and Shelby Krebs, public speaking.

Senior County Medals went to

Kara Miller and Kristi Mason for achievement; Josie Proctor and Shannon Walton, citizenship; Kristi Worden for clothing and textiles; Kristi Worden, fashion revue; Bobbi Rankin, horse; Jessica Krebs for leadership and Kevin Baker, public speaking.

Bill Broderick announced special recognition of Cindy Osterlund for helping out with 4-H speakasies. Osterlund has lead every year and, at the last state fair, lead youth to received the judge's choice award.

There was also recognition of the 4-H leaders who have been helping out with 4-H programs for years.

Bill Broderick announced the Gold Club awards to the Martingale, Barnyarders, and the Ewes 'R' Us clubs. The clubs all held at least eight meetings during the past year and received high attendance rates.

Broderick ended the awards by thanking all of the kids who participate and all of the leaders who make 4-H possible.

Parents donated desserts for the evening.

Emily Unruh played the flute and Amy Jepsen played the harp before the program.

To obtain a list of the 4-H leaders or to volunteer to be a leader, contact the Morrow County Extension office.

SWCD/Weed board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, December 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office Building in Heppner.

Agenda items include NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) report, manager's report agency reports and other business.

The meeting is open to the public.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

More than 81 people were present for the senior Thanksgiving dinner. There wasn't an accurate count as several people didn't sign in. Sign in is necessary as the meal site receives funds from the government according to how many are registered for each meal. Thirteen meals were home delivered. The Christian Missionary Fellowship church served.

The menu for Dec. 3 is sausages on hot dog buns with sauerkraut, hashbrowns, green beans, apricots and cookies. Members of the Seventh-day Adventist and Nazarene churches will serve. Hearing aid assistance will be given at 10 a.m. and blood pressures taken at 11 a.m. A Nutrition Site meeting will be held at 1 p.m.

There were 35 present for the breakfast Friday, Nov. 21. The menu for breakfast Dec. 5 will be biscuits with sausage and gravy, fruit, hot and cold cereal, orange juice, milk and coffee. There will be no breakfast Friday, Nov. 28.

Two tables of pinocle were in play Friday afternoon, Nov. 21. Six were present for the Sunday movie, "Wild America".

The seniors extend their condolences to the family of Barton Clark. He had been active in the Senior Center and the Senior Transportation Committee until his recent illness. He will be greatly missed.

The Senior Center office will not be open on Thanksgiving or Friday Nov. 28.

Happy Thanksgiving.

COMMUNITY Thanksgiving DINNER

Thursday, November 27 at 1 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome to Attend
Singles • Couples • Families
No Admission Charge

All Saints' Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Planning on joining us? Please let us know how many by calling 676-5376 or 676-9970

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Meeting in the 7th-day Adventist Church
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CHAMBER MAIN STREET NEWS

Week of November 26, 1997
brought to you by The Heppner Chamber of Commerce (541) 676-5536
MAIN STREET WEEKLY REPORT

-FINAL MAIN STREET MEETING. Tony George and Brent Reynolds, ODOT, expressed their sincere appreciation of the role Chamber has played in holding the weekly meetings and keeping the lines of communication open. Realizing the importance of continuous communication with the business community, they have incorporated the idea into Hermiston's #395 project. If there should be a reason to hold another Heppner session, you'll hear about it.

-STREETWALKERS. The inspection team composed of city manager Gary Marks, Mayor Bob Jepsen, Cliff Green, and Brent Reynolds, ODOT, walked the streets to inspect the sidewalks for damage and consult with the businesses owners. The "punchlist" is developed and the area in question is either repaired or a refund is made.

-FOREST OF POSTS. Signage was a topic for hot discussion at the Main Street Meeting Monday. The signs were overlooked in the planning and thus the posts come as a surprise to all concerned. Some have been removed and the look is changing with the luminaries in place. After the initial shock, we would like to hear how you are feeling as the puzzle pieces fit together. Can you live with the wooden posts or would you prefer galvanized if change were possible? Continue communicating with the Chamber and the city.

-EL NINO OR SNOW. The warm weather has been a blessing to our Main Street Project. Soon we'd like the season to change and, when the white stuff begins to fall, remember...DO NOT USE ANYTHING WITH CHLORIDE (SALT) ON THE NEW SIDEWALKS.

-SNOW PLOWING. The city has received notice that the State Highway Dept. will no longer be plowing Main Street. Apparently this is standard policy in this region; some exceptions were noted and will be researched.

-CITY LOGO completion this year is based on the durastripe being developed. It seems only the west side will be removed and hopefully completed before December barring those unforeseen circumstances.

-EVERYONE WELCOME Wednesday, December 3, at 6 p.m. at the fire hall. Warm bodies are needed to set up and place lights on the 46 trees donated by the Heppner Ranger District. Those who purchased a tree for spring are encouraged to come adopt a Christmas tree, purchase lights to defray expenses, and help put "your" tree in place. The more the merrier. Refreshments provided.

-JOIN THE FUN DECEMBER 4. Heppner's downtown businesses have been meeting weekly to put on a "holiday happening" on Thursday, December 4, from 2-7 p.m. Everyone is invited to stroll Heppner and enjoy refreshments at each stop. (Businesses participating are asked to contact Ann Murray to coordinate refreshments. Chestnuts roasting, candy canes, cookies, popcorn balls, munchies of all kinds are suggested.) The Chamber will again have hot cocoa beside the Christmas tree and everyone is encouraged to bring an ornament. See the Gazette-Times poster and schedule of events. The Hard Hat Luxury Vacation Give-Away will be drawn during the tree caroling.

-LIGHT UP HEPPNER by being a part of the December 4 Light Parade. Prizes will be awarded. Full details and entry forms will be available at Murray's, the Gazette-Times and Van Marter and Kahl Insurance.

The Arts Council of Morrow County
is pleased to announce:

The Messiah

Performed by the Oregon East Symphony
Accompanied by the South Morrow Co. Community Choir

Friday - December 19th, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.
The old Heppner Middle School
Admission is free

This concert is being funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District
and the Murr Memorial Trust

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