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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 \$7.)

Local residents appreciate care of PMNH

To the Editor:
To Morrow County residents,
My family and I need to express our deep appreciation to the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home for all they did for Frank. He was in the Nursing Home for over a year and he received the best care we could ask for.

The nurses and the aides working in the Nursing Home were exemplary in giving untiring care to all of the residents. We feel lucky to count them as our friends.

We think our lives

were enriched by knowing the residents, each with their rich history. We wish them well in their new homes.

We applaud Victor Vander Does and the Morrow County Medical Board in their long efforts to keep the Nursing Home running. We, unfortunately, live in a poorly populated area, and if the money isn't here, it isn't here. We hope the medical facilities we have left will be strongly supported so we can keep them.

(s) Kay Anderson and family Heppner

Walden advocates for increased CSEPP funding for Morrow, Umatilla counties

U.S. Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR) submitted testimony recently to the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities that requests increased funding for Morrow and Umatilla counties under the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP). The Subcommittee held a hearing Oct. 30 entitled, "U.S. Chemical Weapons Stockpile Program Status and Issues," which examined issues surrounding the demilitarization of chemical munitions across the nation, including emergency preparedness plans to protect communities situated near chemical weapons facilities.

"Given the gravity of the threat to the people of Oregon posed by these chemical agents, both I and my colleagues in this Congress have a profound responsibility to ensure that our citizens are properly prepared as we move toward the complete destruction of the nation's chemical weapons stockpile," wrote Walden. "For this reason, it is paramount that we spare no expense in preparing our communities to respond quickly and effectively to the accidental release of chemical agents."

Walden's testimony focuses on the need to provide Morrow and Umatilla counties with increased federal funds to implement community preparedness projects. Currently, Oregon is slated to receive \$5.6 million in federal funding for Fiscal Year 2004, far short of the \$12.9 million that both the Governor's office and Morrow and Umatilla County officials say is needed to fund emergency preparedness projects. The projects that may be jeopardized by a shortfall in CSEPP funds include the evacuation project for the City of Hermiston, upgrades to existing over-pressurized schools, and additional warning sirens and tone alert radios for the Immediate Response Zone.

Obituaries

George Norman Moore

George Norman Moore, 68, died Oct. 23, 2003, at his home in American Fork, UT.

Graveside services were held Oct. 28 at the American Fork Cemetery.

Moore was born April 7, 1935 in Heppner to Clarence and Mona Moore.

Moore was a staff sergeant in the Air Force during the Korean War. He married Bronna K. Dille on Sept. 1, 1956 in Salt Lake City, UT. He worked for and retired from, Union Special Corporation where he was the west coast representative for industrial sewing machines. Moore was a member of the Catholic Church.

Moore is survived by his wife, Bronna of American Fork; sons, George M. Moore of Roseburg, Patrick E. Moore and Edward and his wife, Hillary Moore of American Fork; daughters, Lori, and her husband, Robert Chadwick of American Fork and Cindy and her husband, Steve Johnston of Dugway, UT; 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; sister, Clarice and her husband, Clarence Baker of Heppner; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Daniel.

Bridget "Bridie" Doherty

Bridget "Bridie" Doherty, 95, of Hermiston, died Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003, at her home.

Recitation of the Rosary will be Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003 at 7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Doherty was born March 14, 1908 at Ballinlough, Buncrana, County Donegal, Ireland to parents, Roger and Annie (McCloskey) Bradley.

Bridie was a resident of Hermiston since 1932. On Jan. 23, 1926 she married John K. "J.K." Doherty at Cardonough, Ireland. She had a life long partnership with her husband as a farmer and a dairyman. She was a member of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, their Altar Society, and the Catholic Daughters. Bridie was a kind and gentle person who was a friend to many.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Betty Doherty of Heppner; daughters, Mary Frances Doherty of Hermiston, Veronica and son-in-law Mac Campbell of

Hermiston, and Sarah "Patti" and son-in-law John W. Carroz of Roseville, CA; a sister, Annie Frances Bradley of Buncrana, Ireland; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, John K. "J.K." Doherty in 1997; parents, Roger and Annie Bradley; sisters, Madge, Lizzie, and Mary; and brothers, James and Johnnie Bradley.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave., Suite 6, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Maxine Cox

Maxine Cox, 71, of Lexington, died Monday, Oct. 27, 2003, at Salem.

A graveside memorial service was held Nov. 1, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Cox was born May 5, 1932, at Hillsboro to Orlin and Elsie Huston.

On Oct. 2, 1947, she married Bernard Lyle Cox at McCord Air Force Base in Washington State. The couple lived at Lexington.

Mrs. Cox was a mail carrier, delivering mail for more than 30 years. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, sewing, being a homemaker and especially enjoyed being "grandma" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include daughter, Karen Gavin of Salem; sons, Richard Cox of Lexington and Nalbro Cox in Virginia; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard, in 1987.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Willamette Valley Hospice, 2700 Market Street, N.E., Salem, OR 97301, or to the American Cancer Society, Oregon Division, 0330 S.W. Curry, Portland, OR 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of local arrangements.

Carol M. Moen

Carol M. Moen, 81, of Boardman, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003 at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

A graveside funeral service was held Nov. 1 at Riverview Cemetery in Boardman.

Moen was born Jan. 23, 1922, in Boardman to Charles and Clara Vibbert Dillion. She grew up and attended schools in Boardman. After she graduated she worked as a waitress for a short time before she went to work at the Boardman Post Office. She first worked as a clerk and later as the

postmaster for 19 years before retiring in 1988.

She married Lester "Les" Moen on July 29, 1966, in Long Beach, Wash. Moen enjoyed crafts,

sewing, carving, scrapbooking, stained glass work and going to the coast.

She is survived by her husband, Les of Boardman; son, Bill Getz of The Dalles; five grandchildren, Steve, Stan, Scott, Tara and Andrea, and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Kathy Cimmijotti, brother Warren "Dud" Dillon and sister Maxine Wrenn.

Memorial contributions can be made in her name to the American Cancer Society at 7325 Deschutes Ave., Suite A, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Brenda Twidwell

Brenda Twidwell, 57, of Boardman, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at her home.

A private family service will be held.

Twidwell was born Jan. 23, 1946, at Corby, England, to James and Elsie Helm. She grew up at Corby and attended schools there, coming to the United States when she was 18.

A resident of Boardman for the past 23 years, she enjoyed life, her family and her friends.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth Twidwell of Irrigon; a daughter, Zandra Brooks of Boardman; a brother, Brian Helm and a sister, Barbara Dineen, both of Sidney, Australia, and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Kenneth Twidwell, by a brother, Leonard Helm, a daughter, Maria Elizabeth Gomez, and a son, Sandy Lee Twidwell.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Preparations begin for Heppner Light Parade

As the weather begins to cool, and snow begins to fly, thoughts begin to turn towards winter activities. One of these activities is the annual Heppner Light Parade.

The parade will be held Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to put their thinking caps on to create the best floats ever. Prizes will be awarded in four categories: Best High School Float, Best Commercial Float, Best Community Float, and People's Choice.

Early registration is appreciated but not required. Participants will be able to register at the beginning of the parade.

MCGG post increased sales & lower profit

The Morrow County Grain Growers reported increased gross income, but a drop in net profits for the previous year, at its annual meeting in Heppner Monday night. The co-op showed an increase in sales of \$1,72,539 from \$31,822,513 in 2002 to \$33,548,052 for 2003. But because of losses in the farm supply and fertilizer departments, posted a drop in net profits from \$211,961 last year, to \$38,528 this year.

The lower profit in the fertilizer department was attributed to dry weather. "Farmers don't put fertilizer on a crop with no moisture," MCGG auditor Don Johnson told the gathered members. Johnson added that the co-op's debt to equity ratio was still good at around 1.3 to 1. He said the ratio was expected to get better when certain grain contracts are settled up later this year.

MCGG manager John Ripple said the staff of the co-op was working hard to diversify and that one success was the new ATV business. He said the ATV division posted \$1.3 million in sales and netted the co-op a profit of \$180,000 in 2003. "We continue to cut costs and look for new sales opportunities," Ripple told the members.

Ripple said other improvements at the co-op are remodeling at Hogue Warner that would allow more efficient grain handling and new software added at the head office.

The co-op was also presented with an award as outstanding associate member for 2003 from Oregon Wheat League President Ken Grieb.

New directors elected at the Monday meeting were: Joe McElligott, Ken Klinger, Brian Doherty and Harvey Childers. Associate Directors were Jason Proudfoot, Justin Miller, Virgil Morgan and Ken Grieb.

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emergency medical and fire fighting personnel who are required to keep their skills and certifications up, but find it difficult to travel to urban areas for the necessary classes.

After the ESD tour the legislators went to the wind farm near Condon. The farm generates electricity with large windmills.

The day was finished off with dinner at elegant Condon Hotel.

Those in attendance on the tour were: Rep. Steve March (D-Portland), Rep. Mike Schaufler (D-Happy Valley), Kim Upham of the House Democratic Office, Rep. Laurie Monnes-Anderson (D-Gresham), Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner), Eric Carlson, Policy Analyst-Senate Democratic office, Sen. Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day), Sen. & Mrs. David Nelson (R-Pendleton), Jack Evens and Sandra Flicker of Oregon Rural Electrical Co-op Association, Mayor of Arlington Ruben Wetherell, Gilliam County Judge Laura Pryor, Director Pres. CBEC Lori Anderson, Directors CBEC Ed Asher, Ray Harrison, Jim Hayes, Jerry Hollomon and Bill Jaeger; CBEC Manager Jerry Healy, David Sykes Heppner Gazette, Mac Stinchfield, Editor Condon Times Journal, Bob Jepsen Mayor of Heppner and Dale Thompson Mayor of Condon.

These Sportsmen Are Celebrating Milestone Birthdays!



Gary Watkins ~ 50



Cal Sherman ~ 70



Ron Sherman ~ 50

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE CELEBRATION!
Saturday, November 8 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge
Blue jean attire. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, music and dancing!

Heppner B.P.O.E. #358 YOUTH "BIGGEST ELK" CONTEST

- Open to youth 18 and under
- Entrant must have legally taken and tagged the animal in 2003
- Must have picture taken with entry by local Elks:
 - Burke O'Brien 676-9861
 - Tom Wolff 676-5114
 - Wade Smith 676-5925
 - Lindsay Kincaid 422-7152

- Three Categories:
- 1) Longest Main Beam - Branch Antlered Elk
 - 2) Longest Spike - Spike Elk
 - 3) Longest Bar - Cow Elk
- Call today to get measured... Lots of prizes!