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SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Sheriff's Dept. at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following calls during the past week:

On July 5, Margie Worden reported a grass fire at 435 Alder Street in Heppner. Local citizens were reported to have the fire under control before the fire dept. arrived.

Also on July 5, a one-vehicle accident was reported by a passing motorist in the east-bound lane of Interstate 84, milepost 175. Two women and one child were involved in the accident. The Oregon State Police responded to the call.

In another July 5 incident, four deaths were reported as a result of a trailer fire at the Locust Trailer Court in Irrigon. The Irrigon Fire Dept., the Oregon State Police, a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy and Dr. L.D. Tibbles, Morrow County medical examiner, responded.

On July 4, Mrs. George Griffith reported a truck on fire on the highway at Morgan. A Morrow County Sheriff's deputy responded.

Also on July 4, Carl Sheldon, Condon, reported a grass fire on North Potter Street, Condon. The Condon Police Dept. responded.

In another July 4 incident, Greg Jones reported a grass fire just below the tennis court at Heppner Junior High School. The fire had been extinguished by Jones when the Heppner Fire Dept. arrived.

On July 3, Ed Hanson, Boardman, reported a theft from his property at West Glen. A Morrow County Sheriff's deputy responded.

Only July 1, Eldon E. Owen, Ione, was arrested by a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy for alleged Assault IV. The subject was lodged at the Hermiston Safety Center.

On June 30, Charles A. Vandetta, Heppner, was arrested by the Heppner Police Dept. for alleged Assault IV. The subject posted bail and was released.

Also on June 30, Sabre Farms reported a fire out of control on Poleling Road at Lindsay Canyon. The Morrow County Grain Growers and the Umatilla Army Depot responded to the call.

On June 29, a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy recovered a stolen vehicle on Interstate 84 and Highway 730 junction. The vehicle had been reported stolen out of Portland.

Also on June 29, Harold Peck reported that the museum at the Morrow County Fairgrounds had been broken into. A Sheriff's deputy responded to the call.

In another June 29 incident, a two-vehicle accident was reported on Boardman Avenue in Boardman. The Boardman City Police responded. A Boardman ambulance also responded and transported the injured to Hermiston.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Wed., July 8 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.
Thurs., July 9 - Lexington

Fire Dept., City Hall, Lexington, 7:30 p.m.; Port of Morrow Commission, Port Office, Nelson Square, Boardman, 1 p.m.
Mon., July 13 - Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Planning Commission, City Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.
Wed., July 15 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.; Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, Hospital, Heppner, 9:30 a.m.
Mon., July 20 - Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Ione Planning Commission, City Hall, Ione, 7:30 p.m.; Morrow County School Board, District Office, Lexington, 8 p.m.
Wed., July 22 - Heppner Public Library Board, Library, Heppner, 8 p.m.; Morrow County Court, County Building, Irrigon, 10 a.m.
Mon., July 27 - Heppner Fire Dept. Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Morrow County Planning Commission, County Building, Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.
Wed., July 29 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.

HEALTH DEPT.

Fri., July 10 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Lexington Health Dept. Office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.
Mon., July 13 - Closed, vacation.

Tues., July 14 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Irrigon County Offices, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wed., July 15 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Bank of Eastern Oregon Kitchen, Ione, 3 to 4 p.m.

Fri., July 17 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Lexington Health Dept. Office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Mon., July 20 - Closed, vacation.

Tues., July 21 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Heppner Neighborhood Center, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Fri., July 24 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Lexington Health Dept. Office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Mon., July 27 - Closed, vacation.

Tues., July 28 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Irrigon County Offices, 1 to 4 p.m.

Fri., July 31 - Closed, vacation.

JUSTICE COURT

Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week.

Dianna Lee Becket, Route 1, Heppner, exceeding maximum speed (70 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone) - \$29 fine; Julie Anice Wattenberger, Evergreen Terrace Apartments no. 23, Heppner, exceeding maximum speed (65 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone) - \$24 bail forfeited.

Road report

The Morrow County Public Works Dept. released the following work report for the week ending July 4:

Roads bladed this past week were: Freezeout, Fuller Canyon, Joe Kenny and Hisler to Johnson Grade.

Oil rock was spread on a section of Baseline.

Pot holes were patched with hot mix on Juniper Road, Meadowbrook Road, Paul Brown Road, Sandhollow Road, B. Doherty-Baseline Road, Myers, and Cutsforth Baseline Road.

The shop worked on truck number 16, 17, 19, and 20. Blade number 27 and 30.

Heppner School reunion planned

The fourth Heppner School reunion, (all classes included) will be held Sunday, August 9, 1981, at Heppner High School. Registration will begin at 10:30 at 10:30 a.m. and will continue throughout the day until 5 p.m.

Family picnic lunchtime will be from 12 noon until 1 p.m., with a short program at 2 p.m.

For further information, call Carlita Bloodsworth, 989-8476.

Garden Club to picnic July 13

The members of the Heppner Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, for a no-host picnic at the home of Bob and Babe Harris. President Julia Hill will conduct a regular monthly meeting after dinner.

The Yard-of-the-Month committee must decide on the July winner as the award will be moved from Elwyn and Patti Bell's yard soon. Plans for the club's participation in the Morrow County Fair need to be discussed and some decisions reached.

The Harris home is at 360 South Chase Street. All family members and house guests are invited to attend the picnic.

Heppner News

David, April, Christopher and Andrew Sykes traveled to Washington over the Fourth of July weekend. In Yakima they stopped to visit and have dinner with April's aunt and uncle, Elaine and Elmer Becker. They spent the remainder of the weekend visiting another of April's aunts, Camille Elliott, who along with her friends, Betty Dicks and Dave Davis, has a home on Puget Sound in Port Orchard.

At a Fourth of July picnic the Sykes were able to visit cousins, Donna and Paul Keiter, their children, Mike, Kelly and Deb, and grandson, Sol; cousins, Jean and Don Duncan, and their children, Camille, Charlie and John; and Shelley Swanson, the daughter of another cousin. They also enjoyed riding the ferries across the Sound and sightseeing in Port Orchard and Seattle. Christopher and David even took a ride to the top of the Space Needle.

AFS student to arrive next week

Kris Donaldson, an American Field Service exchange student from Australia, is scheduled to arrive for a year-long stay in Heppner sometime next week.

BMCC board calls for local control in budget decisions

Decisions about cutting funds for certain kinds of community college classes should be left to the local boards was the feeling endorsed by the Blue Mountain Community College board of education at its June 11 meeting.

The board voted in favor of a resolution to be sent to area legislators which stated, in part, that the board members "go on record as opposing any further dictation from the State of Oregon as to what can be funded and what cannot be funded in community college education."

The resolution came in response to an Educational Coordinating Commission's recommendation that state funding be prohibited for adult self-improvement courses at community colleges. Adult self-improvement classes are offered by the Continuing Education Division of BMCC throughout the two-county area and range from tole painting to accounting.

"If cuts have to be made in state funding, the board expressed its feeling that the legislators should decide the amount of the cut and the local board will decide where to make such cuts," according to college President Ron Daniels.

Currently, self-improvement courses as well as college transfer and vocational program classes are partially funded by state monies. The legislature limits the amount of funding a college can receive. If enrollment is higher than the state ceiling, the community college receives no reimbursement for those students.

"We are unanimously opposed to the state entering into any further mandates regarding what can be and what cannot be funded within what is normally considered to be a legitimate function of a community college," the resolution continued. In the resolution, the board conceded that if state monies become scarce, cuts will have to be made, but the board reiterated its stand that it prefers to decide how the funds will be expended.

Following an executive session, the board ratified an agreement with support staff employees which included a 10 percent raise in salary and fringe benefits. The agreement had already been approved by support staff members.

A regular teaching contract was extended to John Weddle, instrumental music instructor. The contract had not been renewed at the previous board meeting because of a contemplated change in the music program.

Harmon Springer, board member from Hermiston, was presented with a plaque and gavel in honor of his 11 years of service on the BMCC board. Springer complimented the board for being a "harmonious" one. He lauded the college for the "credibility" it enjoys in the two-county area.

Board officers for next year were elected. Tim Mabry, Hermiston, was elected chairman and will serve as the board's representative to the Oregon Community College Association meetings. Joe Green, Pendleton, will serve as vice-chairman.

In other business, the board: - accepted the resignations of Jim Burgess, Applied Photography instructor, and Charles Rochat, Foreign Language instructor.

- granted an easement to Pacific Power and Light for a power line which runs south to the college's track area.

- tabled a request from Al Insko, science instructor, for a one-year unpaid leave of absence.

- adopted the board calendar of meetings for next year. The October meeting was set in Irrigon and the March meeting will be held in Stanfield.

BMCC honors announced

Thirty-seven Blue Mountain Community College students received a perfect 4.0 grade point average during spring term. A 4.0 is a straight 'A' report.

A total of 263 students have earned a place either on the BMCC honor roll or dean's list based on their high grades. Students receiving a 3.5 or better are placed on the college honor roll and those with a 3.0 to 3.5 earn a place on the dean's list.

To be so honored, a student must be carrying at least 12 graded credit hours. They may not have received an 'F' in any class. A pass grade does not count in the 12 graded hours necessary to be included on the honor roll or dean's list.

In addition to the straight 'A' students, another 103 are listed on the spring term honor roll. Students on the dean's list number 123.

Included on the BMCC honor roll from Morrow County are:

HONOR ROLL

Boardman - Donovan, Carol, 4.00.
Heppner - Bailey, Kenneth, 4.00; Farley, Eugene, 4.00; Gentry, Jackie, Kenny, Kathleen, 4.00; Palmer, Larry, and Van Schoick, Daniel.
Ione - Piening, Jeannie.
Irrigon - Doherty, Kathryn; Evans, Francine; Evans, Janette.

DEAN'S LIST

Boardman - McCauley, Jeffery; Pendergrass, Rick; Stubblefield, Cheryl.
Heppner - Healy, Janice; Healy, Maureen; Lott, Michael.
Irrigon - Evans, Mari.
Lexington - McCarl, Melvin.

BIRTHS

Aubrey Dayne Curtis - A daughter, Aubrey, was born to Vernon and Carol Curtis, Irrigon, on June 25, 1981, at Umatilla Hospital at Umatilla.



Wheat growers to hire additional staff

In a move to expand the programs of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, Stan Timmermann, Pendleton farmer and president of the state-wide wheat growers non-profit association, announced that they would be hiring an additional staff person.

Timmermann said that the hiring of an additional staff person had been discussed and approved at the last two statewide OWGL conventions as well as county meetings in each wheatgrowing county organization in Oregon this last year.

"We need to strengthen the OWGL through membership development and involvement," stated Timmermann. "We farmers are sometimes just too production oriented and forget that how we sell our product is just as important—or more important—than how to grow wheat."

Timmermann stated that thousands of dollars are spent on research to produce newer and better varieties of wheat but "very little is spent on informational systems to help farmers sell their wheat after it is produced."

The wheat growers presently hire two staff persons. Wesley Griley is the executive president and Ivon Hale Polly is secretary of the grower's group. There are approximately 9,000 wheat farmers in Oregon.

"We are advertising throughout Oregon to let people know the job position is open," stated Griley. "Knowledge of wheat production and marketing is needed for the position as well as public relations ability. We hope that we receive a number of applicants for the position to choose the best person."

Timmermann said that some of the programs that he

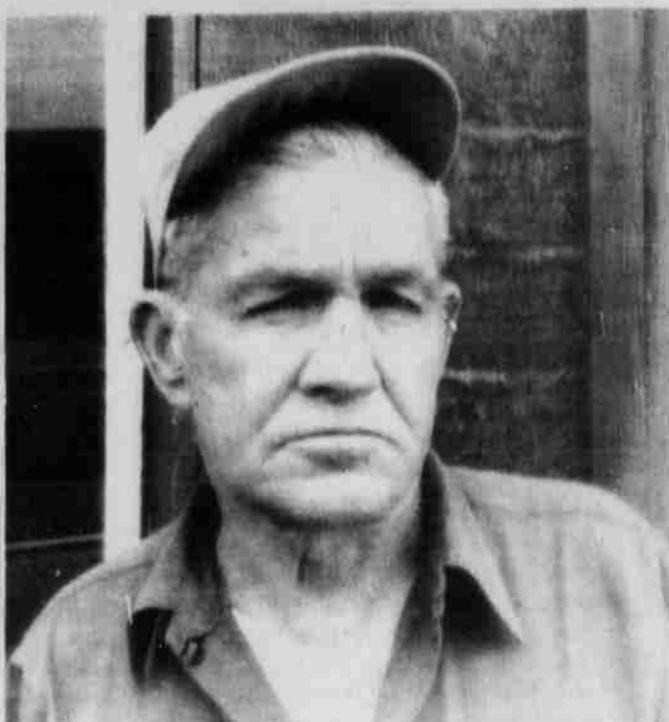
hoped to see expanded include - protection of agricultural pesticides for food production, informational programs on farmer marketing of wheat and cereal grains, larger participation of wheat farmers in volunteer activities, and doing anything to keep the price up on our wheat," exclaimed Timmermann.

The new position is expected to be filled in September. Applicants are asked to re-

quest job descriptions and application information from the OWGL office, P.O. Box 400, Pendleton, OR 97801.

"We have hundreds of projects that need to be explored and worked on to improve the position of Oregon's wheat farmers," Timmermann said. "The addition of this new staff person will help and we look for increased participation from Oregon's wheat growers."

What's Your Opinion?



Question: "Were you satisfied with the results of the Morrow County election last Tuesday?"
"Yes," said Maynard Seefelt, Lexington. "Except for the road levy. The roads are terrible and need fixed. They can't do it without the money."

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Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dike and their three children, Ivan, Coleen and Justin, have returned from a vacation trip to Nebraska, the state they left several years ago when they came to Oregon. Mr. Dike is employed by the railroad and his wife Judy works for a nursing home in Hermiston. Benny and Maxine Reeves have moved their gift shop from the C & H Market to the log cabin on the highway at 7th St. They now stock fishing supplies as well.

The Irrigon Assembly of God will hold a potluck picnic at the Columbia River Park next Sunday, July 12. A softball game will follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Acock spent the 4th of July weekend in Condon, visiting relatives.

The Melon Stand formerly operated by the John Matthews family has now been opened by Rachael Parsons, who calls it the "Last Chance."

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