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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. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$5.)

**Heppner continues to take cuts**

To the Editor:  
A few days before school was to begin, after classroom preparations had been made, our school district cut yet another teacher from the Heppner schools.

We lost one of our kindergarten classes (from two down to one) and a kindergarten teacher was told to teach the second/third combined grade. This combined classroom environment is a challenge for any teacher, and I know the current teacher will make it a success, but planning for this type of class is extremely important. This also leaves us with a much larger kindergarten class - when one-on-one attention is extremely important.

The position was given to Boardman. With knowledge of a large incoming class in Boardman,

another teacher should have been hired without taking one of ours. Heppner continues to take cuts in teaching positions. We can find the money for teachers. It has to be made a priority. It isn't now.

We are currently without representation after losing two board members, Barney Lindsay and Keith Lewis, when the board voted to remove them in June. (They are awaiting legal court action on this issue.)

Teachers and curriculum are crucial for our students. Our kids grow too fast. We don't get another chance.

If you haven't signed the recall petition, please do so. Contact Mike Armato, 676-9777, for more information.

(s) Ann Murray  
Heppner

**LCDC unfair**

To the Editor:

The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) set up an income standard that prohibits landowners to build a home on their own land. This governmental agency said that regardless of the size of the parcel, a landowner must meet a income standard of \$80,000 for two years before the landowner could build a home on his own land.

This regulation is unfair because it is a rule expected to fit the whole state. Well, this "one size fits all" rule allows only large farmers to build home on their property. Small farmers who could not meet the requirement can't build a home on

their land. Not having a home on the land makes it even harder for small farmers to farm. Everyday farmers would have to bring the tools and equipment needed to the site because they would have no storage space or home. More time and money are wasted, thus inhibiting them from even meeting the \$80,000 rule even if they wanted.

This is but one example of how unfair the \$80,000 rule is. This is one example of the Land Conservation and Development Commission's unfair regulations that hurts Oregon landowners.

(s) Barbara West  
Arlington

**Hazard, berm still there**

To the Editor:

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) worked all summer on Highway 207 north of Lexington at the Bombing Range Road Junction.

Money, time and work was spent on this highway and we still have a highway hazard and a big berm of dirt. Why was this left this way?

(s) Eva Kilkenny  
Heppner

**Measure 7 step in right direction**

To the Editor:

In 1973, the legislature gave the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC), a non-elected body, the power to control the use of every acre of private land in the state. Unfortunately, the legislature did not insure that the rights of landowners would be protected against unfair, excessive land controls.

As a result, year after year, LCDC imposed more and more controls that denied landowners the right to live on their own land, to harvest trees, to divide off and sell or give children a portion of their property.

No compensation whatsoever was paid to the landowners.

Worse yet, the controls were not imposed to protect the public's interest in water, air or safety (other regulatory agencies do that); they were imposed mainly to preserve open space in rural Oregon and to force people to live in cities.

Measure 7 will help bring some fairness to such controls by requiring compensation to landowners for losses they suffer from excessive regulations. It's a step in the right direction.

(s) James Woodward  
Mitchell

**Garden Club to meet**

The Heppner Garden Club will meet on Monday, September 10, at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Their guest speaker will be Garden Club scholarship recipient Brandon Young.

Orchids will be the meeting topic. In addition, those attending will tour the yards of the yard of the month recipients.

Ida Farra and Jeanette Padberg will host the meeting.

**Colt volleyball program to get underway**

The Colt volleyball program for children in grades three to six will get underway Friday, September 14, at the Heppner High School gym.

Registration and release forms will be available at the Heppner Elementary School office.

Forms may be returned to the school or to Missy Cutsforth, 989-8104.

**Obituaries**

**Gladys Cox**

Gladys Cox, 79, of Hermiston, formerly of Heppner, died Monday September 3, 2001, at the Hermiston Care and Retirement Center in Hermiston.

Funeral services will be Thursday September 6, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. Burial will follow in the Hermiston Cemetery.

She was born near Thornfield, Missouri, on May 8, 1922, to Smith and Nona Lawson and grew up in the Thornfield-Ava area of Missouri.

She married Glenn Irby in 1941 and moved to Oregon in 1942, living and working at ranches in the Heppner area. She cooked for the harvest crews and hired hands. The couple had two sons, Bill and Bob Irby. They later divorced.

In 1956 she married Ivan Cox and they lived on a wheat and cattle ranch in the Heppner area. After selling the ranch, they spent winters in Pendleton and summers at their mountain home near Bull Prairie. Ivan Cox died in 1982.

After moving to Hermiston in 1984, she met Ken Maynard who has been her friend and companion since February 1988. They attended many of the senior meals and dances.

She had resided at the Pat Gray-Wheelhouse Home since January, 2001.

She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary. She thought Hermiston was the "friendliest town she had lived in" and she really enjoyed her friends in Hermiston.

She is survived by her companion, Ocie "Ken" Maynard of Irrigon; two sons, Bill Irby of Hermiston and Bob Irby and daughter-in-law Claudia of Hermiston; stepdaughters, Mary Banks of Pendleton and Rita Sumner of Heppner; sisters, Ruth Workman of Ava, Missouri, and Hazel Sullivan of Indianapolis, Indiana; brother, Earl Lawson of Oklahoma; four grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan Cox in 1982; one sister and one brother.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the American Cancer Society through Burns Mortuary, Box 289, Hermiston, Oregon 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

**Maynard Jackson Struthers, Sr.**

Maynard Jackson Struthers Sr., 87, of Hermiston, formerly of Heppner, died Thursday, August 30, 2001, at his home in Hermiston.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, September 1, 2001, at Faith Church of God in Hermiston with burial following at the Hermiston Cemetery in Hermiston.

Mr. Struthers was born November 19, 1913, on the family homestead at Ronan, Montana, to A.C. and Myrtle H. (Jackson) Struthers.

Mr. Struthers was a farmer in his early life in the Connell, Washington, area. He moved to Heppner and was a truck driver, farmer, carpenter and then worked as a heavy equipment operator for Morrow County Road Dept. until retiring in 1981.

On August 28, 1959 he married Edna Morris.

In 1984 he moved to Hermiston and lived there since.

He enjoyed yard work, hunting, fishing, farming, quilt tying and was an avid Atlanta Braves fan.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Edna; four sons, Jack Struthers of Heppner, Bill Struthers of Milwaukie, Gary Struthers of Portland and Joe Struthers of Clovis, New Mexico; daughter, Dena Wiese of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; brother, Archie Struthers of Wilsonville; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Struthers was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Clayton and Alger; and sister, Agnes Abercrombie.

Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the Faith Church of God directly or c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston at P.O. Box 289 Hermiston, Oregon 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

**Births**

**Mason Gage Lehman:** a son Mason Gage was born to Jessica and Jon Lehman of Boardman on August 24, 2001, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz and was 23 inches long.

He joins brothers, Kaden, 3½, and Payton, 1, at home. Grandparents are Donald and Sharron Lehman, San Diego, and Charlie and Cindy Sumner of Lexington.

**Slottee scholarship winner announced**

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust has announced that Matthew Jepsen is this year's recipient of the Elizabeth Slottee Memorial Scholarship.

Jepsen, the son of Bill and Nancy Jepsen, is in his third year as a student in the Lionel Hampton School of Music at the University of Idaho. He is working towards a BS in music theory, with additional emphasis in teaching and mentoring.

The scholarship given this year is in the amount of \$1,000. The Elizabeth Slottee Memorial Scholarship is given to "remember Elizabeth's love of music and her wish to share it with others" and is awarded each year to a junior, senior or graduate student majoring or minoring in music or a student who has been accepted into a school of education.

**Weather Report**

By the City of Heppner

For the month of August

	High	Low	Precip.
8/1	81	50	.00
8/2	87	52	.00
8/3	89	56	.00
8/4	86	52	.02
8/5	78	50	T
8/6	90	57	.00
8/7	93	58	.00
8/8	92	54	.00
8/9	90	56	.00
8/10	92	61	.00
8/11	99	61	.00
8/12	100	62	.00
8/13	99	66	T
8/14	98	64	.00
8/15	100	63	.00
8/16	100	61	.00
8/17	93	59	.00
8/18	90	57	.00
8/19	80	48	.00
8/20	80	48	.00
8/21	80	48	.00
8/22	78	58	T
8/23	80	55	.08
8/24	74	46	.13
8/25	77	48	.00
8/26	87	52	.00
8/27	89	57	.00
8/28	90	58	.00
8/29	87	55	.00
8/30	89	56	.00
8/31	91	59	.00

**MC Health Dept.**

Morrow County Health Dept. lists its September schedule for clinic hours:

- Thursday, Sept. 6-Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
- Monday, Sept. 10-Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
- Tuesday, Sept. 11-Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
- Thursday, Sept. 13-Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
- Monday, Sept. 17-Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
- Tuesday, Sept. 18-Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
- Wednesday, Sept. 19-Irrigon clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
- Thursday, Sept. 20-Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
- Monday, Sept. 24-Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
- Tuesday, Sept. 25-Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
- Thursday, Sept. 27-Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Death Notice**

**James E. Bloodsworth**  
James E. Bloodsworth, 71, of Heppner, died Sunday, September 2, 2001, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Funeral services will be Thursday, September 6, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge, with concluding service and burial at the Lexington Cemetery.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements. A complete obituary will be in next week's Heppner Gazette.

**Davis wins shopping spree**



Mary Ann Davis at Central checkout

Mary Ann Davis was the lucky winner of the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo royalty's \$300 shopping spree at Heppner Central Red Apple Market.

Queen Tammy Booth, Princess Kelsey Greenup and pennant bearers Lacey Davis and Megan McCabe sold the tickets.

The winner was drawn at the

Morrow County Rodeo on Sunday, August 19.

After paying for the shopping spree the girls will use the proceeds to help pay some of their expenses incurred representing Morrow County at area parades and rodeo grand entries.

Where did Mary Ann spend most of her allotted time? At the meat counter, of course.

**Speedway topic of Boardman chamber**

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly general luncheon meeting on Wednesday, Sept 19, at the Port of Morrow's Riverfront Center Ball Room at 12 noon.

Stelian Onufrei, CEO of Racing Unlimited, Inc., will be the featured speaker. Onufrei will give an update for the proposed speedway in Boardman. He is "thrilled to speak about the speedway's development, status of application, preliminary project information and the permit

process," according to a Boardman Chamber news release. He will also introduce his partners and other people involved in this project. Onufrei is "looking forward to being in Boardman and is honored to speak about this exciting project."

A buffet lunch will be served at a cost \$6.50, to be paid at the door. Contact the chamber by Monday, Sept. 17 to reserve lunch at 481-3014. Due to the anticipated attendance of this meeting, lunch reservations will be limited to the first 150 RSVPs.

**Highway 395 still restricted**

Highway 395 between Ukiah Junction and milepost 62 is still restricted to single lane traffic between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, as of Aug. 30.

During nights and weekends, the road will be open to two-lane traffic. Motorists are still cautioned to not stop along the roadway while driving through the area.

"We have two pilot cars escorting traffic through the area during working hours, while crews continue removing damaged trees and debris

near the highway," said ODOT District 12 manager Terry McArtor.

Traffic delays during work hours are down to half an hour or less, but there are still safety concerns. "Variable message signs in the area are warning motorists to stay off the shoulders and not stop, as debris and trees may continue to slide down the hillsides," McArtor said.

The highway will remain restricted to single lane travel during work hours for about a week.

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