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**Letters to the Editor**

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**Walk bikes on Main Street**

To the Editor:

Our Main Street sidewalks are sometimes a very dangerous place for pedestrians.

Yesterday, I was almost knocked down by a young lad riding his bicycle on the sidewalk at a fast clip and not watching where he was going. Sidewalks on Main Street should not be race ways for our young people.

This can be controlled in a very simple manner. Not too many years ago, our city policemen spent part of their shift walking Main Street, making their

presence known.

If a person was caught riding a bike on the sidewalk they got a verbal warning for their first offense. The second time they were apprehended, the bike was taken and locked up for two or three days.

Let our bike riders walk their bikes on the side walks along Main Street. I certainly wouldn't want them riding on the street and competing with vehicle traffic.

(s) Archie Padberg  
Heppner



**Off The Wall**

By Merlyn Robinson

With all our modern technology plus the educated smarts of modern-day homo sapiens, are we better off than Neanderthals? Even the caveman didn't sit around watching television while waiting for someone to bring him or her jelly doughnuts or beer. Those hunter-gathers had to expend most of their energy stalking their food. They probably had to depend on each other to corner and club that woolly mammoth. But maybe they did have a pecking order. From a successful kill, perhaps Grandpa Mojo may have received the choicest morsel (a raw bleeding heart) or the hairy hide that his obedient mate fashioned into a new outfit for him.

As ancient civilizations developed so did a social hierarchy. Lowly Egyptians, with bowed backs, spent a lifetime carrying blocks to build a pyramid so that some ruler could be buried in style. That's somewhat like today's taxpayers. It's their labor that contributes to the lifestyle of certain political figures and wives, who, besides enjoying worldwide jaunts and other perks, believe they should be immortalized.

As the wiring of the human brain developed, so did social or religious organizations. In the beginning I doubt there were poker clubs except when they used sharp sticks during a game of "run the gauntlet." However human beings, being a herd mammal, formed organizations for strengthening beliefs, accomplishing goals, or as support groups or for recreational activities.

So why, when there are risk-taking ventures such as bungee jumping, do some people find pleasure in belonging to a well-named Ruckus Society? This group claims responsibility for rioting, as happened in Seattle or at political conventions. There are many ways of gaining attention, but destroying property or being bodily dragged out of a melee doesn't strike me as a fun activity. Perhaps bruises are counted as badges of accomplishment. Maybe these people just need exercise and they can't afford to belong to a health club or they're been watching too much television.

For many of us everyday workaholics, regimented exercise has replaced the rigors of some former everyday activities. People ride to work instead of walking to save time so they can jog after office hours. The old push lawn mower has been replaced by riding lawn mowers, therefore necessitating body-building exercises to work on those biceps. Once upon a time grandma toned her body by beating rugs instead of vacuuming when she wasn't out plowing the back forty.

The advantages of less demanding lifestyles leave people with more energy to think up ways to better the environment or to save some endangered species. Under the present administration millions of acres of land are being locked up to supposedly preserve those areas for future generations. If all those untended acres aren't burned up, only young, vigorous backpackers are likely to enjoy those wilderness areas. For the rest of society, there should be individual flying machines (Buck Rogers-style) so people could fly over these areas without leaving any footprints. However that might not be such a good idea if it disturbs the habitat of certain birds. In the Northwest, tree huggers replaced loggers to save the spotted owl. Now barred owls are taking over the spotted owl area. Evidently the crowded conditions on the East Coast forced these owls to migrate westward. That's somewhat like when the white settlers took over the West from the Indians. But now the Easterners want the West to return to a pristine wilderness. Not to worry though, as we have a government that solves all problems, with repetitive, time and money-consuming studies.

**Come Help Us Celebrate  
Johnny Eubanks' 90th Birthday  
and  
Johnny and Mildred's 69th Anniversary  
Saturday, Sept. 9th at 4 p.m., Heppner Elks Club  
No gifts please**

**Obituaries**

**Jeanette Sunseri-Ledbetter**

Jeanette Sunseri-Ledbetter, 51, died Thursday, August 31, 2000, at Tualatin, of cancer.

Graveside funeral service will be held at noon on Saturday, September 9, 2000 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born October 24, 1948, at Pendleton, to John and Lorine Ledbetter.

Mrs. Sunseri-Ledbetter moved from the Lexington/Heppner area to Portland in the mid-1970s and lived in the Portland area.

For 10 years she was employed by the Beaverton School District, working with disabled children. She had also been employed as a waitress and barmaid at numerous restaurants wherever she lived. She retired this year because of illness.

Survivors include her father and stepmother, John and Rene Ledbetter of Heppner; her mother and stepfather, Lorine and Leonard Toll of Woodburn; sons, Kevin Klinger of Portland and Lance Klinger of Kelso, Washington, sisters, June Bennett of Grand Prairie and Judith Lathorn of North Bend; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of local arrangements.

**Thomas E. Huddleston**

Thomas Emmett Huddleston, 70, of Heppner, died Wednesday, August 30, 2000, at his home.

Recitation of the Rosary was Friday, September 1, 2000, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner. Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, September 2, 2000 at the church with burial following at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

He was born September 1, 1929, to Bill and Callie Huddleston. He worked with his dad on the family's Lonerock ranch running sheep and cattle.

On September 8, 1949, he married Garnett Burns of Condon. They lived and farmed in the Hermiston area for 23 years, raising hay and melons. They moved to Heppner in 1975 where Mr. Huddleston managed a wheat ranch in Blackhorse Canyon for 10 years. They moved into Heppner and Mr. Huddleston worked for Kinzua Lumber Company for five years, retiring in 1992.

He enjoyed gardening, camping, hunting and fishing with his family.

He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Garnett of Heppner; sons, Mike of Canby, John of Oregon City, Mark of Heppner and Howard of Aloha; daughters, Callie Evonuk of Salem, Molly Pahlen of Costa Mesa, California, and Patty Braun of San Diego, California; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his mother, Callie

Huddleston, and his sister, Billie Jean Waud, both of Ephrata, Washington. He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Huddleston, and son Steve.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Research or to the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Facility at Heppner, directly or through Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, Oregon 97838.

**Carl W. Rhea**

Carl W. Rhea, 85, of Heppner, died Sunday, September 3, 2000, at his home.

Funeral services will be Thursday, September 7, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church. Graveside services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

He was born March 12, 1915, at Heppner, to Curtis and Cecil Rankin Rhea. He was raised at Eightmile near Rhea Creek and attended school there until the family moved to Stanfield in 1927. He graduated from Stanfield High School in 1933.

On April 12, 1936, he married Mildred N. Phelps, at Pendleton.

He farmed in the Hermiston/Buttercreek area, then farmed at the Grieb Ranch near Lexington for 25 years. He retired in 1980 and he and his wife moved to Hermiston.

Mrs. Rhea died in 1990, then in 1997 he moved to Heppner.

Mr. Rhea enjoyed fishing, tinkering and fabricating, playing cards, telling jokes and especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

He was a 50 year member and past master of the Umatilla Masonic Lodge and was active in Eastern Star where he had served as worthy patron. He also served as a 4-H leader for a number of years.

Survivors include son, Steve of Heppner; daughters, Lori Sutphin of Pendleton, Sandra Kelley of Albany and Carlene Krueger of Forest Grove; sisters, Alice Buckley of Hermiston, Mary Ashbeck of Echo and Marie Hedrick of Spokane; brother, Robert of Stanfield; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A son, Carl W. Rhea, Jr., a brother, Curtis Rhea, Jr., and sisters, Sophronia Kirkham and Josephine Liesegang, also preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836; or the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 3101 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, Oregon 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Singspiration  
set at Seventh-  
day Adventist**

The Seventh-day Adventist Church will host the monthly Singspiration on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

**St. Patrick's Senior Center  
Bulletin Board**

This center is active. In addition to the Wednesday noon meal and Thursday light lunch, weekly activities include: exercise class Tuesday and Thursday mornings, a movie Thursday afternoon, pinochle Tuesday and Friday afternoons and a "yard sale" type table Wednesday mornings.

Special this past month was a public food sale, a workshop on social networking, a poetry reading group, an ice cream cone and watermelon sale at the Morrow County Fair, the second Sunday potluck and games and a dinner honoring the volunteer transportation drivers.

The golden wedding anniversary of Paul and Claudine Warren was celebrated on Sept 1. Also coming this month is a leadership training group through the city council in the dining room; the second Sunday potluck at 1 p.m. on Sept 10 in the dining room; the Heppner Garden Club meeting at 6 p.m. Sept 11 in the front rooms; the Pinsky Poetry Project in the sitting room at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14; and a "high tea" by the Valby Lutheran Church sponsoring the Willow Creek Symphony Sunday, Sept 17, in the dining room. Tickets are \$10 for the tea. Call 676-9730. All are welcome to attend any of these activities.

Although it will not be held here, many around here are looking forward to the celebration of two of our tenants, Mildred and Johnny Eubanks, who will be feted at their 69th wedding anniversary and John's 90th birthday at the Elks Sept. 9.

The Church of the Nazarene will help with the Sept. 13 dinner.

**Catalog shopping service offered**

Twice upon a time..., the bookstore on May Street next to Heppner Hardware, now offers a catalog shopping service.

Owner, Doris Brosnan, reports that she has considered starting this service for several months because residents must purchase most clothing out of town or by catalog. After discussing it with her associate, Jerri Sly, she was encouraged to give it a try.

Since some people do not have easy access to travel or to someone who can shop for them, out-of-town shopping is not always an option. Since some people do not feel comfortable shopping from a catalog by telephone, on the Internet, or by filling out forms that must be mailed, catalog shopping is not always a comfortable option. Twice upon a time... will place the orders for clients, taking care of the details so that the customer can relax and look forward to timely delivery of their clothes.

For this service, Doris and Jerri

will require a minimum of \$2 or five percent of the order amount, whichever is greater. They will help people figure out sizing when necessary. They can also take care of necessary returns, for an additional fee of \$2.

So far, Twice upon a time... has 16 catalogs for people to browse, with clothing for women, men, teens and children. Doris plans to take the catalogs to St. Patrick Senior Center on Friday mornings because she had Heppner's retirees in mind when she developed the shopping service concept. She and Jerri hope to serve all generations, however, and encourage people to come to the store for a look, too.

If Brosnan and Sly are correct, a need does exist in Heppner for a catalog shopping service. If they are wrong, they say they will simply have to take some time down the road to get their names removed from many, many mailing lists.

**Music festival set in Arlington**

The Fall Music Festival in Arlington will be held this Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10.

Saturday is "Oldies Music" with the Fabulous Farelans performing from noon until 3 p.m. and from 7-11 p.m.. KLCK DJ music will play from 3-5 p.m., while Ernie Birney and Terry Wake will perform from 5-7 p.m.

Country music is the theme for Sunday. Les Richard and the Hedgehogs will perform from noon until 3 p.m. and Arlington's own Zac Grooms will perform from 5-6 p.m.

On both days, there will be a craft show, plus beer, wine and cheese tasting from 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

A car show, the Arlington Show-n-Shine, will also be held Saturday. There will be participant's choice awards in 10 categories - open event. The entry fee is \$10 per car which includes admission for two adults to the music festival. Every entry will also receive an entry gift bag. Registration will be from 9-11 a.m., with judging from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and awards given at 3:15 p.m.

Admission into the park for one day is \$10, a two-day pass is \$17. Children 12 and under will be admitted free. For more information, call (541) 454-2633 or (541) 454-2945. The Arlington Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event.

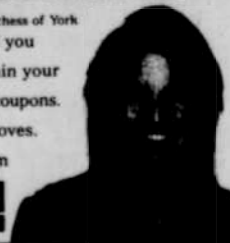


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to a  
**HIGH TEA BENEFIT**  
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at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Enjoy an afternoon of  
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