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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.

**United Way donates
to Morrow County**

To the Editor:
United Way of Morrow County appreciates everyone who has contributed to our program, particularly PGE, Boardman Pharmacy, Boeing and the Hoffman Corporation for their donations.
Many residents may not realize that all contributions made to United Way of Morrow County stay in Morrow County. Less than one percent of the contributions made are used in overhead expense. United Way of Morrow County is operated strictly on volunteer services. We are always seeking new board members.
Due to everyone's generosity, we were able to give all of the following organizations funding in 1998: Boardman Child Development Center; Boardman Eagles;

Boardman Firefighter's Association; CreativeCare Preschool; Domestic Violence Service; Heppner Day Care, Inc.; ICABO; Ione Rural Fire Protection District; Irrigon EMS; Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District; Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County.

United Way of Morrow County also provided two families with shelter funding after their homes were destroyed by fire.

United Way of Morrow County meets quarterly. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering or attending, call 676-5154. Our next grant opportunity will be in July.

United Way of Morrow County
(s) Lisa Smith
Heppner

Women's prison should go to Umatilla

To the Editor:
The Women's Prison should go to the city of Umatilla.
First is that building at Umatilla would not require the removal of any family from their home or property. Second, it would save the Oregon taxpayers over \$90 million of our tax dollars.

Third is that the city of Umatilla welcomes the project with open arms, because of the good jobs it would bring to the community.

Kitzhaber this week had Steve Marks, his senior adviser, present a plan to the Senate that he called "a reasonable compromise." What he should have just called it (is) "a lie."

All he is really doing is a repeating the same plan from last summer with a few added things. Things that will not happen in his plan until the year of 2007, which is five years after he leaves office.

In addition, you know that the governor or any other political representative can not keep a promise once they left office. After they have left office, it is in the hands of the people that are elected and come to office after their term of office is up.

We, the Miller Family, will not give up our home and property to the governor or any other person. We have lived in Oregon our whole lives. The Miller Family came to Oregon almost 100 years (ago), when my great-grandfather came to Oregon on the Oregon Trail and settled in the North Willamette Valley (to) run his own onion farm. The Miller family has worked very hard for Oregon, our local community and our families. Please help us to save our home from the wrong decision of Governor John Kitzhaber

Look at the waste of our tax dollars, over \$90 million dollars of our money. I do not know about you, (but) our family and I could live very well on even a small fraction of \$90 million dollars for the rest of our lives. I work very hard for what little money I make and I do not waste my money. Nor should our Governor Kitzhaber.

Governor John Kitzhaber is supposed to speak for the people of Oregon. But he's not listening to the people, because the people are saying, "Don't waste our tax dollars." It is a simple idea that (is) easy to do, or as Nike (an Oregon-based company) has said, "Just Do It!"
(s) David B. Miller
Sherwood

**Business guide
being developed**

The Heppner Merchants Committee is developing a business guide to the city, and local businesses that wish to be included are encouraged to contact certain committee members.

If you want your business in the guide be sure to contact one of the following members: Ronda Helfrecht at Green Feed, Sandra VanLiew at Gardners or Anne Murray at Murray's Drug.

Business people should make contact right away as the committee hopes to have the guide out by St. Patrick's Day.

**Volunteers
needed**

By Doris Brosnan
If you want to get involved, you might find just the right volunteer's spot for you in this column.

Do you need a volunteer? Call 676-5886 to have your information included in this column - whether you need one volunteer or several volunteers, whether you need help with one small project or several projects.

This week, the St. Pat's Celebration committee is looking for volunteers to be leprechauns at various times during the weekend of March 14. Call Delanne at 676-9187 (days) or 676-5843 (evenings).

A "leprechaun" last year repainted the information booth while it sat out at the fairgrounds.

**Commission to
offer child
care funding**

The Morrow County Commission on Children & Families has established a community development fund to assist child care providers in improving the quality and accessibility of child care in Morrow County.

Approximately \$500 is available each quarter and any state registered or licensed child care provider may apply.

The commission will give priority to projects which address after-hours child care, latchkey resources, child care for children who are ill and child care training. However, any project that addresses the commission's goals will be considered.

Next quarter's proposals will be reviewed on Tuesday, March 9, during the monthly commission meeting, but must be received by the commission office by Sunday, February 28, to be considered.

Applications are available at the commission office at 120 South Main in Heppner or by calling 676-9675.

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Live Music at Bucknum's Tavern
HOWARD TAYLOR
*Saturday, February 13th
and Saturday, February 27th*
BUCKNUM'S TAVERN, HEPPNER

Yard of month winners recognized

Winners of the 1998 winners of the "Yard-of-the-Month" co-sponsored by Green Feed and Heppner Garden Club were recognized at the club meeting February 1.

The club presented gift certificates at Green Feed to: Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Bailey for a "meticulously groomed yard featuring contemporary accents"; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith whose large yard and garden showed careful horticulture practices and selection of choice varieties of shrubs and perennials; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg for their newly landscaped yard demonstrating a maximum variety of blooming plants in a limited space; and to Eleanor Gonty and her son, Tom Gonty's yard showing an "impressive collection of historic cultivars." Also a winner was Adlards' yard "exempting effective hillside landscaping and creative use of garden accessories."

Kay Proctor and Ronda Helfrecht, new manager of Green Feed agreed with the garden club to continue sponsoring the contest in 1999 "Toward a more beautiful Heppner," according to a club spokesman.

The program was a summary of the place of the rose in history

from antiquity to the present. Bebe Munkers demonstrated how to propagate roses by cuttings.

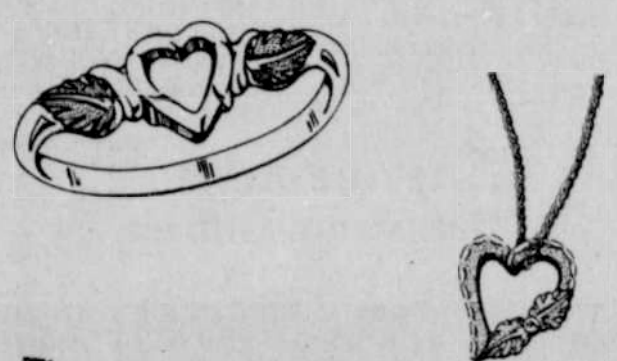
Other business included a report by Peggy Connor on the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs environmental Smokey Bear poster contest for grades one-five in Heppner and Ione and home-schooled children. The club will award cash prizes and present contestants with garden seeds.

Jane Rawlins described the

Portland Home and Garden Show Feb. 24-28 and invited members to assist with the placement committee at the OSFGC flower show there. Rawlins was on the horticulture schedule committee for districts 8-12 and will help with placement from those districts. Coupons to lower ticket costs are available here for anyone planning to go.

Guests were Nancy McGuire, Kathryn Unruh and Doris Brosnan. Hostesses were Daisy Collins and Mary Goheen.

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SHOW**

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**Many, Many
Door Prizes**

**Tricycle
Obstacle
Course
For Children
8 years old & younger**

**FREE Carnations
for the first 300 ladies**

**FREE
KNIFE SHARPENING**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

At the CONVENIENCE STORE:

- FREE 32 oz. pop with fill-up ALL DAY
- Door Prizes awarded at 2 p.m.
- MANY OTHER FREEBIES!



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BLUE EAGLE TRAVEL
of Hermiston Plaza would like to welcome their new travel consultant **Ruby Shear**. She is knowledgeable in tours, cruises and vacations. She is a graduate of the Disney College of Knowledge. Please call her at **422-7290** to find out the best deals in travel.