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given a complete tour of the capital building. Along with their parents, Thomas and Karen Wolff, the young ladies met with Senator David Nelson of Pendleton and Representative Greg Smith of Heppner. A special honor was an audience with Governor

Kulongoski in his ceremonial office. He spoke to the girls about their schools, their interests and experiences of the day.

"It was a very informative lesson in the workings of Oregon's State Government," stated Tom Wolff.

WCLL takes over Rolling Hills Fun Run

Willow Creek Little League will be taking over the Rolling Hills Fun Run from the Pioneer Memorial EMTs. The EMTs have been sponsoring this run for many years and have decided to move on to a different fundraiser.

WCLL will hold the race on Saturday, April 26, the same that has been done in the past. Event organizers, with the help of the former organizers, will be WCLL President Theresa Crawford, and board

members Sandi Day, Jacque Hedman, Bill Morris and Merry Brannon.

WCLL consists of Fossil, Condon, Arlington, Lone and Heppner and will use the fund raiser to purchase uniforms, equipment and to help cover the cost of sending teams to the All Star tournaments held in July.

For more information, or for a registration form, call (541) 676-8118 or (541) 676-5275.

ASC to host benefit

The Arlington Saddle Club (ASC) of Arlington will host a Two-Man Ranch Sorting, featuring Paradise Rose Hometown Dutch Oven cooking, with Rattlesnake Rod, on April 6, at 11:00 a.m., at the Saddle Club Rodeo Grounds in Arlington. The Sorting and Chuckwagon Chow meal will be held to benefit the Kevin and Waylon Johnson Benefit Fund, with all proceeds going directly to the family to offset medical costs.

Kevin and Waylon Johnson were burned in a fire at their home in Olex on Thanksgiving Day 2002. Kevin died of his injuries and his son, Waylon, continues to be cared for at the Oregon Burn Center. He is recovering from his burns. The Johnson's, lifetime residents of Gilliam County, are also long-time members of the Arlington Saddle Club.

Two-Man Sorting is a

timed event featuring the sorting of 10 cows, in numerical sequence, from one pen to another, all done on horseback. Ranch Sorting is an event that requires strategy and finesse and is open to riders of all ages. Classes are Open, Pro-Am, Amateur and Novice. The ASC has added a Gilliam County Only class for the benefit of the local riders.

Rod McGuire will bring his chuckwagon and prepare his specialty, Dutch Oven Cooking for all attendees. The featured menu is a steak sandwich, baked beans, potato salad and a small drink - all for \$8 per person. The proceeds will go to the benefit fund.

For more information, call Marta Mikkalo at (541) 454-0217 or Debbie Wilson at (541) 454-2502.

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

Maybe it is because...

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Marcia Kemp's letter to the editor about the Lexington FD Auxiliary. She said, "It was insinuated that when L.F.D. Auxiliary disbanded it did not follow the articles of incorporation and its financial integrity was jeopardized."

Maybe it is because there is more to the story. Look at the articles of incorporation for registry 727186-88 Secretary of State Office 503-986-2200 (Cost \$5) or Marcia and I have copies. It states "#9 Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution: Lexington Fire Department." The EO article that was written on the disbanding of the auxiliary states that there was over \$3,000 in the checking account but let me assure you the fire department did not get close to that amount of money. Maybe it is because it appears the Auxiliary told the state one thing in its articles of incorporation and then something else was done.

Maybe it is because the by-laws state that the Auxiliary's "purpose is to aid and support the Town of Lexington's Fire Department." And it further states "Money raised from fund raisers by the Auxiliary will be split 75 percent for fire equipment and supplies and 25 percent for fire safety education and public awareness programs." Maybe it is because the above two statements were told to people who gave to the Auxiliary. And it appears the by-laws were not followed in addition to the dissolution statement in the articles of incorporation.

Maybe it is because as Marcia said, "the minutes reflected how the remaining funds would be spent." She also offers "the minutes are available." Yet, when I tried to get a copy of the minutes from some members they claimed they never were given copies. Why did I want a copy of this a year ago? It was so I could have in writing what was decided in case it was not followed. If the minutes reflect what was decided at that meeting they would be had to explain why the money did not go to where the vote stated it should go.

Maybe it is because when Marcia was pressed at the council meeting, following the vote to disband by the Auxiliary, as to how much money would be placed in a fund for FD training, she said \$1,800 to \$1,900. But at March's council meeting only \$500 was placed in the fund.

Maybe it is because a year ago the Auxiliary voted to disband (Marcia claimed to even have brought the disbanding papers to that meeting), yet 10 months later the Corporation division claimed to have never received the papers. (If this is true Marcia, why did you call

yourself a former member when you knew it had not been disbanded?) Maybe it is because what was voted on by the members was not followed, just like the dissolution statement in the articles of incorporation, and just like the by-laws.

Maybe it is because when two members of the Auxiliary requested an accounting of how the money was being spent they got stonewalled and were never given access. Red flags go up when the treasurer refuses to be accountable to the members.

Maybe it is because of the officer of the Willow Creek Service Club who told about the offer they received from Marcia, from the Auxiliary Funds, that the members of the Auxiliary did not authorize.

Maybe it is because we noticed and asked about the additional monies being spent above the limits set at that last Auxiliary meeting. We were told that an executive decision had been made. We wondered how many of these executive decisions were going to be made in disregard of limits that were set by the members. We also failed to find in the by-laws where the power for executive decisions was granted.

Maybe it is because we listened when a member who voted for disbanding stated that some of the members were going to try to make sure the money did not go to the Fire Department even though prior limits had been set.

Maybe it is because of the waste of money we saw, concerning smoke detectors. We were glad to see every home in Lexington have at least a smoke detector available for the shelf. But when families who did not need them were told to take them anyway, we saw this as wasting money.

Maybe it is because we followed your advice: "they need to contact the State of Oregon." We have contacted the Corporation Division. Maybe in following your advice you want us to contact the State office of the Attorney General.

Maybe it is because when we look at this whole scenario: it appears that the dissolution statement in the articles of incorporation that the Auxiliary gave to the State was ignored; it appears what told to the town council was ignored; it appears what the members voted on was ignored; it appears what was told to the giving public was ignored; it appears the check signers want to ignore being accountable; it appears that oral reports do not always balance with financial reports and it appears the money was spent elsewhere.

Marcia said, "I can guarantee that all rules and regulations were followed..." Well here is your chance to follow up on that guarantee. We can set up a time where you can bring the cancelled checks, bank statements, and a comparison can first be made, with as you say, "how the remaining funds would be spent." Check book ledgers by themselves are not good enough as verification. (s) Glenn Anderson Assistant Chief Lexington FD Lexington

Marriage License

March 21: Jose Daniel Macias, 22, Hermiston and Liliana O. Perez, 18, Hermiston; and Jerry G. Bair, 62, Irrigon and Nina P. Minton, 53, Irrigon.

Listen and think through problems, don't ignore them

To the Editor:

Let's take a little stroll down memory lane, say about fifty or sixty years.

About the time the internal combustion engine started its down hill trip to obsolete.

When people talked about virtually cost free electric cars for the 21st century. Bright, clear skies and smiling faces. (Commercials of the 50s and 60s.)

What happened to the great American dream that would take us into a technologically advanced future? What happened to a world of peace and plenty? Share, and share alike?

What happened to it? No one listened back in the 50s and 60s, that's what happened.

Back when people asked serious questions like: "How long will fossil fuel last?" and "What will replace it?" Nobody that controlled oil then worked toward that inevitable end.

Instead, inventors were paid not to invent or market their inventions. No one talked seriously about how to get through a transition period that must happen. In short: nobody's talking.

Yet, there are those few transitional minded people, for example, some of the bigger strip mining operations, Kennecott Copper in Utah, for one, that have spent millions of dollars on new equipment. Dump trenches and draglines with capacities at least 300 percent more that run seven days a week, 24 hours a day, with a 60-year life expectancy. Progress today: all this new equipment is totally electric.

Intelligent progress: Think through any problem, invent an acceptable plan and go forward with it. It's considerably better than this "grab it up before it's gone" war.

Bottom line: It still remains to be proven if chemical or nuclear weapons exist. Considering the documents that supposedly proved the attempt to purchase uranium were fakes, there's little doubt there's been some deception, but no one knows by who.

There are two reasons why the anti-war demonstrators won't simply go away.

(s) Phillip Kight Heppner

DA's Report

Javier Pedro Bustamante was convicted of Attempt to Elude Police, a Class-A misdemeanor. Bustamante's driver's license was suspended for 90 days and he was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, 24 months bench probation, community service, and payment of \$874 in fines.

Rhonda K. Draves (kna: Rhonda K. Pelletier) admitted to and was convicted of Contempt of Court for failure to pay child support. Draves was sentenced to five years bench probation with 90 suspended days in jail. She was also ordered to begin and continue to make monthly payments of no less than the court ordered amount plus 20 percent.

Jonathan A. Nelson was convicted of Assault-4, a Class-A misdemeanor. Nelson was sentenced to 365 suspended days in jail, 24 months bench probation and \$624 in fines.

4-H News

North Lex Livestock Club

By Meghan McCabe, reporter

North Lex Livestock Club held their first club meeting of the year on March 9. Members began the meeting by electing officers for the club. Officers are Diana McElligott, president; Tracy Griffith, vice-president; and Meghan McCabe, secretary.

The members discussed suggestions for what they could do for community service this year. Next, they discussed goals that everyone wanted the club to have this year. Everyone agreed that we should have at least one field trip this year and thought of places to go to. Members of the club thought that it would be a great idea to have a barbeque at the end of the school year. The last topic that was discussed was when members would meet, what time the meetings would be and where the meetings would be. Members decided to have a meeting every other week.

The club's second meeting of the year was March 16. Two new members joined the group and were caught up on what was discussed at the last meeting. Club leader Justin Miller helped the club members put their record books together and made sure members had all the necessary papers in their binders. The next topic that was discussed was selecting what days to have meetings in April. Everyone agreed to meet on April 13 and April 21.

Picture Perfect

By Lynzee Sjurset, reporter

The Picture Perfect photography club met on March 17 at Wheatland Insurance. Members present were Shannon and Kara Clay, Emily Rietmann, Kim Morris, Tiana Camarillo and Lynzee Sjurset.

Members brought pictures from the field trip taken in January to photograph old buildings at the cemetery in Morgan. We also visited Bob Perry's ranch and took many pictures.

Leader Kristy Crowell passed out new information about fair. The club's next meeting will be on May 4. We will be taking pictures using special effects and learning creative uses for photography.

Commission meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families will be held on Tuesday, April 8, in the conference room of the Department of Human Services Building, at 103 S.W. Kinkade, Boardman, from 7-9 p.m.

Agenda items will include program reports, discussion of Emergency Food and Shelter Program, budget, RFP status and other business as necessary. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the discussions. For further information or for special accommodations, call 676-9675.

SWCD, Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, April 1 at 5 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner. Agenda and discussion items include: manager report; Navy Bombing Range weed control, weed management questionnaire review, BPA buffer update, the budget hearing on April 11 and agency reports.

This meeting is open to the public.

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