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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Implications deserve comment**

To the Editor:

After careful consideration as to whether or not to reply to Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative Director Eric Anderson's "plea for help" concerning annual board expenses, because we do not intend to engage in a continuing harangue in the paper with Mr. Anderson, we feel that the implications as to the integrity of the board at least deserve some comment.

In the first place, the \$27,000.00 figure that Anderson presented should have shown that at least \$6,165.00 of that amount was for medical insurance, which, as of February 26, 1981, is no longer an expense item. Also \$260 insurance for business travel includes all employees and directors - which would also be deleted from directors' expense. This brings the actual board expenses down to \$20,575.00 right off the bat. This \$20,575 includes \$3,081 liability insurance and \$230 for 24-hour accident insurance, the balance being for all directors' meetings in and out of town. Secondly, as any intelligent and knowledgeable person knows, the energy problem has a vast scope and is not confined to the immediate area which the directors serve; it is an increasingly complex business and, in the interest of the consumer, deserves the utmost attention and involvement of co-op directors in order that they may effectively serve the best interest of all consumers and advise the manager. If it costs too much to send board members to meetings for first-hand knowledge, and it should be pointed out that not all board members attend all out-of-county meetings, then the entire cooperative would be dependent upon the decisions of one man only, the manager, and there would be no need of having a board, and it is doubtful if any manager would assume the burden of that much responsibility. Had the cooperative sent more

**Out of whack**

To the Editor:

My recent letter to the editor asking rate payer guidance on the issue of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative board expenses (\$27,000., each of the last two years) brought little or no response from rate payers, but a loud and clear response from some directors.

All my fellow directors are honorable men of integrity and do the best they can for the consumer-owners. I did not intend to criticize them individually. I did intend to find the rate payer-owners' feeling on this subject. I think our travel expenses are out of whack.

No out of the area travel is required by us or any agency or organization.

I feel we should not be paid per diem while on these trips out of the northwest. Also as directors we should be willing to pay 25 percent to 50 percent of our plane tickets, meals, and hotel rooms. I have been voting against all out of area travel at company expense whenever votes have been

directors to the Northwest Public Power Assn. meetings, Washington Public Power Supply meetings and Bonneville Power Administration meetings, all out-of-county, we might not now be a small participant in a nearly bankrupt power supply joint venture that ultimately may cost the rate payers of the co-op, millions of dollars along with all the rate payers in Oregon and Washington.

The board of the co-op did limit its participation to four tenths of one percent of WPPS 4 and 5 partly because of the informed decisions of directors who did take time to attend meetings out of our service area at co-op expense. The directors are compensated for their travel expense and receive a per diem amount, but certainly there is no profit in the compensation they receive and in most cases, it does not cover the expense of being away from their own jobs. Also, there are many hours of time and effort that are not included in compensatory checks.

Mr. Anderson, by his own admission has not been an effective board member. As the junior and least experienced member of the board, would it not be to his advantage to participate more to increase his effectiveness rather than ask the board to participate less and thus decrease their effectiveness just for the sake of a few dollars? If Mr. Anderson does not feel it is worth his time to fulfill his duties as a representative of his area by attending informative meetings, then in his case, that truly is a "waste of rate payers' dollars."

- Randall Peterson
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- Fred Greiner

taken.

Travel expenses and travel related per diem (\$60. per day) is now the largest category of board expenses.

I have traveled three times in the last year as a director of CBEC to ORECA, WPPSS, and BPA meetings at no company expense.

I further realize that directors of other power companies, especially large power companies, receive larger travel-related benefits than we do, but that doesn't give us an excuse to be excessive.

Directors tell me they have received no response on this issue from consumers, and as far as I am concerned, this issue is dead. I have one year left as a director and I will continue to exercise what I feel is my complete responsibility. I did not intend to hurt anyone's feelings or make any enemies. I have the same needs for friends and fellowship as anyone else.

Respectfully,  
Eric Anderson  
CBEC Director

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

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

On July 18, a fire was reported in the wheatfield of Gerald Rea, off Bombing Range Road. The Morrow County Grain Growers responded to the call. According to the Sheriff's report, it was unknown whether the fire had actually spread to the wheat.

Also on July 18, Jeffery P. Stevens, Umatilla, was arrested by the Hermiston Police Dept. on a Morrow County 5th Justice Court warrant for allegedly hunting without a license. The subject posted bail and was released.

On July 17, a non-injury accident was reported in front of Bill's Lumber Store, Columbia Ave., N.E., Boardman. The Boardman Police Dept. responded to the call.

On July 16, Patricia Reeves, Irrigon, reported the theft of fishing poles and reels.

Also on July 16, Tony Tudor, Irrigon, reported the theft of cassette tapes.

In another July 16 incident, Darel L. Clark was arrested by a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy for allegedly driving with a revoked license. The subject was lodged at the Umatilla City Jail.

Also on July 16, Jack Brasel, Boardman, requested an ambulance for a female at Lincoln Square Apartments. A Boardman ambulance responded to the call.

On July 15, a lumber truck was reported to be involved in an accident on Highway 74, one mile north of Morgan. The driver was reported to have sustained minor injuries. A Morrow County Sheriff's Dept. responded to the call.

Also on July 15, a brush fire was reported at the junction of Highway 730 and Interstate 84. The Boardman Fire Dept. responded to the call.

On July 13, Pete Lennon, Heppner, reported the theft of a pot belly stove and a branding iron from his residence on Balm Fork.

Also on July 13, the Rev. Cathy Barker, Ione, reported the theft of a five-speed bicycle.

**Justice Court**

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

Robert Lee Betefuhr, P.O. Box 403, Heppner, violation of basic rule (51 miles per hour in a 35 mph designated speed) - \$22 fine;

Jarvis Will Thompson, corner of Cleveland and Columbia streets, Heix, exceeding maximum speed (65 mph in a 55 mph speed limit) - \$24 bail forfeited;

Arthur Eldon Kelley, Rt. 3, Box 3005 Highway 207, Hermiston, exceeding maximum speed (70 mph in a 55 mph speed limit) - \$22 fine;

Marti Jean Baker, 485 W. Linden Way, Heppner, exceeding maximum speed (77 mph in a 55 mph speed limit) - \$34 fine;

Gary Lee Williams, 1420 E. 12th, The Dalles, open container of alcoholic liquor in a motor vehicle - \$29 fine;

David Joe Steelman, P.O. Box 131, Third and 'D' streets, Ione, open container of alcoholic liquor - \$29 fine.

**Hospital Notes**

Patients discharged from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner over the past week include:

Jerry Kroll, Ione, admitted July 13, discharged July 14; and

Winn Crist, Heppner, admitted July 14, transferred July 16.

**BIRTHS**

Ronald Glen Sager - A son, Ronald, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sager, Irrigon, on July 11, 1981, at Umatilla Hospital in Umatilla. Ronald weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz.

Jonathan Jerome Hunter - A son, Jonathan, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hunter, Boardman, on July 8, 1981, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. Jonathan weighed 9 lbs.

Bradley Rayfield Tullius - A son, Bradley, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Tullius, Heppner, on June 30, 1981, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. Bradley weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz.

Dayna Louise McGinnis - A daughter, Dayna, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James McGinnis, Boardman, on June 22, 1981, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. Dayna weighed 7 lbs., 2 1/2 oz.

Joshua Earl Sharp - A son, Joshua, was born to Debbie and Mickey Sharp, Lexington, on July 14, 1981, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Joshua weighed 8 lbs., 8 1/2 oz. He joins a brother, Lanny, 8, and a sister, Donita, 6, at home.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Papineau, Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. Gwen Sharp, Lakeview. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson, Lexington.

**HEALTH DEPT.**

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.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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.

**Ione book program draws 80**

Attendance at the Ione Elementary Library Summer Program reached a total of 80 with 51 fiction and 79 non-fiction books read for three sessions held on July 10, 14 and 17.

The library program will continue Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through July 31. On July 31, at 2 p.m., the program will conclude with a party featuring prizes, refreshments and a story read by a member of the AAUW.

Book reviews in each Dewey Decimal classification and in the fiction section have been turned in and are on display on the bulletin boards at the Ione Elementary Library.

Book review slips ask for the title, author, name of student and the student's grade in school. The student is also asked to circle whether the book is 1-helpful, 2-interesting, or 3-OK.

**Weddings**

**Warren - Blazzard**



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Warren

Matthew Alan Warren of Glendale, Arizona, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren and Marni Blazzard, Huntsville, Utah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Clough were married at 10:30 a.m. May 15 in the Salt Lake Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Paul Warren and Lawrence Clough were witnesses and Steve Warren was best man.

Following the marriage ceremony a luncheon was hosted by the groom's parents at The Hawaiian in Salt Lake City with 43 friends and relatives attending.

An informal open house was held at Clough Haven, home of the bride in Huntsville, Utah, at 5 p.m. The bride wore a long mauve satin dress with a white wide-brimmed hat and the groom was dressed in an off-white vested suit.

A buffet was served in the family room and Mike Warren, brother of the groom sang and played the guitar. A decorated silver and white three-tiered wedding cake, displayed on a white macrame hanger was cut and served by the bride and groom.

Following the open house the bride and groom left for a short honeymoon near Logan, Utah.

They are now living in Glendale, Arizona, where Matt is an electronics student and counselor at the Western Academy.

Relatives of the groom attending were parents, Paul and Claudine Warren, Heppner; sister, Joan Warren, Lynnwood, Wash.; Steve, Ja Niece and Christopher Warren, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mike and David Warren, Wickenburg, Arizona; Wallace Eldridge, Winchester Bay, Oregon; Wallace and Florence Warren, Paul, Idaho; Eph and Jennie Henrie, Price, Utah; and Max and Alice Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Warren, Neola, Utah.

**Life Center to participate in sale**

The Heppner Christian Life Center will be participating in the Sidewalk Sale Sat., July 25, for the purpose of raising funds for the building of their new church building.

At 9 a.m. they will be selling homemade cinnamon rolls and donuts. Coffee will be available for those wishing it. Following the South of the Border theme, selected by the

Heppner merchants, burritos and Mexican tea cakes (a small cookie) will be sold starting at 11 a.m. Also available will be popcorn balls, monster cookies, and other assorted cookies to be sold individually and by the dozen.

The group will be located on the corner of Main and Willow next to Gardner's Men's Wear Store.

**BMCC president expects cuts in state funding**

"The chances of the college avoiding cuts in state funding are not very good," President Ron Daniels told the Blue Mountain Community College Board at its July meeting.

"The exact amount of the reduction in state funds is still not clear and won't be until the legislature reaches a final decision on new revenue programs," Daniels said. However, the president indicated that a much improved percentage of property tax payments for the current year would result in a higher than anticipated cash carry-over which could be used to offset part of the loss in state resources.

The president recommended that because of the uncertainty of state funding and the fact that planning for fall term must be finalized, no major cutbacks be made at this time. He did, however, suggest that some reductions be made in college programs that would reduce operating costs for 1981-82 and that those reductions also be made in the 1982-83 budget.

Specific changes discussed were for making the foreign language opening a part-time position, possibly discontinuing the applied photography program, and the use of student help in the farm lab program rather than the employment of a farm lab technician. These changes would result in approximately a \$50,000 savings.

The board agreed with the president's recommendations with additional discussion to be held when the exact amount of state funds is

**TOPS Club plans film**

TOPS No. OR799, Heppner, is to have a film entitled "Waistland" on Monday, July 27, at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center.

This will be open to all interested viewers who would like to know more about TOPS Club and its objectives.

For more information call TOPS leader Cherrie Clark 676-5222.

**Road report**

The Morrow County Public Works Dept. has released the following work report for the week ending July 18:

Ditching and shoulder work, a new culvert, base and crushed rock completed the preliminary reconstruction of a 1 1/2-mile section of the Paul Brown Road. This section will be reoiled at a later date to complete the project.

Gravel was spread on Meadowbrook Road and Valby Road.

Roads bladed were No. 677, Penland Lake, Keck Canyon and Upper Rhea Creek.

Sandhollow Road is undergoing major repair in preparation for resealing. The roughest areas are being patched with hot mix asphalt using the blade and roller. Later in the summer the 10 miles from Meyers to the Heppner-Condon Highway will be ressealed. This project will salvage one of our most deteriorated county oiled roads.

Pot holes were patched with hot mix on Lena Hisler Road, Willow Creek Road, B. Doherty, Ione Gooseberry, Ella Road, and Sandhollow.

The shop worked on truck No. 20, No. 18, No. 17, the Ingram roller and some routine preventive maintenance on other equipment.

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