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 have been many representations in her "In My View" articles. And, again, there should be a disclaimer in each and everyone of those articles even though it may be considered redundant.

I also understand that our Columbia County Commission has no standard regarding letters being sent on County stationery as to whether the issue in a letter has been supported by the majority of the commission members. I can recall being in receipt of letters from a commissioner on an issue and this person did not represent the commission's stance written to me.

I suggest that all of these public elected bodies become more conversant with the State of Oregon's public record and meetings manual. This manual is published by the State of Oregon Department of Justice. It is fast becoming apparent that we citizens need to have more documentation of the actions being taken officially by our elected representatives at all levels. The Port of St. Helens should order copies of these laws for all of its members and it executive, in my opinion. There is much to be learned by this public body

judging by it overall behavior of late.

We need to work together to prevent destroying good ideas and works. No wonder it can become difficult to find candidates who bring to the table their willingness to give us another vision of how things can be. I for one, would like to have my suggestions put to the test.

**Paula Becks Scappoose**

**Seeking love stories from Oregon couples**

To the Editor:

Another couple's story inspired me to take steps that eventually led me to meet my husband. I am now writing a book about how couples meet and what makes their relationships last, to similarly inspire and guide both singles seeking love and couples looking to make their love last.

Composed of true stories, the book will illuminate how people first met the loves of their lives and how they make their relationships thrive. I hope that a wide variety of readers will find the book's stories touching, poignant, and fun.

I invite couples in Oregon to submit stories about how they

met and what they think are the essential elements that help make their relationships last. They may describe as few or as many elements as they wish (one-three, typed, single-spaced pages total).

Submit stories, comments and photographs by email to <contact@bookstories.net>, my website, <www.bookstories.net> or send to:

Bookstories  
 1288 Columbus Ave. #154  
 San Francisco, CA  
 94133-1302

Thank you for helping me share love stories from Oregon.

**Betty Lucas**  
[www.bookstories.net](http://www.bookstories.net)

**Citizens need United Way more than ever**

To the Editor:

As Co-chair of the Columbia County United Way 2004 Campaign, I am writing this letter to ask for your support.

United Way of Columbia County is celebrating 40 Years of Improving Lives, Building Hope and Strengthening the Community, by helping provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, counseling, as well as offering basic needs for women and children who are

victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, drug and alcohol prevention and intervention for our schools, child care resources for parents, transportation and in-home meals for seniors, and emergency services and basic needs for residents of Columbia County

This year, Columbia Pacific Food Bank distributed a total of 732,365 pounds of food and household items to emergency food box pantries and other local hunger-relief agencies throughout Columbia County. This is an increase of 37% from 2002.

These are just a few of the programs that United Way helps fund with your dollars.

Our citizens need our help this year more than ever. Please help us support the growing needs in our community by contributing to the United Way Campaign.

**Johneta Johnson, Co-chair**  
**Columbia County**  
**United Way Campaign**

**Thanks for help with annual Fall Festival**

To the Editor:

The Mist-Birkenfeld Helping Circle would like to thank

everyone that donated items and gift certificates for our Fall Festival. We would also like to thank those who gave monetary donations and everyone that helped with the Fall Festival in any way.

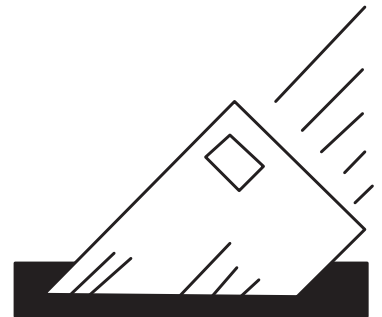
**Shirley Kyser, President**  
**Mist-Birkenfeld**  
**Helping Circle**

**Thanks for making rose sales a success**

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the Lions Club to thank the citizens of Vernonia and the surrounding area for supporting this year's rose sale. The sale was a great success, we sold out this year. So, thank you all who supported the Lions Club in this fundraiser.

**Gail Snethen, Secretary**  
**Vernonia Lions**



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