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~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT 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.

PMH nurses appreciated for hard work and outstanding care

To the Editor:

May 6-12, 2006 has been designated as National Nurse Appreciation Week, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the nurses I work with every day.

At Pioneer Memorial Hospital we have five Registered Nurses (RNs), with a total of 112 years of experience. The hospital and emergency room is staffed by one RN and one Certified Nurses Aide (CNA), working 12 hours shifts, with another RN available on-call if needed. Each of these nurses maintains certifications in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Adult and Pediatric Trauma Care. Each of these nurses is able to triage and initiate life supporting therapies while physicians and other backup is being summoned. These five staff and share call for the hospital 365 days a year.

Three RNs staff Pioneer Memorial Home

Health and Hospice, providing medically necessary care to the residents of Morrow and Gilliam counties, their years of experience total 83. These three share 24-hour, 365 days a year call for our Home Health and Hospice patients.

Often receive letters from patients or patients' family members expressing their appreciation for the care they received from our nursing staff. Many people's lives have been changed in a positive way because of their care, compassion, professionalism and influence.

This handful of women has consciously and unconsciously touched others' lives in ways that can never be fully measured but are felt by many. By wiping a tear, providing a reassuring word, intervening in a crisis, carefully administering medications, a hug when hope is wavering, each interaction leaves an indelible mark on the individuals involved.

Yes, it is National Nurses Appreciation Week—and I appreciate the outstanding contribution these nurses make to our patients and our community.

(s) Molly Rhea
PMH Director of Nursing,
Home Health and Hospice

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OPEN ON
WEDNESDAY,
MAY 3rd.**

-Morrow County
Road Department

Spicer takes time to weigh both sides of situations

To the Editor:

We are supporting Annetta Spicer in her campaign for Circuit Court Judge, 6th District, Position 5. We have known Ann for over 25 years. She is one of the fairest people we have ever known. She always takes the time to weigh both sides of a situation, whether it is with a client, or dealing with family and friends.

Ann has experience in many areas of the law including family, criminal, municipal, appellate and general civil law. She has been an attorney in general practice for the past 23 years in both Morrow and Umatilla counties. Ann has served as the Morrow County District Attorney and the Deputy District Attorney. She has been the attorney for the City of Umatilla. Currently, she is on the Umatilla-Morrow County Family Law Advisory Committee and she is the Hermiston Domestic Violence Victims attorney. For the Oregon State Bar, she serves on the Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Ethics Committee.

Ann is committed to her communities, leadership and service. Ann is tough, fair and has the most experience for the position. Please join us in voting for Annetta L. Spicer for Circuit Court Judge.

(s) Frank and Cara Osmin
Heppner

To excise or not to excise

To the Editor:

It's very simple. The Oregon State Constitution says it best. Article XI, sections 7 and 9, which are commonly referred to as the "Lending of credit provisions" spell it out in black and white. Section 9, however, paints the picture in color for you. Section 9 reads: Limitations on the powers of county or city to assist corporations- No county, city, town or other municipal corporation, by vote of its citizens, or otherwise, shall become a stockholder in any joint company, corporation or association, whatsoever, or shall raise money for, or loan its credit to, or in aid of, any such company, corporation or association. These restrictive provisions were placed in our constitution to protect the public against government spending abuses, in order that pressures of the moment could not overwhelm these legislatures, municipal governing boards and councils and even local elections. Section 9 was intended to prevent the

union of public and private capital in any enterprise whatsoever. It also closes the doors on massive public debt, governmental corruption, waste and unsavory political practices. The essence of Article XI, section 9 was to restrict the activities and functions of the state, county and municipality to that of government and forbid their engaging directly or indirectly in commercial enterprises for profit.

As I sympathize with those in our county that need work. The Constitution of Oregon should not be bent, twisted or manipulated by our local government in the name of creating jobs. This speedway project is purely government pledging its credit and taxing power to a private enterprise. Let them gain their own financing- like every other business in Oregon. The constitution of Oregon protects your rights. Protect it, by voting no.

It's wrong whether it affects you or not.

(s) Jim and Kelly Doherty
Boardman

Grieb expresses why he wants to be commissioner

To the Editor:

To the Citizens of Morrow County:

I have had many people ask me why I want to be a commissioner. I simply tell them, "It's because I like to help people solve problems."

The county commission position would allow me to take many of my past leadership experiences and use them to make a positive difference for the citizens of Morrow County.

I have been involved in every community within our county in one way or another and I have built relationships that would give me an excellent opportunity to help this county grow and prosper.

I believe in community service and economic development- so I am a member of the Willow Creek Economic Development Group, the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization (ICABO) and the Chambers of Commerce of Irrigon, Boardman and Heppner.

In my work with the Oregon Wheat Growers League and serving as that organizations state president in 2003, I gained extensive experience dealing with policy issues, budgets and decision making.

Morrow County is not that far away from Salem or Washington D.C. when you think of all the state and federal mandates we are expected to comply with. I have lobbied these agencies and policy makers as well as testified at state and federal hearings. I understand that process and know what it takes to get results from those efforts.

I also understand the political process. Politics is about building relationships and coalitions in order to get things accomplished. I have the qualities necessary to build and strengthen those relationships for the

enrichment of our county.

I want the very best for our county and its people. We need the county to be strong financially in order to provide a high level of services. To do this we must plan strategically to ensure that public dollars are utilized to their fullest.

My public service experiences have fueled my passion to serve the citizens of Morrow County as your commissioner. So I ask for your support, your trust and your vote. I have a real desire to make a real difference.

(s) Ken Grieb
Lexington

Spicer's knowledge makes her good candidate

To the Editor:

Ann Spicer has over 28 years of experience working as an attorney, all of those years in Morrow County. During this time, she has worked in the areas of criminal prosecution, defense, family law, divorce, child custody and general practice.

Ann has been active in various community service organizations, including volunteer work on St. Patrick's Day and serving as a board member and chairperson of the Oregon Trail Library District.

Given that Ann has raised her children in Morrow County, lived in Morrow County for 28 years and has been active in the community, she has first hand knowledge of the issues facing our county. Her experience is well rounded and this will be beneficial to her and us as a judge. She has proven herself over time to be a person of high integrity. Ann will listen to all discussions presented and her decisions will be based upon fairness and impartiality. Please join us in voting yes for Ann Spicer.

(s) Barney and Kimberly
Lindsay
Lexington

Brauer has expertise for judge

To the Editor:

Please vote for Christopher Brauer for Circuit Court Judge, Position 5, Umatilla and Morrow counties on May 16.

Brauer has the legal expertise in both criminal and civil law to be an outstanding judge. He has been professional and fair, yet tough on crime in his current position as Umatilla County District Attorney. Brauer has been elected and re-elected by the public over his 11-year tenure as DA. Certainly that record speaks for the excellent job he has done for the public.

Additionally, Christopher Brauer is the only candidate endorsed by all four circuit court judges in Umatilla and Morrow counties. A qualification no other candidate can claim.

Please join me in voting for Christopher Brauer for Circuit Court Judge, Position 5, Umatilla and Morrow counties on May 16.

(s) Mike McHenry
Weston

Obituaries

Freddie Albert Breeding

Freddie Albert Breeding, 62, of Heppner, died on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

A memorial service was held Saturday, April 29, at 1 p.m., at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Breeding was born on Nov. 23, 1943 to parents Albert Mason and Elba Alice Vinson Breeding in Lexington. The family moved to the Hermiston-Stanfield area where he attended school. Later he moved back to the Heppner area where he married Mildred Winters who preceded him in death in 2003.

Survivors include his sister, Aileen Stice of Salem; stepchildren, Simon Winters of Lexington and Dave Winters and Sally Maddern both of Heppner; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; five nephews and one niece. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Floyd Breeding and sisters, Yvonne Garber and Lucile Breeding.

Memorial Contributions can be sent to Aileen Stice at 990 Cordon Road, NE, Salem, OR 97301.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Local man sets off on cross-country bicycle trip

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wife, Sandy, will travel to California to spend some time with her sister, and then return to Ione and finish the summer out with the Morters.

Wolfsen has been an avid bicyclist all of his life and when his children were younger, the family took many 10-day summer bicycling trips. He now enjoys bicycling around Morrow County and has gotten his grandson into bicycling. Wolfsen biked over 4000 miles last year and has already accumulated 1200-plus miles for 2006.

Wolfsen is also very big into bicycle safety, wanting to let readers know they should always wear helmets, wear bright colors and always presume that vehicle drivers cannot see you. He also said it is very important to ride on the right-hand side of the road and don't switch sides as you see cars coming.

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