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**Letters to the Editor**

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**Dropping radio station project  
a difficult decision**

To the Editor:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,  
Well, right up there with the divorce and dissolution of my first marriage (not that I'm keeping count), was the difficult decision I was faced with last Monday after a failed attempt to organize, orchestrate, and ... well, raise funds for the proposed Willow Creek Radio Station with a raffle during the St. Pat's festivities. It was a great idea: win two plane tickets to Ireland. But it just didn't fly.

And it wasn't just the falling out of mid-flight of this fund raiser - because the last and first fund raiser (the dance after the Parade of Lights last December) exceeded expectations. It was just coming clean with the facts, or, the "Biggest Truth," as I called it. The most diplomatic way to put it is: Now is not the time. And giving up is a very hard thing for someone like me to do.

In the end, what is the end now, not necessarily tomorrow, I gave it my best shot. That is, the best that I had to give now.

The money raised will be refunded or donated to the Heppner High School Drama Program.

I'm none the worse. I met people-wonderful people-in this community whom I wouldn't otherwise have met or gotten to know. Starting at a place where I didn't know more'n a lick or two, I learned a beginning amount of the impressive infrastructure of red-tape surrounding such a project as starting a legitimate radio station. And, it has only increased my love for this community I call home.

All those who supported, encouraged and believed in the vision: Lea Mathieu, Lea Calvert, Marsha Sweek, Joe Lemmon, Jeff Currin, Jake Roy, Nick

Anthony, Amber Flaiz, Darren VanCleave, Eric Patton, Phil Hodgen at the East Oregonian newspaper, George Koffler, Bob Jepsen, Dan and Doris Brosnan, Lenore Pointer, Claudia Hughes and the Chamber of Commerce, Tom Sly, Ann and John Murray, Bill Kuhn, Jerry Healy and the Columbia Basin Electric Coop, Tom Rawlins, the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Samarra Vandoom, Jack Meligan, Richard Wilson and KUMA, Donn Willey of KGNR, Ed Dailey, Gary and Teresa Gaines, Chuck and Ruth Helms, Dave Sykes, Greg Grant and the Heppner High School/Morrow County Work Experience Program, Becky Tullis, the folks at KBOO in Portland, Blaine Hanks, Macy Rhea, the band Final Warning and all the local businesses who donated door prizes for the first fund raiser, all those who bought raffle tickets the last fundraiser, my husband Craig Strobel and my Lord for egging me on.

So, let this letter be my official public statement to you that, barring a miracle, I'm throwing in the towel on this one. But, rest assured you haven't heard the last of me, yet. That is, like each person who lives here, I bring a distinct set of gifts and talents and want to put them to some good use in our beloved community. It is required of me, and us. And, while I struggle with just how to say each word of this letter, I know that am imperfect - and I'm so grateful to God for the gift of living here now. I have learned so much and profoundly enjoyed getting to know so many of you through this project of starting up a radio station from scratch. Until we meet again ...

(s) Monika Hunter  
Heppner

**Ethanol a means of becoming  
more energy efficient**

To the Editor:

The recent EO editorial on alternate fuel sources failed to point out that the U.S. already has a means of becoming more energy self-sufficient. It is the production of more ethanol.

It's true that this nation did not learn a lesson from the fuel shortage of the 1970s. We've continued to be at the mercy of OPEC countries and influenced by powerful U.S. petroleum companies that oppose subsidizing ethanol production. Currently these companies have limited U.S. oil production and continue to ship oil to Japan.

Not only could this country become less reliant on fuel from unstable countries, but ethanol is produced from a renewable resource resulting in cleaner emissions. It has proven to be a viable product in the Midwest and in other countries.

Just as important as stabilizing fuel costs is that ethanol production utilizes surplus corn, wheat and other crops that are

currently a glut on the market and selling for below production costs. Farmers would not have to set aside productive acres nor be as vulnerable when competing with other countries for world markets.

Ethanol production could bolster the farm economy by creating more jobs and give farmers security and financial rewards for their productiveness. The tax break given for ethanol production could result in fewer costly farm programs-not to mention the billions of dollars that are spent protecting our interests in foreign oil-producing countries.

(s) Merlyn Robinson  
Heppner

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**Ranger**

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Rykoff has been active in the National Organization of Russian Scouts, which is kind of a combination of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Camp Fire. He had been a scout master since he was 18 years old.

Besides being with his daughter and scouting, Rykoff enjoys bicycling, woodworking and black powder shooting.

Rykoff says that he hopes to become involved in the Heppner community and invites people to stop by with questions or concerns.

**Births**

**Kathy Venegas Ortega**-a daughter Kathy Venegas was born to Martha and Nestor Venegas of Irrigon on March 20, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz.

**Paige Marie Matlack**-a daughter Paige Marie was born to Bonnie and Marc Matlack of Boardman on March 21, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz.

**Genesis Ruby Gamboa**-a daughter Genesis Ruby was born to Santa Perez and Jose Gamboa II of Boardman on March 21, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz.

**Robyn Marie Moe**-a daughter Robyn Marie was born to Brandis and Cory Moe of Irrigon on March 21, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

**Lleana Marie Carmona-Grieve**-a daughter Lleana Marie was born to Tresa Grieve and Armando Carmona of Irrigon on March 23, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz.

**Andrew Philip Sorensen**-a son Andrew Philip was born to Tanya and Paul Sorensen of Irrigon on March 23, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

**Jesse Garnette Colpitts**-a son Jesse Garnette was born to Hope Wornell of Irrigon on March 24, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz.

**McCall Diann Lovejoy and McKenna Dayle Lovejoy**-twin daughters, McCall Diann Lovejoy and McKenna Dayle Lovejoy, were born on March 28, 2000, to Dale and Diann Lovejoy of Eltopia, Washington.

McCall Diann was 6 lbs., 5 oz. and 18 inches long. McKenna Dayle was 6 lbs., 1/2 oz. and 18 1/2" long.

The girls join two sisters at home, Morgan and Maria.

Maternal grandparents are Perry and Kathy Morter of Ione. Paternal grandparents are Ed and Donna Lovejoy of Milton-Freewater.

**Weather Report**

By the City of Heppner

For the month of March			
	High	Low	Precip.
3/1	56	29	T
3/2	57	40	T
3/3	51	32	.02
3/4	58	43	.00
3/5	48	34	.35
3/6	39	33	.23
3/7	43	27	.00
3/8	51	36	.05
3/9	51	34	.07
3/10	52	31	T
3/11	56	30	.17
3/12	52	29	.00
3/13	54	30	.00
3/14	63	35	.04
3/15	52	27	.00
3/16	57	39	.19
3/17	50	33	.12
3/18	53	35	.00
3/19	57	35	.14
3/20	45	27	.02
3/21	53	35	.00
3/22	67	41	.00
3/23	71	34	.30
3/24	52	29	.00
3/25	58	34	.00
3/26	59	31	.00
3/27	64	32	.00
3/28	58	34	.02
3/29	52	35	.00
3/30	54	30	.00
3/31	60	34	.00

**Birthday party  
for Hank Rauch**

A birthday reception for Hank Rauch will be held this Saturday, April 8, from 4-7 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Family and friends are invited to attend.  
For more information, call Kay Bailey, 541-566-3836.

**MC Health Dept.**

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists its monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

Thursday, April 13-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, April 17-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, April 18-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Wednesday, April 19-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon clinic, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Thursday, April 20-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, April 24-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, April 25-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Thursday, April 27-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**MCGC News**

By Sandi Day

The warm temperatures on Sunday afternoon brought lots of shooters out to the Morrow County Gun Club for a fun-filled day of shooting.

Curt Day had another near perfect score at the 16-yard line with 24 of 25, followed by Mick Sharp and Curtis Cutsforth with 23 and Mark Schlichting, Brian Haguewood and Matt Clark, each with 22.

At the 20-yard handicap line, Barry Munkers also had a near perfect score of 24 of 25 for first, with Harvey Childers a close second with 23 and Travis Greenup and Mick Sharp third with 21.

The ladies had a good turnout and posted some great scores at the 16-yard line. Sandi Day took first, Lorri (Day) Branstetter was second, Deona Hodges was third and newcomer Chrissy Wall was fourth.

In the handicap round, first went to Deona Hodges followed by Lorri (Day) Branstetter, Sandi Day and Chrissy Wall. Chance Day was the only junior shooter so he shot in the men's regular shoots and posted a respectable score of 10 of 25.

At the end of the seventh week of league team shooting, a new set of leaders has taken over the lead. The team of Barry Munkers and Travis Greenup is currently in first, followed closely by the duo of Curt Day and Bob Krein, then Harvey Childers and Sandi Day and Mick Sharp and Roger Mortimore.

There will be one more week of league shooting and then the overall winning team will be decided.

Next week's regular meeting of the MCGC will begin at 7:30 am on Sunday, April 7, to begin putting up lights for night shooting and preparing the club house for a new coat of paint.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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**Anda Kay Zastrow**

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**Obituary**

**Arlene L. McElligott**

Arlene L. McElligott, 66, of Ione, died Thursday, March 30, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

Recitation of the Rosary was held Monday, April 3, 2000 at St. William's Catholic Church in Ione. Funeral Mass was Tuesday, April 4, 2000 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Superior, Wisconsin.

She was born August 24, 1933, at Ellendale, North Carolina, to Ben and Helen Jury Wedell. She attended school at Ellendale, graduating from high school there in 1951. She attended the state Normal and Industrial College at Ellendale.

In 1953, she married Allen Frigen. The couple moved to Wisconsin where they raised their three children.

In 1985, she married Robert Tyman. The couple lived at Arizona City, Arizona. Mr. Tyman died in 1996.

She married L.J. McElligott on June 28, 1999 in Heppner.

Mrs. McElligott held many business positions while living in Wisconsin and Arizona, but the focus of her life was her family.

Survivors include her husband, L.J. McElligott of Ione; daughters, Susan Anderson of Birchwood, Wisconsin and Debra Monroe of Wimberley, Texas; son, David Frigen of Wittenberg, Wisconsin; stepsons, Michael McElligott of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Matthew McElligott of Nampa, Idaho, Vincent McElligott of Fort Collins, Colorado; stepdaughters, Theresa Shine of Newberg, Grace Romano of Spokane, Washington, Janet McElligott of Cairo, Egypt, Patricia Zayas of Miami Springs, Florida, and Bridget McElligott of Denver, Colorado; sisters, Elinor Eklund of Fair Oaks, California and Diana Schneider of Palm Desert, California; brothers, A.J. Wedell of Fort Collins, Colorado and Richard Wedell of Aberdeen, South Dakota; and 18 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. William's Altar Society, P.O. Box 101, Ione, Oregon 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

**District math contest**

April 13

The annual Morrow County School District Elementary/Middle School Math Contest will be held on Thursday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Riverside High School in Boardman.

The public is welcome to observe the contest. G. Ann Thomas is in charge of local arrangements at Riverside High School.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the competition.

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**Justice Court Report**

The Heppner Justice Court reports handling the following business:

Frank Engelman, 27, Ione, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, \$1,798, three years' probation;

Russell Rollis, 46, Heppner, Violation of the Basic Rule, \$87 fine;

Justin Nelson, 18, Lexington, VBR, \$132; operation without required lighting, \$61 fine.

Clayton Davis Jr., 52, Heppner, Failure to renew registration, \$64 fine.

Juliana Wanous, Heppner, VBR, \$87 fine.

Lori Seitz, Heppner, VBR, \$77 fine.

Cassie Rhode, 32, Heppner, VBR, \$77 fine.

Paul Thomas Hornberger Jr., 37, Tualatin, VBR, \$132 fine.

Carrie Greib, 26, Lexington, VBR, \$132 fine.

Sarah Carlson, 38, Ione, VBR, \$77 fine.

Patricia Olea, 21, Hermiston, VBR, \$122 fine.

Heath Anderson, 18, Condon, VBR, \$77 fine.

Robert Earl Red, 71, Heppner, VBR, 72/55, \$77.

Gregory Rayburn Lytle, 48, Pendleton, VBR, 76/55, \$135.

Daniel Edward Savage, 40, LaGrande, Criminal Trespass II (default judgement), \$307 fine.

Brian Richard Olea, 23, Heppner, Harassment, \$307 fine.

Rosanne Nicole Baker, 19, Ione, VBR 72/55, \$111.

Chris Stillman-Smith, 20, Pendleton, MIP \$231 fine.

Heather Davis, 19, Heppner, MIP, \$157 fine.

Joshua Sharp, 18, Pendleton, MIP, \$307 fine.

**In the Service**

Army Spec. Richard T. Moore has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the U.S. Army, according to a news release from the Army and Air Force Hometown News.

Moore, an ammunition section driver, is assigned to the 7th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii.

He is the son of Loretta L. Moore of Lompoc, CA. His wife, Deana, is the daughter of Dixon, Womack of Lompoc, and Patricia Murphy of Irrigon. In 1996, he graduated from Lompoc High School.

Army Spec. Stacy L. Lauritsen has arrived for duty at Camp Humphreys, Pyongtaek-Gun, South Korea. The specialist is a medium helicopter repairer assigned to the 52nd Aviation Regiment.

He is the son of Carl and Peggy Lauritsen of Heppner. Lauritsen is a 1997 graduate of Heppner High School.

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