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Letters to the Editor

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Wolf plan expensive, illegal

To the Editor,
I hope city folks recognize the latest ploy from the environmental industry relating to their plan to introduce timber wolves into Oregon: a 'Name Our Wolf' contest.
Since packs of wild wolves roaming through parks, recreation areas and suburbs (ala the explosion of coyotes who take a terrible toll on domestic cats and dogs) has met with a cool reception in Oregon, environmental P.R. flacks developed this contest to humanize this voracious killer with a cute, cuddly "kiddie hook."
Eighth-grader Cedar Harsh of Cave Junction won the contest with his inspired submission, "Freedom." And even though Cedar doesn't know how, or by whom or for what purpose his work will be used, people who live in rural Oregon know something

Cedar may not: "Freedom isn't free."
Last time I checked, the cost for locating, tracking, tranquilizing and removing B-45 was around \$10,000, not counting interruptions to ag operations halted "just in case."
Not only was B-45's foray into Oregon expensive, it was illegal. No environmental impact statement was ever filed, no debate was offered and no decision was made to allow wolves in Oregon.
Federal agents still refuse to accept responsibility for their carelessness in allowing B-45 to stray. And while radical environmentalists recruit our kids, for a few family ranchers and farmers, the songwriter was right: 'Freedom's just another word for nuthin' left to lose.'

(s) Ted Ferrioli
John Day

Saddle Club to hold tryouts

The Arlington Saddle Club is once again preparing for their annual Jackpot Rodeo. Every fall they select a queen to represent the club for the upcoming year. This year's tryouts will be held Sunday, Oct. 24. All contestants must be between 16-21 years of age as of May 1. Contestants will be judged on horsemanship, speaking abilities and appearance.
The tryouts will start at 10 a.m. with a meeting for all contestants.

Rules, patterns and judging criteria will be reviewed at this time. The judging will start at 1 p.m. A potluck lunch will be held at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those planning to attend are asked to bring their favorite dish. Drinks will be provided.
Arena games will follow the selection of the queen.
Anyone interested in being a contestant should contact Debbie Dean, (541) 454-2502, for additional information.

Lacey Matteson takes fourth rookie title

Lacey Matteson of Heppner captured her fourth Rookie Cowgirl award at the last fall rodeo of the Oregon High School Rodeo season held Sept. 25-26 in LaGrande. Matteson placed in three events.
Matteson turned in a 17.957 in barrel racing to take third place. She was followed by Ione's Sybil Krebs in fourth with a 18.092 and Condon's Mame Wilkins in fifth with 18.246. The trio also placed in the breakaway roping, where Wilkins took second with a 4.72. Krebs was third with a 4.88 and

Matteson roped to sixth place with a 6.68. Matteson also turned in a seventh place goat tying run of 12.25. Ione's Ann Shear finished in 10th place in the pole bending, with a 22.136.
Heppner's Blake Knowles and Ryan Matteson, currently leading the team roping for the year, added fourth place points to their tally, with a run of 15.27. Knowles also placed seventh in the calf roping event with a 15.24 time. In steer wrestling competition, Chris Irzyk of Moro grabbed third place with an 11.03.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business:
Robin Scott, 36, Fernwood, ID - Illegal Possession of Fireworks, \$302 fine plus court-appointed attorney.
Kirsti Winters (Cason), 25, Heppner - Permitting a Dog to Run at Large, \$43 fine.
Kristopher Paullus, 19, Hermiston - Offensive Littering, \$152 fine; MIP, \$152 fine.

Commission to meet

The monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at the Morrow County Family Services Center, 120 South Main, Heppner, from 7-9 p.m.
The main topics of discussion will be recent conference reports and program updates. The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions.
For further information, call 676-9675.

Tracy Rankin named Miss Teen delegate



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Tracy Rankin has been selected to be a delegate for the Miss Teen Oregon USA pageant on Saturday, Oct. 23. She will represent Heppner.

Tracy's current sponsors are the Heppner Elks Club, Cal's Restaurant, R&W Drive-In, Devin Oil and Peterson's Jewelers.

Anyone who would like to help sponsor Tracy or would like information on the pageant may call 676-9748 from 6-10 p.m. Monday through Friday, or anytime Saturday and Sunday.

Inland Musicians plans concerts

The premiere concerts of Inland Northwest Musicians' season will be Saturday, October 9, at Weston auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 10, at the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton at 3:15 p.m.

Conducted by R. Lee Friese, the concerts will feature Beethoven's Symphony #3, known as the Eroica. "At the time he wrote Symphony #3 (1805), Beethoven was beginning to show signs of what eventually became total deafness," said a release. "His spirit is reflected in the music he composed. His love of freedom, liberty, his reverence for God, and his respect for common man are all evident in this invigorating symphony. Beethoven had a great admiration for Napoleon Bonaparte, and he had dedicated this Symphony #3 to him until Napoleon accepted the crown of Emperor. Beethoven, who detested nobility, tore up the title page of the Symphony in a rage and made the dedication the Eroica--to the heroism of common man. The famous funeral march of the second movement builds in intensity."

"This one is a sure thing for goose bumps," says local cellist Laura McElligott. "The music is inspiring."

An Irish Suite will "set the toes tapping" as featured tunes are Irish jigs and folk songs set in interesting arrangements by LeRoy Anderson. The suite is in six parts, with each part featuring a familiar Irish tune, including "Irish Washerwoman," "The Wearing of the Green," and "The Last Rose of Summer," among others.

In addition, music from a ballet by Igor Stravinsky "sets the imagination working with mythical creatures who dance and whirl in star-swept flourishes."
"Stravinsky's Berceuse and Finale from the Firebird Suite ballet is

colorful music," the release continued. "Mysterious images of suspense, shadows and clouds are created in the opening shimmering measures of the piece." A bassoon solo states the theme and combinations of instruments are added until the piece culminates in a full orchestral sound.

Inland Northwest Musicians was established in June 1999. Friese, of Athena, has directed orchestras in the Pacific Northwest for more than 22 years, including the Walla Walla Symphony for 10 years and the Oregon East Symphony for 13 years. "He is a teacher, performer, church choir director, adjudicator, guest conductor, clinician, and advocate for the arts," he release said.

Local musicians who will perform with the Inland Northwest Musicians in this premiere concert include violinists Delanne Ferguson, Ben Stillman and Kathryn Unruh; cellist Laura McElligott; French hornist Jennifer Waldrep; trombonist Isaiiah Stillman; and clarinetist Fanny Fitzgerald.

Membership tickets for the six concert Inland Northwest Musicians season are now on sale. Adult membership is \$40; membership for seniors and students is \$25, and family membership is \$125. Membership tickets will be honored at all performance locations and also entitle voting privileges at the annual meeting of the Inland Northwest Musicians. Single ticket prices at the door are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students or \$40 for families. Membership and ticket information is available from board member Loren Unruh at 541-676-9873.

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Trail concept plan unveiling Oct. 17

What do hiking, heritage, and homemade pie have in common? Columbia River History, the Morrow County Columbia River Heritage Trail connecting Irrigon and Boardman, plus homemade pies will all be part of the October 17, 1999 event to 'Unveil the Trail Concept Plan'.

The "soon to be" annual heritage event, October 19 observes the October day in 1805 when Lewis and Clark, their Corps of Discovery, Sacagawea, her French trapper husband, Charbonneau, and their infant, Pomp, all visited and camped with native people on a sandy island in the Mid Columbia. The island, off shore from Irrigon Marina Park, is now under the waters of the Columbia River.

The October 19 observance will begin on Sunday, October 17, at 2 p.m. at the Irrigon Marina Park (Highway 730 to Irrigon, North on 10th Street to Irrigon Marina Park).

The event will begin at the Oregon Historical Society Panel, and the location of the island will be pointed out for all to see. Don Eppenbach, a director of the of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., will give a brief recap of the Lewis and Clark experience in Morrow County.

A member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation has been invited to share tales of the encounter between the diplomats and the native people. Chief Jesse Jones, of the Cayuse Tribe, will bring a tepee, artifacts and regalia of the Cayuse people.

A historic re-enactor will provide stories and activities of mountain men/fur trappers. Irrigon and Boardman fourth grade students will parade hats and costumes from the 1800's. Old time musicians will play music of the 1800's. Community volunteers are preparing an old time pie social, with prizes for the Prettiest Pie; Pie with Flakiest Pastry; and the Judges' Favorite Pie.

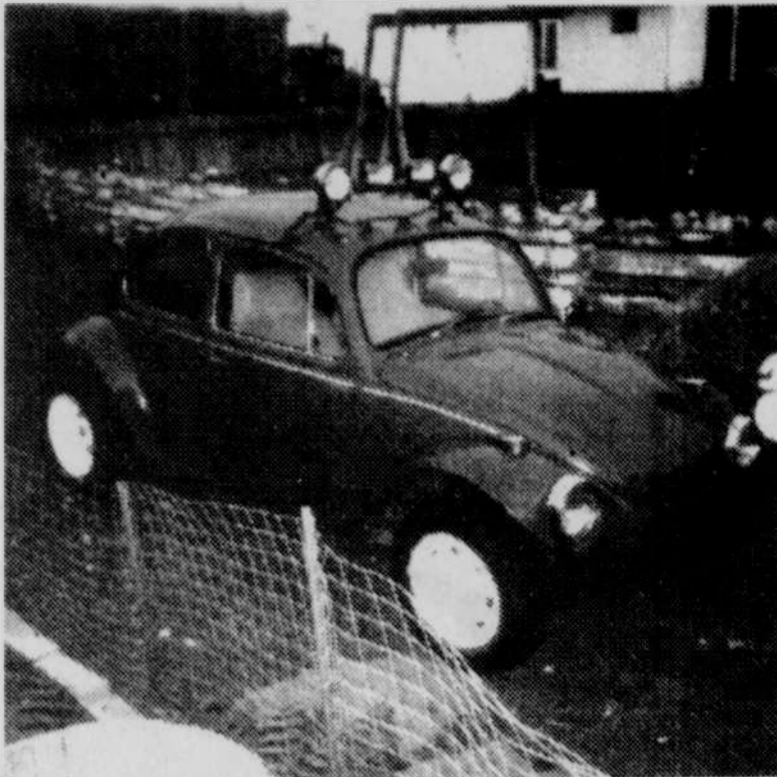
Drawings and resources from the Morrow County Columbia River Heritage Trail Concept Plan will be available for the public inspection. The public is invited to share comments and reaction to the plan. Some comments will be incorporated into the Final Published plan and there will be a \$25 prize for the best sketch or quotation selected for the document.

The public is invited to attend. There is no charge to attend, however, donations toward expenses related to the Morrow County Columbia River Heritage Trail (benches, drinking fountains, signage etc-) will be gratefully accepted. Activities will be held in several areas of the park, visitors are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs.

For more information about observing October 19 on Sunday, October 17, contact: The Morrow County Planning Department at 541-922-4624. Inclement weather site is Stokes Landing Community Center, 195 W. Opal Place, Irrigon

NEWS DEADLINE
5 p.m. Monday

St. Pat's Committee to raffle 1972 Bug



The St. Patrick's Day Weekend Auction Committee has "jump started" their event by offering a "wee" twist to their usual activity. Locals and visiting hunters had an opportunity to buy raffle tickets, hoping for the one that will win someone a 1972 Volkswagen bug, which was on display on Main Street.

On October 2, pictures of the bright blue car and raffle tickets were available as people lined up for the Hardman oyster feed.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the St. Patrick's Day Weekend Auction on March 19, 2000. Between now and then, raffle tickets will be available at the office of Kuhn, Spicer and Mills and at special events, such as the December Light Parade in Heppner.

Tickets sell for \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.

"The committee decided that they wanted to do something a wee bit different with this, their first donated vehicle," said a spokesperson. "This will also be a fine way to keep folks reminded of the auction that will be coming along in just five and a half months."

John Gochbauer, who previously lived in Heppner but now hails from Coos Bay, offered the "Baja" Bug to the celebration. He even delivered the car from Coos Bay and talked to Marty Brannon, of Brannon's Automotive Repair, about repairing it. Marty volunteered his time and some parts to get the VW running. Then Glenn Bridgman at the Heppner Les Schwab Tire Center agreed to donate tires to the project.

The bug will be making appearances from time to time between now and March 19.

St. Pat's committee plans for year 2000

Claudia Hughes and Cara Osmin, co-chairpersons of "A Wee Bit O'Ireland" in Heppner, along with Doris Brosnan, auction chair, invite all interested persons to attend the year 2000 planning meeting Thursday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gilliam/Bisbee county conference room above Coast-to-Coast in Heppner.

1999's event resulted in donations to the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust and the Senior Center, as well as the donation of loudspeakers to the Rodeo Committee.

Discussion during the meeting will involve the long-planned drinking fountain for Main Street; new and old events and entertainment "to make the 2000 celebration the best ever," said Claudia Hughes, chamber executive director. Now is the

time to sign on for the next celebration or to let the committee know if you wish another entity to take on your event, said Hughes. New volunteers, faces, and ideas are welcome, she added.

"Come join us to plan a great event to celebrate Heppner's Irish heritage and to make it fun for the community," said Hughes and Osmin. "Because March 17, 2000, falls on a Friday, we want it to be very Irish and include as much music and festivity as possible."

"We would also like to have all the scheduling completed and brochures ready by the end of November, as inquiries are already coming in," they added. "The more successful the celebrations in Morrow County, the healthier our communities become..... sort of like a shot in the arm."

Heppner's Parade of Lights to be held again

Heppner will once again hold its Parade of Lights celebration this year, and entries in the parade are encouraged.

The parade will be held Dec. 2,

and anyone who would like to enter or who needs more information can contact Darrell Raver at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

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