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Letters to the Editor

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Work together to stop the crime

To the Editor:

I am writing because I am very concerned about the outpour of thieving in our three small communities. I find this an outrageous invasion of our privacy. I feel that we need to all work together to help our communities stop this outrageous conduct of these druggie scums that are committing these crimes.

We work very hard for what we have. These scums sleep all day and play hide-and-seek all night. This has to stop. We need to help our police force. They are always at the north end and we do not get them down south very often. We could help by looking out our windows, watching for vehicles, and other suspicious behavior at night. It is amazing what you can see when you watch late at night and drive the streets.

As neighbors, I feel this is more important than calling the cops for barking dogs, burning, and noise complaints. I think that we have good enough neighbors that we should be able to call them ourselves to solve these problems and leave our police force to take care of the druggie scums and meth labs we all have in our communities.

Dan and I own Lexington Auto Body. We were burglarized the night of Jan. 22. We were robbed of enough to interrupt our work for a couple of days. We are not the only ones that have been hit though.

I was upset when we had

to go be fingerprinted to rule ourselves out. Even worse is when you have to take your 17-year-old daughter too.

Please, let us all pull together to get these druggie scums off our streets and out of our communities. We all know who most of these people are. (s) Dan, Carmen and Danielle Looslie
Lexington

**Justice Court
Report**

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

Ann Marie Murray, 38, Heppner, VBR 75/55, fine \$77.
Martin Raymond Smith, 43, Heppner, VBR 73/55, fine \$77.

Tana Jo Hill, 49, Lexington, VBR 79/55, fine \$132.

Thomas Joseph Koehler, 46, Umatilla, Borrowing Big Game Tag (Elk), fine \$301 and Taking Branched Bull with no Valid Tag, fine \$301.

John F. Hendergart, 47, Boardman, Loaning an Elk Tag, fine \$157.

Tony Rowland, 24, Heppner, Allowing Consumption of Alcohol to Minors, fine \$407.

Casey Daniel Rodriguez, 29, Irrigon, Passing in a No Passing Zone and Failure to Change Address on Driver's License, fine \$147.

St. Patrick's Senior Center reports on recent activities

The annual meeting of St. Patrick's Senior Center was held on Jan. 18. Florene Robinson, treasurer, presented the annual financial report; the responsibilities for some of the projects were outlined; and organizational business was brought to the attention of the membership. Three board members will complete their terms of office in 2003. A nominating committee was appointed to bring a pool of nominees before the group. From this pool, members for 2004 will be elected in December. One third of the members on the Board of Directors may be under 60 years of age.

The present slate of officers will continue to serve in their present capacity. They are Felix Schwarzin, president; Tom Wilson, vice-president; Florene Robinson, treasurer; and Judy Buschke, secretary.

In addition to the officers, the following members and visitors were present: Archie Padberg, Mary Goheen, Grace Drake, Mike Amato, Ex-officio member, Tom Wolff, Marian Murchison and Ed Baker. Ed Baker is in charge of the buses and drivers of the "Dollar-Ride" service offered through the center.

The volunteer staff of the center office consists of nine regular volunteers (one a resident) and three alternates.

Court appoints David Allen as county counsel

At the Morrow County Court meeting, Jan. 22, David Allen was appointed County Counsel and a contract was signed to begin duties as County Counsel as of Jan. 1, 2003.

The list of appointments to a number of boards and committees was reviewed and discussed, with the following appointments made: Kelly Sager to the Safety Committee; Ray Grace to the CAPECO Board, Neighborhood Center, Court Security Committee, RC&D Board, and Classification Committee; Terry Tallman to the GEODC Board and Extension Advisory Committee; Carla McLane to the Local Reuse Authority; and Sheree Smith to the Commission on Children and Families.

Public Works Director Burke O'Brien reported that road blading is continuing on the following roads: Brenner Canyon, McCabe Lane, Kincaid Lane, Gus Road, Holtz Lane, Peck Lane, Cemetery Hill Road, Clarks Canyon, Halvorsen Lane, Stock Drive, Kenny Road, Alpine Lane, and Zinter Road. He also informed the court that the road crew is continuing to finish work on Juniper Canyon. They completed crushing on Tuesday and are starting to move equipment.

O'Brien also passed out pictures of the truck accident of Jan. 15. The driver met a school bus, both were going very slowly due to the foggy conditions. The driver pulled over to the side and the soft, wet shoulder "pulled the right front wheel down" into the barrow pit. The truck was picked back up using our own equipment. No one was hurt and there was very little damage to the truck.

O'Brien also noted that last year the county had 54 days of lost time and 57.5 days of light duty from on-the-job injuries compared to only 5 days of lost time and no light duty days this year.

The Court approved a contract with Devin Oil for lubricants, at the recommendation of O'Brien.

They take phone messages, keep track of the scheduling, answer questions, and take care of many other tasks that may come up in the course of a day or week.

On Jan. 22, a busload of guests from Irrigon came to eat lunch at St. Patrick's; afterward they took a tour of the recently opened Willow Creek Terrace assisted living facility. Dorris Graves, volunteer and St. Patrick's resident, hosted their tour. Among the Irrigon guests was former Morrow County Commissioner, Warren McCoy. Approximately 60 people, (in addition to the guests), ate lunch at the center on that day. Volunteers who helped serve the meal were from the Heppner Christian Church.

The time for serving the Wednesday meal is now from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A beginning ceremony of flag salute, blessing the meal and announcements will take place at 11:30 a.m.; then food serving will begin. People are invited to find seats before going to be served. Diners may go randomly to be served. Table numbers will not be called.

Pinochle, bingo and jigsaw puzzles are among activities that go on every week at the center. For other details, call the center office at 676-9030, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Contract with Wilbur Ellis for herbicides was also agreed upon.

In other business, the Court:

-approved an approach permit for Max Hellberg onto Kangaroo Court Lane for the West Winds Subdivision near Irrigon.

-heard from Nancy Snider of Wheatland Insurance regarding flood and earthquake insurance protection.

-heard from several citizens of Morrow County who came to discuss possible situations in which Morrow County might assist the Morrow County School District with funding to alleviate the school's budgeting shortfall. It was decided to table the discussion until after

the vote on Measure 28 had taken place.

-heard a report from Andrea Denton on the Centennial Committees activities from the last two years.

-approved a contract with IRZ Consulting for the Emergency Management Department.

-approved the education expense reimbursement agreements with Kimberly Lindsay and Courtney Hesla.

-approved the respite care agreement with Nancy Huddleston.

-approved the new agreement with the State of Oregon Office of Energy.

Marriage Licenses

Jan. 14: Jose de Jesus Hernandez, 25, Boardman and Leticia Salazar, 25, Boardman; Shannon Ray Douglas, 39, Irrigon and Maria Lynn Stoneburner, 20, Irrigon.

Jan. 27: Blake Blair Philippi, 22, Boardman and Kara Lanette Sandlin, 21, Boardman.

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DA's Report

Cynthia Lee Olson was convicted of Carry/Use of a Dangerous Weapon, a Class-C felony. Olson was sentenced to 80 hours of community service, 36 months supervised probation and \$164 in fines.

Dora E. Ramirez pled guilty to Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor - as a violation. Ramirez was sentenced to pay \$125 in fines.

Jim Rodriguez, Jr. was convicted of Criminal Mischief-1, a Class-C felony. Rodriguez was sentenced to 80 hours of community service, 30 days in jail, 18 months supervised probation, \$914 in fines and \$754 in restitution.

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WVSC announces February meeting agendas

February meetings of the Willow Valley Service Club include presentations on Head Start, the Victims' Impact Panel and other club business. These no-host luncheons are held upstairs at John's Other Place, from 12-1 p.m.

The Feb. 6 meeting will be a business meeting to determine up-coming sponsored events.

Kathy Cutsforth will be the guest speaker at the Feb. 13 meeting and will explain the current Head Start program. Cutsforth is a member of the Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start and is the Family Educator for South Morrow County, a position she has held for 10 years. Cutsforth was born in Heppner and after residential moves returned to Heppner 10 years ago. Her hobbies include horses and avid reading. Cutsforth is active in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Cutsforth and her husband, Ed Fullmer reside in Heppner.

Betty Carlson will share her personal story and the work of the Victim's Impact Panel, at the Feb. 20 meeting. Carlson is a native of Heppner and after moving away she returned 15 years ago. Her community involvement is important to her. Carlson and her husband, Louis have four children and eight grandchildren.

All community members are invited to attend these meetings.

WVSC's service in January included helping to set-up, serve and clean-up for the Heppner Chamber of Commerce's annual luncheon.

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Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes Chamber Executive

With the annual Town and Country Banquet and Chamber luncheon behind us, the Chamber Board of Directors is ready to kick into gear to plan how to help make "Heppner, the place to be in 2003." Many challenges lie ahead for Heppner and the Willow Creek Valley, but our communities have risen above similar difficulties for many generations and will continue to do so. It's that pioneer spirit and a willingness to make changes. We can choose every morning how we approach each day. All one needs to do is drive around the state, read the newspapers, and visit small towns to know that our problems are not unique, but how we choose to deal with them is. As we work through our challenges, we need to also take time to enjoy new experiences and invite visitors to share them with us. One of those experiences in 2003 will be the Commemoration of the 1903 Flood. The Museum Flood Committee has been working hard to plan the June 13 and 14 commemoration which includes funding a memorial with the names of the flood victims, the dedication, a performance by the Cascadia Folk Quartet who wrote the Heppner flood song; a historic Volkswalk, museum visit, dinner at the cemetery and a historic flood presentation to music by the Shenanigans, under the direction of Peg Willis.

The community will be given a preview of the Shenanigan's first flood presentation on Thursday evening, Feb. 6, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner. This young fiddler group, along with their leader and families, is working to earn money for their trip to Ireland for a music class. It will be Ireland's turn to hear about Heppner! Please mark your calendars for an evening of history and music by the musicians, with dessert by the Flood Committee, just one week away. Both are working toward positive accomplishments.

And, in-between these two events will be the "Wee Bit O'Ireland" celebration; the event that helps to bring income to all organizations while calling attention to Heppner across the state and state lines. Volunteers are welcome to help with the celebration in a variety of ways. There are many, many details and decisions to make it happen. Let's talk! Tiller's Folly from Canada, will be the Saturday evening entertainment.

Countywide representatives met last Thursday in Boardman to discuss the Oregon Cultural Trust for Arts, Heritage, and Humanities. Members are asked to identify cultural resources in each community and to define what they would like the cultural life in their towns to be. Dream big and please share your vision with us right away, prior to Wednesday, Feb. 5. If you would like to be a part of that committee, please call Claudia at the Chamber office, Terry Tallman, or Billie Jean Morris. A community with variety is a place people want to visit.

Thought for the week: "Your life is yours to design; make it all it can be." - Ken Blanchard

**MORROW COUNTY GRAIN GROWERS
WINTER GROWER MEETING**

DATE: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2003
LOCATION: WILLOWS GRANGE HALL
TIME: 7:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

MEETING AGENDA

7:00- 7:20 Coffee and Doughnuts

7:20- 8:05 Don Horneck, OSU Extension: Applications of Manure and Compost and their effects on Soil Carbon and Herbicide activity.

8:10- 8:50 Max Morenz, UAP Northwest: Adjuvant and Surfactant Updates. Their effect on Herbicide activity and the important rule they play in weed control.

8:55- 9:40 Don Horneck, OSU Extension: Weed Seed survival in Compost and other Agronomic questions.

9:45-10:00 BREAK

10:00-11:00 Joe Yennish, WSU Extension: Russian Thistle control in Dryland Wheat / Chemical Fallow -Applications-of Spartan Herbicide.

11:00-11:15 Jim Swanson, Wheatland Insurance: Insurance Updates and Acceptable Practices.

11:20-11:55 Karl Rhinart, OSU CBARC: Winter Malting Barley Heads Up.

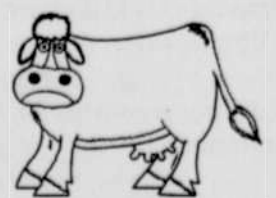
12:00-12:30 Dan Steiner, MCGG Grain Dept.: Marketing Updates and Production Issues.

12:30 LUNCH

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