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**DA's Report**

Russell Gene Whitbeck admitted violation of probation allegations for possession of a controlled substance. Whitbeck had his probation revoked, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 12 months post prison supervision with credit for all time served.

Thad T. Marti admitted violation of probation allegations for possession of a controlled substance. Marti had his probation reinstated and was sentenced to 20 days in jail with credit for all time served.

John Wesley Rumbelow admitted violation of probation allegations for theft in the first degree. Rumbelow's probation was reinstated with an of 18 month extension.

Donna Jean Acocok pled guilty to Forgery-2, a Class A misdemeanor. Acocok was sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended, 24 months bench probation with the following conditions: a written apology to the victim; no use or possession of any illegal drugs or narcotics, narcotics paraphernalia, including, but not limited to, smoking devices; no association with any person known to use, sell or possess illegal drugs or narcotics; not to frequent places where illegal drugs are kept, used or sold; submit to random monitored drug testing at the direction of probation officer and, at defendant's expense, obtain a substance abuse evaluation as directed and follow through with any treatment recommendations, including inpatient treatment, and comply with follow up treatment and pay all required costs; three written apologies, and \$979 in fines.

Chaunesy Lynn Allen pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, a Class C felony. Allen was sentenced to 18 months formal probation, drug treatment program with Morrow County Behavioral Health and \$164 in suspended fines.

Lenoriann Lynda Liuenthal pled guilty to count 1-theft in the second degree, a Class A misdemeanor, and count 2- possession of a controlled substance, a Class C felony. Liuenthal was sentenced to 18 months formal probation, community service and a drug treatment program with Morrow County Behavioral Health for count 2 and 180 days in jail, suspended on the condition of compliance with probation in count 2 and 18 months bench probation for count 1, along with \$1039 in combined fines.

**Justice Court Report**

The Justice Court office at the courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business:

- Catherine Linn Scott, 42, Hermiston; VBR, 72/55, \$77 fine.
- Joyce Roland Jordan, 70, Dayville; VBR, 77/55, \$132 fine.
- Jerod Jay Hill, 28, Boise, Idaho; VBR, 84/55, \$177 fine.
- Ronda Jean Powell, 40, Ione; VBR, 75/55, \$87 fine.
- David Thomas Norton, 18, Heppner; VBR, 75/55, \$87 fine.
- Terrance R Henderson, 58, Hermiston; VBR, 46/25, \$132 fine.
- Laurence Dale Blamires, 62, Jerome; VBR, 75/55, \$77 fine.
- Jered Lee Wicklund, 26, Heppner; goat at large, \$111 fine.
- Christy Lee Virgil, 45, Lexington; failure to register and driving uninsured, \$191 fine; DUII, \$2298 fine, 180 days in jail and two years probation with no further violation, \$500 and 178 days in jail suspended; also ordered to complete alcohol education program by March 1, 2003.

**Births**

**Suzanneah Jo Cason**

-a daughter, Suzanneah Jo Cason, was born on August 08, 2002, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston to Jason and Kirsti Cason of Heppner.

**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 \$7.)

**Kitzhaber shows disdain for common sense**

To the Editor:  
With Governor Kitzhaber, we definitely are experiencing government from the top down. His treatment of John Brogoitti shows his disdain for common sense; and intolerance for input from others who will not conform to his desired agenda.

His senseless effort to browbeat the legislature into increasing state income taxes by vetoing every bi-partisan effort by the legislature, which only wastes more tax dollars by calling repeated special sessions, shows his glaring lack of leadership for much needed positive solutions as he pushes his own agenda.

Thirty-nine states faced with budget deficits cumulatively approaching \$50 billion dollars have taken a common-sense approach. A recent survey by the National Association of State Budget Officers found that 39 states have been forced to cut previously approved budgets so far this year. Twenty-six states have used across the board spending cuts. Eleven states have laid off workers, and three states have encouraged early retirements. Oregon, on the other hand, has not done any of these things.

Oregon has the highest unemployment figure in the nation, yet it is also the last state to consider doing what any business would do when their books didn't balance. That is cut spending. If you've got the worst economy in the country, then you have to know that raising taxes will only make the economy worse.

While thousands of Oregon businesses have had to look at sobering bottom lines and cut budgets in 2002, state government has grown by over 92 percent in the last 10 years, averaging nine percent a year. Yet inflation is less than two percent. Besides raising taxes there are many ways to fix the revenue shortfall that would not harm an already weak economy.

Eliminate the Oregon Economic Community Development Department and their 140 employees. (They've already spent \$2.4 billion, and through their sorry efforts, we have the highest unemployment in the nation). Privatize the OLCC. Across the board two percent cuts for all departments. A hiring freeze. Eliminate non-essential new programs such as the increases to the Oregon Children's Plan (the intrusive program which asks government workers to make "at risk" assessments of every newborn Oregon baby). That would save \$67 million. Restructure Oregon's PERS system. Eliminate excessive bureaucracy at the Oregon Department of Education (the state has more than 100 employees hired to implement an exam, CIM-CAM, that students, parents, and teachers don't want.

Looking at Oregon's financial picture for the long run is dismal, too. Oregon's Department of Transportation has allowed poorly engineered bridges, and poor inspection for years. Bridges are not adequate to be safe under the heavy weight of trucks, which requires truckers to follow longer routing and to increase freight costs.

Oregon, with 500 very expensive bridges needing replacement, is in the most horrendous position of any state in the country. We Oregonians love our state, but already some of us know of fellow Oregonians

who are thinking of relocating their families and their companies out of state.

We need government that is responsible. We need to go to the polls with an understanding of the issues and elect people who are down-to-earth and whose ideas make common sense.

(s) Roy Comrie  
Pendleton

**The last word?**

To the Editor,

I do not wish to belabor the issue of the Lance Tibbles' defense of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals declaration that One Nation "Under God" violated the First Amendment and was therefore unconstitutional. I had no intention of inferring that Professor Tibbles was unpatriotic or sacrilegious and again express my respect for the heritage of the Tibbles family in Morrow County as well as the outstanding accomplishments of Professor Lance Tibbles. We may disagree but we are fellow Americans. I will respond to your question. Please do not take personal offense. The issue is profoundly larger than both of us.

Professor Tibbles' question was "What do I gain when I use the power of government to require others, when pledging their allegiance to our republic, to also pay homage to my god? Our first President George Washington would respond "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor." (Oct. 3, 1789) Our present President George W. Bush upon hearing the "Pledge of Allegiance" had been ruled unconstitutional responded "We need common-sense judges who understand that our rights are derived from God. Those are the kind of judges I intend to put on the bench." (June 27, 2002)

What we gain Professor Tibbles according to George Washington is God's protection, favor and blessing and we install in the next generation, as President Bush correctly understands, that our rights are derived from God.

At the present hour 85 percent of President Bush's federal court appointments have been blocked by the Democratic controlled Senate. The judge who issued the rule banning the "Pledge of Allegiance" is an anti-God leftist brought out of retirement because the Democrat controlled congress has refused to allow votes on three Bush appointments to that court. The liberal anti-God left has been using the courts to turn America away from our godly heritage toward a new age of diversity. That is my issue with Professor Tibbles and those that support removing "Under God" from our Pledge. These liberal anti-God judges have removed prayer and the Bible from our schools, have legalized same sex marriages, have ruled in favor of schools giving our children condoms and birth-control devices without parental consent or knowledge and have overturned laws in all 50 states permitting abortion for any reason even while the baby is being born. Even when citizens use our initiative process the liberal left use the courts to rule the will of the people unconstitutional. These anti-God liberal courts are turning America into a nation ruled by a small minority in part because as

Professor Tibbles exhorts our diversity should not require any body to "pay homage to a deity they do not recognize."

Professor Tibbles points out the attempt to remove God from America would be akin to denying the majesty of the view from Potamus Point. What happens when a non believer views the majesty of Potamus Point? Will they not "pay homage to a deity they do not recognize."

Professor Tibbles I close with one question for you. If as you state it would be arrogant to attempt to remove the majesty and beauty of God from Lake Penland or Potamus Point why would you support an attempt to remove from the vast majority of Americans the privilege of acknowledging the source of the majesty and beauty found in our Pledge of Allegiance to One Nation "Under God?" I will give you the last word.

(s) Stuart Dick  
Pendleton

**Use it or lose it**

To the Editor:

All of us are firm believers in free choice, but all options always need consideration.

Most of us who live here know that South Morrow County is a good place to live for many reasons. But not all of us know how important it is that we act accordingly to keep it the place in which we enjoy living.

I am referring to the utilization of the Morrow County Health District facilities. Our numbers are few in South Morrow County. To maintain our hospital and clinics both here and in Irrigon, residents should get try know the very competent staff MCHD brings to this area.

"Use it or lose it" has been said of many things, but particularly applies to this situation. Many have worked hard to keep those facilities a reality. My family has many personal physician friends but my priority as well as my choice will always be the available, local services, and for good reason. The health district broke even financially, I am told, this past year. To continue to retain a very good staff and to make improvements in ongoing equipment innovations, we have to do better than break even.

A free-standing trauma center is not a financial viability. It has been tried elsewhere and failed. When one considers that life or death often hangs on receiving care the first hour of an emergency, do we wish to neglect supporting our local clinics and hospital? In the past, we have not had steady care from local providers, but we are very fortunate now.

As the saying goes, "Use it or lose it."  
(s) Meg Murray  
Ione

**Update on German Bicyclist**

To the Editor:

I received the copy of the Heppner Gazette Times with the article about "German bicyclist..." Yes I dipped the front wheel of my bike into the Pacific Rockaway Beach and returned safely a few days ago.  
(s)Adolf Hoermann, Germany

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**Morrow Co. Rodeo results**

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-Senior Goat Tying-first, Angela Munkers; second, Ashley Ward; third, Janice Davis.

-Junior Goat Tying-first, Becky Schiller; second, Eric Jepsen; third, Whitley Reece.

-Breakaway Roping-first, Tara Mahoney; second, Jossie Evans; third, Angela Munkers.

-Open Calf Roping-first, Tim Daly; second, Emmet Evans; third, Blake Knowles.

-Steer Wrestling-first, Ryan Matteson; second, Emmet Evans.

-Amateur Calf Roping-first, Justin Matteson; second, Shad Bishop.

**New school year is on its way**

The new school year is on its way. The first day of school for junior and senior high students is Sept. 3, with the day starting at 8 a.m.

Registration at Heppner Junior/Senior High School will be Tuesday, August 27, through Thursday, August 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Although students may have filled out their schedule they are still required to register. At registration they will be able to pick up their final class schedules, pay any fees, turn in appropriate forms, and get assigned lockers/combinations.

A short assembly will be held on Sept. 3, to start the school day. Following the assembly, students will meet with their class advisors. The remainder of the day will be on a modified bell schedule and the school day will end at 3:40 p.m.

Students are reminded to be prepared for the first day of school with pens, pencils and paper, says Principal Wade Smith.

Meal prices will be \$1 for breakfast and \$1.75 for lunch.

Other fees to be advised of are: student body fees-\$11 for grades nine-12 and \$9 for grades 7-8; computer lab fees-\$5 for grades seven-12; towel fee-\$2 for grades seven-12; yearbook (optional)-\$25 for grades seven-12

Pay-to-participate fees must be paid before the first contest. These fees are: junior high students (grades seven-eight)-\$30 per sport; high school students (grades nine-12)-\$50 per sport. There is a \$100 maximum per student per year and a \$200 maximum per family per year.

Call Heppner High School, 676-9138, for additional information.

**AGLOW plans retreat**

Eastern Oregon Leadership Team for Women's AGLOW announce their fall mini retreat at Shari's Restaurant in Pendleton on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6-7. A no-host dinner will be held Friday, Sept. 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m., with a meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Betty Oglesbee will minister on "The Fragrance of the Alabaster Jar".

Saturday's session will begin with a no-host breakfast at 8 a.m. Arlene Kinsey will share from the recent Aglow leadership training conference, "Aglow of 2003".

Reservations for the meeting are suggested to help with set up. Call Arlene Kinsey (541) 523-4791 or Betty Oglesbee (541) 523-4839. For those who need lodging, several motels are located in the vicinity of Shari's restaurant.

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