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language assistant, replacing Teri Smith; Randy McKimmey, SBE one-on-one special ed assistant; Kay Horn, SBE special ed assistant, replacing Patty Simms; Gladys Landon, ACH part-time ed assistant, replacing Amanda Gribble; Patria Scott, ACH part-time ed assistant, replacing Deanna Hamilton; Greg Henderson, ACH assistant custodian, replacing Chris Gardner; Tiffanie Munkers, lone one-on-one special ed assistant, replacing Melissa Metz.

-approved promotion for: Deanna Hamilton, from ACH part-time ed assistant to Columbia Middle School full-time special ed assistant.

-approved transfers for: Melanie Hall, from CMS ed assistant to Riverside High School special ed assistant, replacing Ramona Hernandez; Charlene Baker, from one-on-one special ed assistant to regular special ed assistant at CMS, replacing Melanie Hall.

-approved extra duty for: Jay

Papineau, Heppner High School assistant boys' basketball coach; Nathan Heideman, lone Middle School boys' basketball coach; Greg Grant, Heppner Junior High School head girls' basketball coach; Rick Paulus, HHS assistant boys' baseball coach; Lori McCabe, lone Middle School head girls' basketball coach; Dirk Dirksen, Riverside High School assistant boys' basketball coach; Robin Graff, RHS assistant wrestling coach.

-appointed Marc Rogelstad to Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee, replacing Leslie Totten.

-heard the following announcements: Thanksgiving Holiday, November 23-24; Bond campaign meeting, Heppner High School, 7 p.m., November 29; next board meeting, CMS, 7:30 p.m., December 11.

-set a bond proposal workshop for the board at 5 p.m. on December 11, prior to the next board meeting.

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. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters.

Traps inflict horrendous torture

To the Editor:
In answer to the letter in the Gazette on Oct. 25:

My agreement is 100 percent with Sharon Harrison that the Measure 97 to outlaw traps was "poorly written." It failed to explain the horrendous torture and cruelty inflicted on any fur or feathered creature that stepped

into one.
In her words, "It targets emotions rather than providing accurate information and would restrict the most humane traps currently used in Oregon." Such an astute description of the steel trap is undoubtedly a bankrupt conclusion.

(s) Lois Winchester
Heppner

'Humane' traps questionable

To the Editor:
My question to Sharon Harrison, president of Chamber of Commerce, who is so worried about our country's being overrun with the "dangerous, unhealthy, varmints the coyotes": Why have they been able to survive all of the shooting, traps, and poisons for all of these years and years?

The fact that they exist at all is a remarkable fact. Don't forget that coyotes eat other

troublesome creatures, such as mice, squirrels, rats, gophers, grasshoppers, etc.

I do agree that we need more money for our schools, but trapper wages would hardly be a drop in the bucket to keep five school days going rather than just the four days.

To say, "Traps are most humane," is most questionable. Really taking top honors for apathy.

(s) Alberta Johannes
Heppner

Statement egregious

To the Editor:
To say, "Traps are most humane," as stated by Sharon Harrison, president of Heppner

Chamber of Commerce, is to carry the honor of being egregious.

(s) Patricia Ward
Heppner

Sheriff's race close, clean and fair

To the Editor:
To the residents of Morrow County:

This letter is meant to accomplish a few goals. We were truly touched by the hundreds of people who continually offered their support and encouragement to my family and me during my campaign. The election is now over and Verlin Denton was chosen to continue in his role as the sheriff of Morrow County.

I am very proud of our system of government and feel that it really is the very best system in the world. I ask all of you who supported me now to support Sheriff Denton as he continues in that role. He will have an uphill battle to fight in the future due to budget constraints. With the failure of Morrow County Levy 25-36, he will have some very difficult choices to make. These choices are not always going to be popular but they will have to be made.

I encourage the voting public of Morrow County to support the levy if it is offered again in the

future. If it fails again, it will be difficult to justify complaining if levels of service drop due to lack of funding.

My next comments are on the subject of politics. When I decided to run for office, I was concerned that this campaign would deteriorate to a level that I did not want it to go. I am happy to say that it never did. I am pleased with how smoothly the process went. While Sheriff Denton and I may disagree on some issues, I feel that we both conducted a clean and fair race that centered on the issues.

Finally, I want to offer my personal and public congratulations to Sheriff Denton. Verlin, I wish you well as you continue to lead the Sheriff's Department. I do have one request to make. Please remember the issues that were discussed and the fact that this election was very close. The fact that it was close is an indicator that the public also feels strongly on those same issues.

(s) Steven L. Myren
Boardman

Switch to national primary

To the Editor:
As should be, there will be a call from the voters to do away with the electoral system of elections with a switch to a popular vote. When and if this is accomplished, there should additionally be a switch to a national primary. Far too many people are disenfranchised by the current system.

People who live in rural states have no say as to who runs on their party's state.

Both parties' organizations now pick, with help from the early primary (urban) states, the person who wins the right to stand for election. A national primary would allow the people of all areas to feel that they are

included in the election process.

Our electoral map this election makes perfectly clear the cultural differences that govern the outcome of elections. Rural areas should not be shut out of voting for their primary choice. These areas are not awash with money. Some campaign finance reform is definitely in order.

A national primary with a lead time of six months and a final vote 90 days later would be a blessing to anyone who believes in democracy's mantra: one person, one vote.

Do we want a more fair system? Tell your congressman now. Your vote should count there.

(s) Meg Murray
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Obituaries

Lila Geneva Myers

Lila Geneva Myers, 86, of Hermiston, died Sunday, November 12, 2000, at Sun Terrace Assisted Living Facility in Hermiston. At her request, no services will be held. Disposition was by cremation.

A private family inurnment of cremains will take place at the Echo Cemetery at a later date.

Mrs. Myers was born December 13, 1913, at Echo, to Charles and Phebe (Thomson) Bartholomew. She attended and graduated from high school in Pine City on Buttercreek. Lila was a life-long resident of Echo/Buttercreek area.

On July 22, 1933 she married Jasper Myers. She was a homemaker and ranch wife all her life. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Hermiston, the Home Extension and a life member of the Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary in Hermiston. She was also a member of the Community Hospital Auxiliary in Pendleton.

She enjoyed sewing and knitting especially Afghans and was known to have made over 100 of them. Her grandchildren loved to hear her tell them stories of their family's history on Buttercreek.

Survivors include son, Jerry Myers of Echo; daughter, Shirley Becker of Portland; sister, Faye Finch of Hermiston; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jasper in 1980; son, Charles Myers; daughter, Janet Correa; and grandson, Nick Myers.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Roy C. Gammell

Roy C. Gammell, 72, of Brownsville, died of a massive stroke in Eugene, on November 9, 2000.

A wake will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at the Major Family Funeral Home, 112 North A Street in Springfield.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2000 at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend either or both services.

Mr. Gammell was a military veteran with more than 27 years of distinguished active service, having been in the Navy during World War II, in the Marine Corps during the Korean War and in the Army for four tours in Vietnam. His numerous military awards include several for valor and the country's third highest, the Silver Star, which he earned in Vietnam while with the 101st Airborne Division.

While serving in the Korean War, Gammell established an orphanage for children who had lost their parents during the conflict. During his Army career which began a few years later, he achieved that service's highest enlisted rank of command sergeant major.

Gammell's peacetime assignments include the 27th Infantry, 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne, 9th Infantry, 28th Civil Affairs and 7th Special Forces. In addition, he had tours of duty in Germany and Japan, as well as with the ROTC detachment at Seattle University. His last active-duty assignment before he retired was with the ROTC detachment at the University of Oregon in Eugene from 1974 through 1977.

Born in Pendleton, Gammell grew up in Heppner, before enlisting in the Navy in 1943 at age 14 after forging his father's signature to serve in World War II. After his 1946 discharge, he returned to Oregon and married Betty DePew of Long Creek in 1947, and became a rancher in Ritter.

He was recalled to active duty in 1950, this time by the Marine Corps, to serve in the Korean War. After discharge he returned to Ritter for a few years, but decided to join the Army a few years later, beginning his long and distinguished career with that service in 1955.

In addition to the Silver Star, Gammell's list of military awards and decorations includes the following: Bronze Star Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters (one with "V" device for valor), Air

Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters (one with "V" device for valor), Good Conduct Medal (six awards), National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three battle stars, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Commendation Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Civil Actions Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two battle stars and the Korean Service Medal.

He also earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Senior Aircraft Crewman's Badge, the Pathfinder's Badge and the Driver/Mechanic Badge.

After retiring from the Army, Gammell was the district manager for the Junction City Water Control District from 1980 through 1995. He had a B.S. degree in horticulture from the University of Maryland and an A.A. in criminal justice from Lane Community College in Eugene.

Gammell is survived by his wife, Betty, and their six children: Michael Gammell and James Gammell of Reno, NV., Patrick Gammell of Junction City, Carrie Gammell of Naperville, IL., Daniel Gammell of Salem, and Janie Auer of Alamogordo, NM.

Memorial donations may be made in Gammell's name to any of the organizations in which he held membership, including the 101st Airborne Division Association; Junction City Masonic Lodge No. 128; Scottish Rite, Eugene Lodge; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fern Ridge Chapter; Corvallis American Legion Post 11; or the Elks Club.

**Elementary
collects box tops
for cash**

Parents and families at Heppner Elementary School have announced that the "General Mills Box Tops for Education" fund-raising program will continue into the 2000-2001 school year.

Students at Heppner Elementary and their parents have been collecting box tops from participating General Mills products. HES receives 10 cents for every qualifying General Mills box top collected.

Because the General Mills Box Tops for Education fund-raiser is so easy to participate in, HES Parent/Teacher Club hopes that even more community members will take advantage of the opportunity to earn cash for the school.

"This is a great opportunity for students, parents, grandparents and the whole community to combine their efforts for the good of our school and our children," said principal Phyllis Danielson. "I urge everyone to watch for those box tops logos, clip them off the box and send them to the school. We are all excited about what this gift will mean to our students and our school."

Students and Heppner Elementary Parent/Teacher Club encourage all members of the community to collect box tops and send them to HES or drop them in the box at Central Red Apple Market

For more information, contact Karen Wolff at 676-5114 or Heppner Elementary School at 676-9128.

**SWCD, weed
Board to meet**

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 4 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner.

Agenda items include: manager's report, partnership reports: MRCS (EQIP, CRP), FSA, ODFW, county court, Extension and weed report.

The public is invited to attend.

General Election Results (Measures)		T O T A L S	
Tuesday, November 7, 2000			
Morrow County (Preliminary results only)			
Measure 83 Amends Constitution: authorizes new standards, priorities for veteran's loans; expands qualified recipients.	Yes	2605	No 900
Measure 84 Amends Constitution: state must continue paying local governments for state-mandated programs.	Yes	2969	No 541
Measure 85 Amends Constitution: modifies population, minimum area requirements for formation of new counties.	Yes	1429	No 2033
Measure 86 Amends Constitution: requires refunding general fund revenues exceeding state estimates to taxpayers.	Yes	2353	No 1151
Measure 87 Amends Constitution: allows regulation of location of sexually-oriented businesses through zoning.	Yes	1630	No 1870
Measure 88 Increases maximum deductible in Oregon for federal income taxes paid.	Yes	1842	No 1659
Measure 89 Dedicates tobacco settlement proceeds to specified health, housing, transportation programs.	Yes	1630	No 1847
Measure 90 Authorizes rates giving utilities return on investments in retired property.	Yes	490	No 2850
Measure 91 Amends Constitution: makes federal income taxes fully deductible on Oregon tax returns.	Yes	1672	No 1873
Measure 92 Amends Constitution: prohibits payroll deductions for political purposes without specific written authorization.	Yes	1764	No 1763
Measure 93 Amends Constitution: voters must approve most taxes, fees; requires certain approval percentage.	Yes	1568	No 1926
Measure 94 Repeals mandatory minimum sentences for certain felonies, requires resentencing.	Yes	767	No 2736
Measure 95 Amends Constitution: student learning determines teacher pay; qualifications, not seniority, determine retention.	Yes	1494	No 2033
Measure 96 Amends Constitution: prohibits making initiative process harder, except through initiative; applies retroactively.	Yes	1355	No 2050
Measure 97 Bans body-gripping animal traps, some poisons; restricts fur commerce.	Yes	720	No 2845
Measure 98 Amends Constitution: prohibits using public resources for political purposes; limits payroll deductions.	Yes	1830	No 1671
Measure 99 Amends Constitution: creates commission ensuring quality home care services for elderly, disabled.	Yes	2046	No 1483
Measure 1 Amends Constitution: legislature must fund school quality goals adequately; report; establish grants.	Yes	2263	No 1175
Measure 2 Amends Constitution: creates process for requiring legislature to review administrative rules.	Yes	1677	No 1696
Measure 3 Amends Constitution: requires conviction before forfeiture; restricts proceeds usage; requires reporting, penalty.	Yes	2172	No 1258
Measure 4 Dedicates tobacco-settlement proceeds; earnings fund low-income health care.	Yes	1467	No 2001
Measure 5 Expands circumstances requiring background check before transfer of firearm.	Yes	1392	No 2146
Measure 6 Provides public funding to candidates who limit spending, private contributions.	Yes	869	No 2604
Measure 7 Amends Constitution: requires payment to landowner if government regulation reduces property value.	Yes	2166	No 1328
Measure 8 Amends Constitution: limits state appropriations to percentage of state's prior personal income.	Yes	1658	No 1761
Measure 9 Prohibits public school instruction encouraging, promoting, sanctioning homosexual, bisexual behaviors.	Yes	2043	No 1460

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Holiday gifts & crafts
Sat. Nov. 18
10 am to 3 pm Lunch served by WVSC
Fair Pavilion Heppner, OR
Admission: \$2.00 dona. towards Youth Scholarships

