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**Cycle Oregon to lunch in Ione**

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aware that it may take longer than usual.

The first cyclists may arrive as early as 9:30 a.m., while the bulk of the riders will pass through between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Lunch is open until the last rider is served, usually around 3 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy the entertainment and visit with our visitors. The cyclists are "interesting folks" from all over the country and from many walks of life. Small town hospitality is one of

Cycle Oregon's selling points. This is a fantastic opportunity to show off our area and our hospitality.

For the convenience of the bikers and the community, Collier's Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Taylor's Restaurant will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunflower Junction will also be open midday.

For more information, contact Anne Morter, lunch coordinator, at 422-7429.

**Hearing screening to be conducted**

The Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (ESD) will be providing hearing screening to public elementary school students including all kindergarten, first and third grade students, new students to the county, and parent/teacher/principal referrals of students in the other grades. These students will be screened on the dates listed.

The hearing screening is done by the Umatilla-Morrow ESD for public school students of Umatilla and Morrow counties. It is cooperatively sponsored by local school districts. Approximately 4000 children will be seen. Children who fail the initial screening will be re-screened within a three-week period.

Parents who do not want their child's hearing to be screened should notify the school as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the hearing screening program, please contact your school principal, or contact the Audiology Department at the Umatilla-Morrow ESD at 966-3140.

Screenings will be conducted on the following schedule:

Monday, Oct. 17- Ione at 8:15 a.m. and Heppner, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26- Sam Boardman/Windy River, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 27- A.C. Houghton, 8:30 a.m. and Irrigon, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 3- Ione recheck, 8:15 a.m. and Heppner recheck, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 9- Sam Boardman/Windy River recheck, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10- A.C. Houghton recheck, 8:15 a.m. and Irrigon recheck, 12:30 p.m.

**Obituaries**

**Judge Robert Abrams**

Word has been received of the death of former Heppner resident Judge Robert Abrams of Portland. A memorial service will be held later this fall in Heppner. A complete obituary will be included at a later date.

**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 \$10.)*

**Recall, not the way to settle disagreement**

To the Editor:

With Lexington facing a recall election, the community has turned neighbor against neighbor. This chaos is nothing new to Lexington, with past history of the town in disarray, council members resigning, fines imposed and rules and regulations not followed at local, state and federal levels.

Some of the recall pushers display the loudest, unruly, disruptive behavior that is disrespectful of our American system of government at public meetings and yet they find fault with two council members who do not display this inappropriate conduct.

With the absence of a city administrator, Mayor John Edwards and Council member Luella Taylor research many subject matters before making a decision. They have contacted the League of Oregon Cities, Secretary of State Office, Attorney General, OSHA, State Watermaster, Economic

Development and other state, county and federal agencies. Many of Lexington's recall pushers disagree with Edwards and Taylor using this approach to handling city affairs.

Before you cast your vote, ask yourself was there a crime committed or was there gross malfeasance by Edwards or Taylor. You may disagree with their decisions but a recall is no way to settle a disagreement. Remember America is based on public servants disagreeing.

Mayor Edwards and Council member Taylor are good community citizens, who take pride in their homes, are lawful, financially responsible and help their fellow neighbors- just ask the many senior citizens of their special acts of kindness.

If the recall is successful, Lexington community loses two valuable public servants and the community will once again be in turmoil.

(s) Marcia Kemp  
Lexington

**Death tax causes unfair burden on families**

To the Editor:

I am writing to you and your readers because my family's future is in the hands of Senator Ron Wyden.

I am one of those small, family business owners who may be forced to sell his land if something isn't done about the death tax when the Senate returns to Washington next week.

My family has a farm and timberland in rural Virginia. It was my grandfather's and my father's and it means everything to us.

We almost had to sell our land when my father passed away in 1976. When he did, the IRS demanded that my family come up with \$600,000 to pay the death tax. We didn't have that kind of money, so the only way we could pay the tax was to cut every stick of timber that we had and sell it at whatever price we could get. We had to cut 30, 40, 50-years of pine growth at once just to pay the tax.

But when my mother passes, and I pray that is a long time from now, it is highly likely that this time we'll have to sell the land to pay the IRS, which will immediately want 47 percent of the land's assessed value. There's no way we can pay that in real cash without selling the land, which means a lot more to us than dollars and cents.

The cost of accountants and lawyers alone will probably exceed \$150,000. And my mother can't get any more life insurance to help defray the tax bill because of her age.

Super wealthy people have ways to get around the death tax. But families like mine don't. So our fate is up to Senator Wyden, who I understand may cast the deciding vote on this issue.

I humbly ask you to call Senator Wyden at (202) 224-5244 on behalf of families like ours.

(s) Frank Rose  
Waverly, Virginia

**Recalls will allow for handpicking candidates**

To the Editor:

To the residents of Lexington that are considering recalls:

Have you driven through beautiful downtown Lexington? Have you seen the potential Main Street Hazardous Waste Dump? (Old cars, machinery, trailers, trash and etc.) Have you seen all the well kept up

homes and properties? There are quite a few and there are some that are not.

Oh yes. Watch out Lexington. Prosperity is on the way, with a new cult-handpicked mayor and council.

Don't forget Antelope and what happened there. Lexilope could be next.

(s) Bob Taylor  
Lexington

**Asbestos Bill takes away right to trial by jury**

To the Editor:

Re: R.R. Spector Asbestos Bailout Bill S-852  
Several letters to the editor have appeared in my local newspaper regarding the Spector Asbestos Bailout Bill. They jarred my memories of my own loss. I feel, I too, must take up the torch.

My husband was a Boiler Maker, and then he took his Boiler test and became an all lines, and boiler inspector, with Commercial Union Insurance Company, where he was further exposed. They discovered Asbestos in my husband 50 years after his first exposure. Yes, it is really so. Just like all the info tells you. Bob died Sept. 12, 2001. In the past few years, my husband died and his best friend and at least five others, who worked at a refinery in Casper, Wyoming. They died from Mesothelioma. Many others, who worked there, had or have some form of asbestos poisoning that either took their lives or left them severely crippled.

The Industry has known since 1930 that Asbestos was carcinogenic and dangerous to its workers. They could have at least provided adequate respirators and disposable clothing. Or not use asbestos at all.

The Spector Bailout Bill is a trust fund provided by the defendants, and they decide who is worthy and who isn't. It takes away your right to trial by jury and wipes out any pending lawsuits. It is devastating to see the pain and suffering of any loved one who is dying of cancer. But to know they did not have to only makes it worse. If this bill passes they will be further victimized by questionable compensation.

I know we have all read these letters and said, "Sorry, but it doesn't affect me." It will affect you if our civil rights, such as "trial by jury," are eroded away.

(s) Loy Wheeler  
Story, Wyoming

**Ione Community Church morning service moved to evening vespers**

The Ione Community Church will not have an 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 11, because of the Cycle Oregon bicycles. Instead, a vespers musical service will be held at 7 p.m. that day.

People are welcome to bring their own music and readings to the service. Anyone who needs musical accompaniment may contact Beth Heagy, 422-7066.

The vespers service will be followed by cake and ice cream.

**Youth group to meet**

A Community Youth Group meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, starting at 8 p.m. at the Christian Life Center in Heppner. Youth in grades seven through 12 are invited to attend.

A parent meeting will be held at 7 p.m. prior to the youth meeting.

**RETIREMENT POTLUCK**

for

**DUANE NEIFFER**

Sunday, Sept. 18, 1 p.m.

at the Wagenblast Farm, Lexington

(from Lexington, drive out Clark's Canyon 1 mile)

Bring salad or dessert!

**3rd Annual Fund Raising Dinner**

*to benefit the Ione Education Foundation*

Enjoy the dinner, auction & raffle

Saturday, September 24

Social hour at 6 p.m. / Dinner at 7 p.m.  
at the Ione American Legion Hall

Menu: Prime Rib, Crab, Shrimp, Salad, Bread, Baked Potato, Dessert. Two drinks included with meal (choose from beer, wine and soft drinks).

**Ticket Prices:**

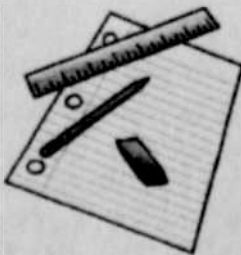
Adults - \$25.00

Children 12 and under - \$10.00

6 and under - free

Tickets available at

Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione



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