

Letters to the Editor

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Hospital saves lives

To the Editor:

My husband was I were hunting at T.K.O. between Oct. 8-14. When we went to town we saw many signs stating "Save Our Hospital." I felt duty-bound to voice my opinion with regards to your plight.

In Oct. 1996, my husband had a heart attack while hunting at T.K.O. Ultimately, he was very unstable, was life-flighted to Providence Hospital in Portland and had bypass surgery four days later. Yes...save the hospital. If it

weren't for your facility, he probably would not have made it. Our future security relies on close medical access. This situation could occur again. And, we're fighters. We want to continue enjoying life and hunting in Heppner. With increased expansion of T.K.O., hunting accidents could occur and prompt medical attention can be necessary.

I hope that this letter will help give you leverage in emphasizing the importance of your medical facility.

(s) Donna Houton

Onion workshop planned

An Oregon State University onion workshop has been planned for Thursday, December 3, 1998, at the Hermiston Community Center on Highway 395 from 1-5 p.m.

The program will include: weed control strategies in onions by Corey Ransom, OSU, 1 p.m.; stubby root nematode, Russ Ingham, OSU, 1:30 p.m.; drip irrigation in onions, Brian Anderson, CWS, 2 p.m.; effect of water stress on onion quality, Bob Mittelstadt, OGD, 2:30 p.m.; storage disease problems and control, Krishna Mohan, University of Idaho, 3 p.m.;

onion storage: disease control and quality maintenance, Bill Dean, Washington State University, 3:30 p.m.; Washington onion fertility trials, Don Horneck, AgriCheck, 4 p.m.; and HAREC onion trials: herbicides, hail and fertility, George Clough, OSU, 4:30 p.m.

Two pesticide recertification credits and four Certified Crop Advisor credits are available.

There is no charge for the program and no pre-registration is required.

Call the OSU Extension office for more information.



Phone company gets a new paint job. The former PTI building in Heppner recently got a new blue and white paint job, the colors of the new owners Century Tel. Pictured is Blu Blakeley of Blu Blakeley Construction.

Katherine Lindstrom presents show on Amish country

"A Trip through the Northeast to view the Fall Colors and Visit the Amish Country" was the subject presented by Katherine Lindstrom to the Lone Topic Club.

Lindstrom visited an Amish working farm near Lancaster, PA, and was impressed with the simplicity of their life. They had no modern conveniences such as electricity, small household appliances, cars, TVs and such that most people are used to having in their homes. All the clothes were made at home from growing sheep for wool to spinning, weaving and sewing

on a treadle sewing machine. There were no buttons or other fasteners except straight pins used.

They all lived in a type of commune going to their own school, working and raising their families there. Their reading consisted of religious books and books on agriculture, but no "light" reading. They were especially proud of their horses which were mostly Morgans.

In the "meeting hall" the men and women were segregated, with everyone seated on plain benches with no backs and the services usually lasted at least three hours.

The beliefs of the Amish

became a religion shortly after the Reformation. The minister is chosen by a vote of the men and he establishes the "ordnung" which is the set of rules under which they live.

The sewing and handicrafts of the women are well known over the world. They do the work but let others market their goods.

It was remarked that anything that would make life easier is considered unnecessary and a sin against God.

During the business meeting a report was made on the brunch held on Oct. 25 for the benefit of the Lone Public Library. It was a success and the club hopes to continue this next year, said a club spokesperson.

Bob Smith to speak at OWGL convention

Congressman Robert F. Smith, retiring chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, will keynote the 72nd annual convention of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL). The convention will be held November 29-December 2 at the DoubleTree/Lloyd Center in Portland.

Smith, who represents Oregon's 2nd Congressional District, will retire from a distinguished career in public service, including two separate stints in Congress, four years as speaker of the Oregon State House of Representatives and five years as

the Republican leader in the Oregon State Senate. Smith was a recipient of the OWGL's Distinguished Service Award in 1986.

Joining Smith on the program is Dr. Warren Kronstad, retiring wheat breeder and distinguished professor at Oregon State University. Kronstad is an internationally-renowned wheat geneticist, having developed a 50-nation network for exchange of germ plasm. Kronstad has released a number of successful varieties, including "Stephens," which was the most popular variety in the Pacific Northwest for over 15 years.

Other speakers include Jack Eberspacher, new CEO of the National Association of Wheat Growers; Chris Shaffer, Vice Chairman of US Wheat Associates; and Mark Palmquist, senior vice president of Genex Harvest States' Grain Marketing Division. Workshops will be presented by Augusto Bassanini of Country Hedging on developing a marketing plan; Lynne Chamberlain Buchanan, OWGL's Environment & Energy Committee Chair on Columbia River governance and salmon recovery; and Linda Meuleveld, RN, on preventing common farm injuries.

The Oregon Wheat Foundation policy lecture will be presented by Dr. Steve Buccola, an agricultural and resource economist from Oregon State University, on the subject of whether growers should focus on marketing or production with their limited time.

The opening night President's Reception (open to all convention attendees) serves the double purpose of honoring retiring OWGL President Mac Kerns and also honors Kronstad, who is retiring from a distinguished career at Oregon State University.

Tours, an exhibit area including miniature golf and other fun activities, the Exhibitors Reception and a Casino Night following the annual awards banquet are other attractions on the OWGL convention agenda.

Registration packets are available from the OWGL office by calling 276-7330. A convention schedule and registration form may also be downloaded from the OWGL web site at <http://www.owgl.org>.

Boardman chamber to meet

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Greenfield Grange, 209 First Street, Boardman.

Chamber president Tony Chavez is concluding his term of office and several board positions are open as well. Candidates will be introduced at the meeting.

November agenda topics

Refreshments served at sale

Free coffee and cookies will be served to guests visiting the arts, crafts and white elephant sale to be held Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner.

Needlepoint, paintings, china

and other items will be featured. Raffle tickets for an oil painting donated by well-known artist Robert Walton will also be available.

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club is sponsoring the sale.

Club members are reminded to bring their sale items and two dozen cookies to the church hall the morning of the sale.

Pioneer Memorial Clinic
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Obituaries

Shirley Rae Belsher

Shirley Rae Belsher, 58, formerly of Heppner, died Sunday, Oct. 25, at Gresham.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Oct. 29, at the East Hill Foursquare Church in Gresham. Disposition was by cremation. Mrs. Belsher will be buried alongside her husband Ken at Caldwell, Idaho, in a private service.

Shirley Rae Tullius was born June 16, 1940, at Salem to Mildred Adaline and Ray Lawrence Tullius. The first born child, she had four siblings, Larry, Denise, Mary and Gregg. Shirley moved to Caldwell, Idaho, at the age of 12 and graduated from Middleton High School. She worked as a dental assistant from 1958 to 1960.

In 1960 she married Kenneth Dean Belsher on October 7, 1961. They lived in Caldwell for a few years until moving to Oregon.

Kenneth Belsher was the manager of what was then the First National Bank in Heppner and was active in the community.

Mrs. Belsher was also active in the community and kept in contact with friends in the Heppner area.

The Belshers had two boys, Marc, born in Caldwell, and Gary, born in Oregon, and were in the process of adopting a little girl, when Ken was killed in a crop dusting accident in Heppner on May 1, 1976. Shirley then relocated to Gresham to be near her brother, Larry, where she has resided ever since. A long-term diabetic, Mrs. Belsher lived in a nursing home the past several months.

She is remembered for her love of life and greeted each day with a smile and a positive attitude, which was contagious to those who knew and loved her.

Mrs. Belsher is survived by her sons, Marc and Gary; her mother, Mildred; sisters, Denise and Mary; brothers, Larry and Gregg; and grandchildren, Andrew, Alec and Ashley.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Marc says that Heppner has always been home to him and his brother. Marc's address is: 8358 S.W. Birch, Portland, OR 97223; e-mail, mbelsher@integrityonline.com.

Pesticide credit opportunities available

The OSU Extension has announced several opportunities to obtain pesticide recertification credits and certified crop advisor credits.

Following are certification opportunities: Dec. 4-IPM

Workshop and Core Program, both at Hermiston Farm Fair, 8 a.m.-noon, four credits each; Jan. 11-Basic Math for Pesticide Applicators, 6-10 p.m., BMCC office in Milton-Freewater, four credits Oregon (preregistration required by calling 541-938-5597); Jan. 15-Pesticide Application

Equipment Seminar, OSU Extension and N.W. Farm Supply in Hermiston, 8 a.m.-noon, three-four credits available, trade show, hosted lunch and open house to 2 p.m.; Jan. 21-Soil & Water Management Seminar HAREC, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., five S&W CCA credits available (preregistration required); Feb. 17-review for private applicator exam-calculations workshop, 9-11 a.m., HAREC in Hermiston (pre-pre-registration guarantees admission, otherwise first-come, first-served); Feb. 18-review for private applicator exam-general review, HAREC in Hermiston, four credits, exam begins at 1:30 p.m. (preregistration guarantees admission, otherwise first-come, first-served); March 3-pesticide training in Spanish, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Dodge City Inn, Boardman, three credits.