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Impacts of labeling items

To the Editor:

As an Oregon citizen, I'm concerned about Measure 27 on the fall ballot.

Measure 27 would require Oregon farmers, grocers and restaurants to put special labels on products that aren't 100 percent "organic." Labels saying "Genetically Engineered" would be required on all food and beverage products made or sold in Oregon that are produced with any modern biotech process or ingredient - even if those products don't actually contain any genetically engineered ingredients.

Biotechnology is now widely used to improve the yield and quality of many food products and to reduce the need for pesticides. In fact, about 70 percent of the food products sold in the U.S. are produced with a crop, ingredient or process that involves biotechnology.

Measure 27 seems to ignore our national policy and scientific consensus. The use of biotechnology in food production is supported by respected health organizations such as the American Medical Association, National Academy of Sciences and World Health Organization.

Measure 27 would mandate special labels that could be viewed as warning labels on products known to be safe. In fact, Measure 27 would require labels that could make people think there are things in their food that aren't actually there.

Measure 27 would force the Oregon Department of

Agriculture to conduct thousands of inspections to try to enforce this labeling scheme - at a cost to

Oregon taxpayers of over \$118 million in the next 10 years. This could make Oregon's state budget deficit even worse and take away vitally needed funds from education and other important public services.

Furthermore, the millions in increased costs forced upon Oregon farmers and food producers to comply with Measure 27's red tape and bureaucracy could be passed on to consumers through higher food prices - costing an average family of four an estimated \$550 more per year.

I urge you to take a close look at Measure 27. After you do, I hope you'll join me in rejecting this costly labeling law by voting "no" on 27.

(s) John V. Byrne, Ph.D.
Former president, Oregon State University
Salem

Men's breakfast to be held

There will be a men's breakfast at Christian Life Center, Oct. 20, at 8 a.m. All men are invited to come and share in a devotional, fellowship and breakfast. The breakfast is sponsored by the First Christian Church, the Nazarene Church and Christian Life Center.

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.)

Don't lose the "real" names

To the Editor:

It does not surprise me that the VanSchoiack family cherishes Maggie's Drawers, as well as every rimrock, draw and spring on their allotment. Every Forest Service allotment should be lucky enough to have people like the VanSchoiacks to care for it.

As time pushes on, should we be thinking of ways to preserve the old names before they fade away? Not only are the old names an important part of our heritage, but just as interesting are the stories that go with the old names. Should we be collecting the old names as well as the stories about their origin? There are many names and stories that we should not allow to pass from our collective memory. Is there a

good story behind Idelwilde Butte?

It may have been a good idea to identify the forest roads by numbers on a map so that visitors can easily follow them, but we will be remiss if we lose the "real" names of the roads and the stories behind them.

Perhaps the museum would be the proper organization to collect and store the old names and the old stories. How about an oral history project to record the stories and voices of those who traveled the mountains on foot, on horseback, on wagons and in early vintage autos before WWII?

Now if I could just find the Base Line Trail. Who removed the sign from Elk Camp?

(s) Lance Tibbles
Columbus, Ohio

Ione elections

To the Editor:

The residents of Ione must soon decide whether or not to re-elect Betty Gray, the current Mayor of Ione to another term. They must also vote on three council positions presently occupied by Dennis Stefani, Mark Bruno and Dick Graham. I strongly believe each should be re-elected. They each have years of experience. They are familiar with the process of acquiring grant monies and other forms of assistance. They know what Ione needs and how to fill those needs. Their list of past achievements is long but following are some of the more significant accomplishments:

1. Obtained 1.2 million dollars grant money for Ione water system improvements.
2. Obtained grants of \$6000 and \$4000 for swimming pool and Creative Care Preschool.
3. Designed and paved a bike/pedestrian safety path from the Emert Addition to Ione turnoff.
4. Used County tippage fees to install new sidewalks on Main and Green streets.
5. Annexed Emert addition and adjacent properties into city limits.
6. Paved Main Street.
7. Improved corner of Main and H streets with new curbing and paving.
8. Started City Scholarship fund.
9. Expanded City Park, installed sprinklers, landscaping, amphitheater, Oregon Trail Kiosk and paved access to the park.
10. Obtained grants for updating transportation and comprehensive plans.
11. Used grant money for removing an old building and cleaning up property.
12. Made significant improvements in city management and equipment.
13. Cut down and removed many

Near miss at golf course

To the Editor:

I wonder how many people, driving beside the Willow Creek Golf Course have been hit, or had a near miss, by a misguided golf ball?

Last Friday morning, between 9:30 and 10 a.m., it was our turn. If my husband hadn't been watching a couple of men tee off near the club house and "hollered" at me to put on the brake, we would have taken a

direct hit in the center of our windshield; it missed us by inches.

The least it would have done is broke the windshield- I don't like to think of the worst possible scenario.

I hope it doesn't take a severe injury or a hefty lawsuit to facilitate a change on that hole. I know none of your want anyone hurt.

(s) Molly Day
Heppner

Obituaries

Nedra "Rosie" Smith

Nedra "Rosie" Smith, 75, of Heppner, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2002, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.



Nedra "Rosie" Smith

A memorial graveside service will be held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 11 a.m.

Smith was born Nov. 1, 1926, at Bountiful, Utah, to William and Vera Parrish Rosencrantz. She graduated from high school at Castleford, Idaho in 1944 then attended St. Alphonsus Hospital School of Nursing at Boise, Idaho.

On April 25, 1957, she married Kenneth R. Smith at Elko, Nev. For over 30 years, she worked as a registered nurse at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth R. Smith of Heppner; daughter, Jamie Wise of Traverse City, Mich.; sons, Mike Smith of La Grande, Marty Smith and Rick Smith, both of Heppner; 12 grandchildren; sisters, Mabel Sparks of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Amelia Adams of Post Falls, Idaho; and a brother, Sherman Rosencrantz of Herlong, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Janice M. Buecker

Janice M. Buecker, 84, of Heppner, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at her home.

A memorial gathering in honor of Buecker will be held at the family residence, 67623 Little Buttercreek, Heppner, at 2 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 17.



Janice M. Buecker

Burial services will be later at Haven Rest Cemetery in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Buecker was born March 7, 1918, at Pueblo, Colo., to Rev. James A. and Ruth Wight McKee. She was raised at Walla Walla and attended schools there, graduating from Walla Walla High School in 1934. She attended Whitman College, where she was a member of Delta Gamma sorority, graduating in 1938.

She spent five years at Pueblo, Colo., the first year training at Parkview Hospital and the remaining four years as a medical technologist at Corwin Hospital.

On Feb. 24, 1944, she married Eugene Joseph Buecker, at Oakland, Calif. The couple lived in Yakima and Tacoma in Washington state. Mr. Buecker died in 1981.

Buecker moved to Heppner in 1995 and lived on her daughter's ranch on Little Buttercreek. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Tacoma. She remained active in Delta Gamma sorority and maintained her membership in the Society of Clinical Pathologists. She enjoyed activities in the Tacoma Chapter of Camp Fire Girls. After moving to Heppner she took up gardening and was active in the Senior Center. She enjoyed country life and sunsets on Buttercreek.

Survivors include daughters, Genette Ruth McGraw of Kirkland, Wash., and Joann Tingle of Heppner; grandchildren, Tucker Carlton, Trissa Nigette, Alison Harle, and Lindsay Harle. A brother, James Wight McKee, also preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Clarence "Clancy" Williams

Clarence "Clancy" Williams, 61, formerly of Heppner, died at home in Sandy on Oct. 11, 2002.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 18, 2002 at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Sandy Funeral Home. A committal service will follow at Willamette National Cemetery.

Clarence Allen Williams was born on Nov. 19, 1940 in Emma, Illinois to Marion and Ollie Williams. At the age of 2, the family moved to Hood River where Williams was raised and received his schooling. After graduating from high school, he furthered his education and attended college in Monmouth and worked part time for the U.S. Forest Service.

On Dec. 8, 1965, Williams was drafted into the Army. He was honorably discharged on December 7, 1967. After his discharge, he continued his employment with the Forest Service.

On Dec. 15, 1968, he was united in marriage to Cameron Nichols in Hood River. They made their home in Hood River as Williams was employed for the Forest Service in Parkdale. Due to his career with the Forest Service, the family lived in various areas, settling in Heppner in 1997 where they enjoyed retirement.

Williams was an avid hunter all through the seasons and enjoyed watching sports. In his younger years, he played baseball and wrestled.

Surviving is his wife, Cammy of Sandy; his daughter, Chantelle Beason of Sandy; his sons, Scott Williams of Langley, WA and Sam Williams of Sandy; his brothers and sisters, Betty Gustafson of Bend, Clyde Williams of Hood River, Tom Williams of Elmira, John Williams of Portland, Peggy Brittle of Oregon City, Tony Williams of Grand Junction, Colorado and Donna Sanders of Milwaukie; and 12 grandchildren.

Fiddle students join one-man show

"Shenanigans and Friends" is the new name of the fiddlers formerly known as "Blazin' Bows." Fiddle students from Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla counties will be performing the evening of Oct. 17, 7 pm at the Condon High School Multi-Purpose Room. Their teacher is Peg Willis of Pendleton. The students will play at 6:46 pm before the headliner performance.

The student fiddlers are excited to be the warm-up performers for actor-musician Dan Slosberg who will be presenting "Pierre Cruzatte: A Musical Journey Along the Lewis and Clark Trail." In past years they have had workshops with Dan as well as performed with him at Baker City's Interpretive Center. Dan features audience participation during his performance.

Slosberg offers a unique depiction of the expeditions' main boatman and fiddler in a show which has been called "A delightful program of music and monologue." (Baker City Herald). In this living history program, Slosberg as Cruzatte captivates audiences of all ages.

The bicentennial of the Lewis & Clark Expedition officially begins January 2003. LBArts, CoArts and The American Legion Post #25 are proud to sponsor this musical event. Admission will be \$2 per person and \$5 for a family of 3 or more. Refreshments will be served following the performances.

Birth Announcements

Destiny Marie Muñoz-Rodriguez - a daughter, Destiny Marie Muñoz-Rodriguez, was born Sept. 28, at Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, to Melissa Isabel Rodriguez and Eduardo Muñoz Garcia, of Irigoin.

GRAND OPENING

Sunflower Junction
and
Nails by Betsy Arballo

Friday, October 18 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
245 NW Main Street, Suite 300, Ione

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