

# AILENE

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staff is irreplaceable and of immense value.”

Technically Ailene has been retired from the News since 1994 — she began here in 1972, proofreading copy and “pasting up” the paper, and in her spare moments, she’d “come back to archive,” a job she inherited from a previous News employee at the urging of then publisher Dick Nafsinger. Her files used to take up two filing cabinets; now, obituaries alone total around 15,000 files, and she has cabinets spread around the newsroom and in the basement.

“We need more — but I don’t know where to put them. I’m trying to make room for more files, especially obits,” Ailene said.

After her retirement, then publisher Jim Kelly asked her to come back part time and focus on the archives.

“I said OK, for a while. It’s been a long while,” she smiled.

She has a filing system that’s all her own — which is why we’re technically not allowed to put files back after we take them out.

“That’s why I have to go through them once in a while and check everything,” she said. “It’s a chore.”

Ailene’s day at the News starts at 7:30 a.m., and the first thing she does is see if the paper is off the press. If it’s a Tuesday, chances are the B section is already running. If it’s a Friday, she’s looking for the classifieds.

Once the paper is off the press, she takes 50 copies back to her work area.

She files 25 copies of each paper, which she keeps for a year. Then, she cuts out the advertising pages as directed by ad staff and looks through the articles in search of pictures, names and places. She cuts out each article and piles them by category, each with a date stamp; next, she goes through her drawers and cabinets to locate the envelopes needed to file them.

Some will already have an envelope, and some will need a new one made. She labels each one clearly on her typewriter and files them away accordingly.

“I’m always looking for new envelopes,” she said (and by “new,” she means “any” — a lot of recycling goes on in the archives). “Sometimes they’re not perfect, but they work. Sometimes I get a box from somebody in the (print shop) without writing on it, but not often.”

She also keeps each by-lined story and files them in the reporters’ or columnists’ envelopes. After a year, “I stick ‘em in the basement with everything else,” she said.

While she sees her job as “just filing,” the News staff benefits from her careful collecting every day.

“I love seeing Ailene’s smiling face each Tuesday and Friday,” said Jody Thompson, Hood River News advertising manager. “I don’t know what we would do without her help with tear sheets and clip files. It makes our job so much easier, having the weekly tear sheets



Photos by Trisha Walker

AILENE HIBBARD stores a recent Hood River News story into one of her many clip files. When a file doesn’t get properly returned to its spot, she makes note of it with little cartoons — an example of her quiet humor.

available that we can reference all year.

“For example, if we speak to a customer who missed an article in the paper about a certain person, business or event, we can use the handy clip files that are archived to find that article and make a copy for the customer. If the clip file is not available, we can always use the weekly tear sheets that Ailene provides us that we keep on hand for the entire year.”

Editor Kirby Neumann-Rea said the value of the files are the history they contain.

“Ailene’s files means peo-

ple are remembered,” he said. “We go to them all the time to learn about our community, and what has gone before us. The clip file, as I like to call it, is an invaluable resource and we frequently draw from that deep well. Be it a business, organization, or individual, we can dip into the files and find what we need.”

“The section devoted to obits — an eight foot cabinet three rows deep — is particularly helpful when we want to learn about people from the past, their family past or alive, or how a business or

project that is still with us today got its start. Ailene’s work serves as a history of the community, but it is not just about history. It is about what is happening around us today.”

As a little side note, the News isn’t Ailene’s first newspaper, but it is where she’s worked the longest. She began at the Victorville Press in Victorville, Calif., as a proofreader — she also pasted up pages — and later worked a similar position in Paso Robles.

She had a short stint at the paper in South Lake Tahoe

after winning a chamber of commerce writing contest, where she proofread, and an equally short stint in Florida, where she took a break from newspapers to work in a library, and later at her father’s dress shop. On a camping trip in Oregon, she fell in love with the Hood River Valley and put her name in at the News. She was eventually hired by Nafsinger — she thinks the cartoon cards she sent weekly telling him how much she wanted to become an Oregonian finally wore him down — and she’s been with us ever since.

# HEAT

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p.m. and 8 p.m. At all other times, the area is to be cleared of flammable vegetation and the following fire equipment is required: one axe, one shovel, and one operational 2 and a half pound or larger fire extinguisher in good working order.

■ Use of motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, is prohibited, except on improved roads and except for vehicle use by a landowner and employees of the landowner upon their own land while conducting activities associated with their livelihood.

■ Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required while traveling in a motorized vehicle, except on federal and state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel and one gallon of water or one operational 2 and a half pound or larger fire extinguisher, except all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles which must be equipped with an approved spark arrester in good working condition.

■ Mowing of dried grass with power driven equipment is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., except for the commercial culture and harvest of

agricultural crops.

Use of fireworks is prohibited.

West Side Fire District has been patrolling from Mitchell Point to Reed Road, updating information for its Wildfire Response Plan, noting conditions such as access, water supply, fire breaks, hazards, and fuel loading, according to fire marshal Jim Trammell.

“Fire season is upon us and we want to have the most up to date information, he said.

With temperatures likely to reach 100 degrees and potential for muggy conditions, it is important to be cautious during this abnormally early heat wave, according to authorities.

“While enjoying the weekend, we need to make sure we take heat warnings seriously,” said Oregon Office of Emergency Management Director Andrew Phelps. “It is important to keep an eye on those who are most vulnerable to the effects of extreme heat, like infants and young children, our elderly family members and neighbors, and those with chronic medical conditions.”

Pacific Power wants to remind customers to stay safe and use these tips to beat the heat, use less energy and

save money.

■ **Be air conditioner smart**  
 ■ Set your thermostat at 78 degrees. This will keep you comfortable and cooling your house below that temperature can increase your air conditioning bill as much as 8 percent.

■ Don’t turn off the air conditioner when you’re gone; instead set it higher, at 85 degrees. That setting allows your air conditioner to use less electricity to cool the house than if the air conditioning has been off all day, but doesn’t shut down altogether.

■ Use an air conditioner timer or programmable thermostat; set it to start bringing your home’s temperature from 85 degrees down to 78 degrees no more than 30 minutes before you get home.

■ Lamps, televisions or any other appliance that creates heat needs to be kept away from the thermostat; they will impact its accuracy.

■ Your air conditioner will operate most efficiently if you trim nearby foliage to allow adequate air flow around the unit.

■ Don’t block inside distribution vents with furniture or other objects.

Don’t let the sun shine in  
 ■ On warm days, close blinds and drapes, especially

in south-facing windows which allow in the most heat.

■ Open windows in the evening and circulate cool air.

■ Open windows in evening and early morning to let in cool air. Be aware, however, of any safety or security issues.

■ Use fans to bring in and circulate cool air. Ceiling and window fans use less electricity than an air conditioner when the compressor is engaged. Running an air conditioner in fan-only mode can also be effective as outside temperatures drop.

Reduce the heat inside  
 ■ Use heat-producing appliances like ovens, dishwashers and dryers in the early morning or late evening when temperatures are cooler.

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 Come check out all of our breads, rolls, baguettes, and specialties always baked fresh!

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