

# Sifting through the TIMES

(Editor's note: This revised, sometimes weekly column will be an attempt to highlight a portion of the more interesting and newsworthy—in the judgment of this writer—stories from the pages of Gazettes past.)

10 Years Ago  
Thursday, April 4, 1974  
A bomb threat was reported at Pioneer Memorial Hospital



**Cow  
Belle  
Corner**

By MARLENE CURRIN,  
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Are cattle color blind? Do they have distorted vision? Do they have poor depth perception? How sharp is their vision? These were questions that were all answered in an article entitled, "A Close Look At Cattle Vision," by Ted Friend, associate professor at Texas A & M University.

It is important that those who work with cattle learn as much as they can about their perceptual systems. These systems include vision, hearing, taste, touch, smell and some "other" senses, such as balance and orientation.

Knowledge of these systems, along with an understanding of modifying factors—history or experience, reproductive status, mood, where an animal's attention is focused and so on—enables us to predict what cattle will do in a given situation. It is known as "cow sense."

Are cattle color blind? Can they only see in shades of black and white much like the old television sets some of us still have? No. The limited evidence available indicates they can see most, if not all, the colors humans can. Several old editions of medical physiology textbooks used in colleges, veterinary schools and medical schools as late as the 1960s stated that animals cannot see colors. This may be one reason why so many people believe that cattle are color blind.

But, as early as 1865, people had observed that the retina of certain nocturnal animals possessed only one type of cell (rods) while diurnal animals generally possessed two types of cells in their retinas (rods and cones). This gave rise to the theory that rods were responsible for detection of light-dark, detail or sharpness and movement, while cones were necessary for color vision.

Evidence has been amassed indicating that cones are indeed required for color vision. The bovine eye contains both rods and cones in its retina. Humans, as well as cattle, have three different types of cones, each of which reacts to one of the primary colors.

Do cattle see images distorted in a manner similar to that of a "fish-eye" camera lens because of their panoramic (almost 380) field of vision? A well-known South African cattle handling consultant once promoted this idea. He traveled widely in the U.S. during the late '60s and early '70s. To his credit, he did much to promote the use of behavioral principles in the design of cattle handling facilities.

One day he looked through a "fish-eye" camera lens and concluded that the distorted images he saw must be similar to what cattle see, because of their wide visual field. He then concluded that this was why curved chutes worked so well. This theory was picked up by many writers and still shows up in magazines from time to time as a statement of fact.

in Heppner at 4:32 p.m. Eight persons in the nursing home and 27 in the hospital were evacuated to St. Patrick's church by 6:40 when police also evacuated the building. No bomb exploded at 7 p.m. as threatened, and at 8 p.m., patients were returned to the hospital building.

The proposed county budget was a record \$396,500.

Heppner Common Council heard an appeal on a conditional use permit granted by the planning commission. Property owners were protesting not the proposed building, but the lack of access roads in the Evergreen Terrace subdivision.

25 Years Ago  
Thursday, April 2, 1959  
"Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Barbour and four children lost their home and a majority of their personal belongings last Friday morning when fire swept the residence on South Gilmore St. in Heppner."

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary sponsored a benefit Centennial ball (Oregon -100 years of statehood) at the Ione Legion Hall. Entertainment was provided by representatives from Heppner, Lexington and Ione.

50 Years Ago  
Thursday, April 5, 1934

A column, "Tales of Old Times," by J.W. Redington, a pioneer editor of the "Gazette" provides some interesting history of Heppner's oldest newspaper. He refers to a "political group" which tried to buy him out and then began their own paper. He alleged that readers remained loyal to the Gazette forcing the rival paper to move to Lexington where it was sold to Ben Penland who then advocated moving the county seat to Lexington.

Redington continues that in 1887, he sold his \$2,600 investment to Henry Rasmus for \$2,500. He says, "Henry was a good, all-around man, but in a few months found that theology and journalism would not mix very well, so he sold out to Otis Patterson who improved the paper..."

This same issue of the 1935 Gazette contained an ad for Mrs. Tenney's Hotel Heppner Dining Room. Breakfast cost 25 cents and up; noon and evening meals were advertised for 35 and 50 cents, and a special Sunday dinner sold for 75 cents.

## Band & chorus plan spaghetti feed

The Heppner High School music department is sponsoring a spaghetti feed "with an Italian atmosphere," Saturday, April 14 at the high school cafeteria. Three seatings will be offered: 5 p.m. for early diners, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

## Property tax relief forms are in tax booklet

Oregon's 1983 income tax booklet also includes property tax relief refund forms. These forms should be filed by April 16 with the Oregon Department of Revenue. Late filers will receive delayed refunds.

Persons applying for Oregon's Homeowner and Renter Refund Program (HARRP) or the Renter Relief Program can use the Form 70R in the tax booklet. Some people may

qualify for both HARRP and Renter Relief.

Refund checks for both programs are issued in October. Homeowners or renters with household income less than \$17,500 for 1983 may qualify for HARRP. "Household income" includes nearly all sources of income, whether taxable or not. The amount of the HARRP refund depends on a person's income and the amount of

property tax or rent paid in 1983.

HARRP refunds for 1983 will range from \$36 to \$750 for homeowners and \$18 to \$375 for renters.

The Renter Relief Program provides property tax relief for renters whose 1983 household income was \$17,500 or over. The maximum refund for this program is based on funds available, and will be determined in September.

To be eligible for HARRP or Renter Relief, renters must have been living in Oregon on Dec. 31, 1983.

Mobile home residents may qualify for HARRP if their household income is less than \$17,500. They qualify for Renter Relief, regardless of income, if they rent the mobile home, the land or both.

Homeowners filing HARRP claims must include copies of their 1983-84 property tax statements. Renters filing for either HARRP or Renter Relief must complete the "Rent

Schedule" on Form 70R.

Homeowners whose household income is \$17,500 or more for property tax relief with their county assessor. This is a "one-time" filing that results in

automatic reduction each year of the homeowner's property tax bill, reflecting the state payment to the county.

Most homeowners have already filed for property tax relief. Those who haven't, or new homeowners, should con-

tact their county assessor. Form 70R and instructions are available separately as well as in the Oregon income tax booklet. If you need a copy, write: Forms, Oregon Department of Revenue, Revenue Building, Salem, OR 97310.

## Kinzua employee retires



Carston Brandhagen (left) received a sculptured pocket watch engraved "with appreciation for over 20 years service," from LaVern Van Marter, personnel director at Kinzua Corp., last Friday, March 30.

Brandhagen retired in January, 1984. He began working for Kinzua Corp. November 5, 1962. He worked in the woods for two seasons then moved into the plant as a watchman. He worked a variety of jobs after that including trimmer in the sawmill, contract piler and chipper operator.

Retirement plans include a vacation on the coast, a "trip back home" to Minnesota, and putting with carpentry work. He and his wife Marjorie have two grown sons, David, 26, and Michael, 25.

## Two trackers hold meeting

By Kristi O'Brien  
The Two Trackers 4-H club met at the fair grounds March 25, 1 p.m. The meeting started with beginners riding until 2 p.m.

This was followed by a demonstration on worming a horse. It was explained to those present how often to worm a horse and that it

should be done while the horse was between six weeks and two months old.

The meeting concluded with riding from 3 to 4 p.m. by the advanced riders.

The next club meeting will be April 1 which will be the last meeting until after the Wranglers' play days.

## 4-H Club hears reports

By KRISTI O'BRIEN  
The Two Trackers 4-H club met at the fairgrounds last Sunday, April 1; they rode as usual.

Kristi O'Brien gave a report on bridles.

Missy Schoonover of Lexington, gave a report on horse health. She told the club how much grain and hay to give their horses and what to do if the horse becomes foundered. Her advice was to first call the

veterinarian who would probably have a shot for the horse and while waiting for him, to arrive, to stand the horse in a creek or to use a hose with cold water.

This was the club's last meeting until May because of the Wranglers' playdays scheduled for April. Members of the club will be telephoned to let them know of the next meeting date.

## Births



Samuel Lee Van Liew - A son, Samuel Lee, was born to Sandra and Dan Van Liew of Heppner, on March 31, 1984 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

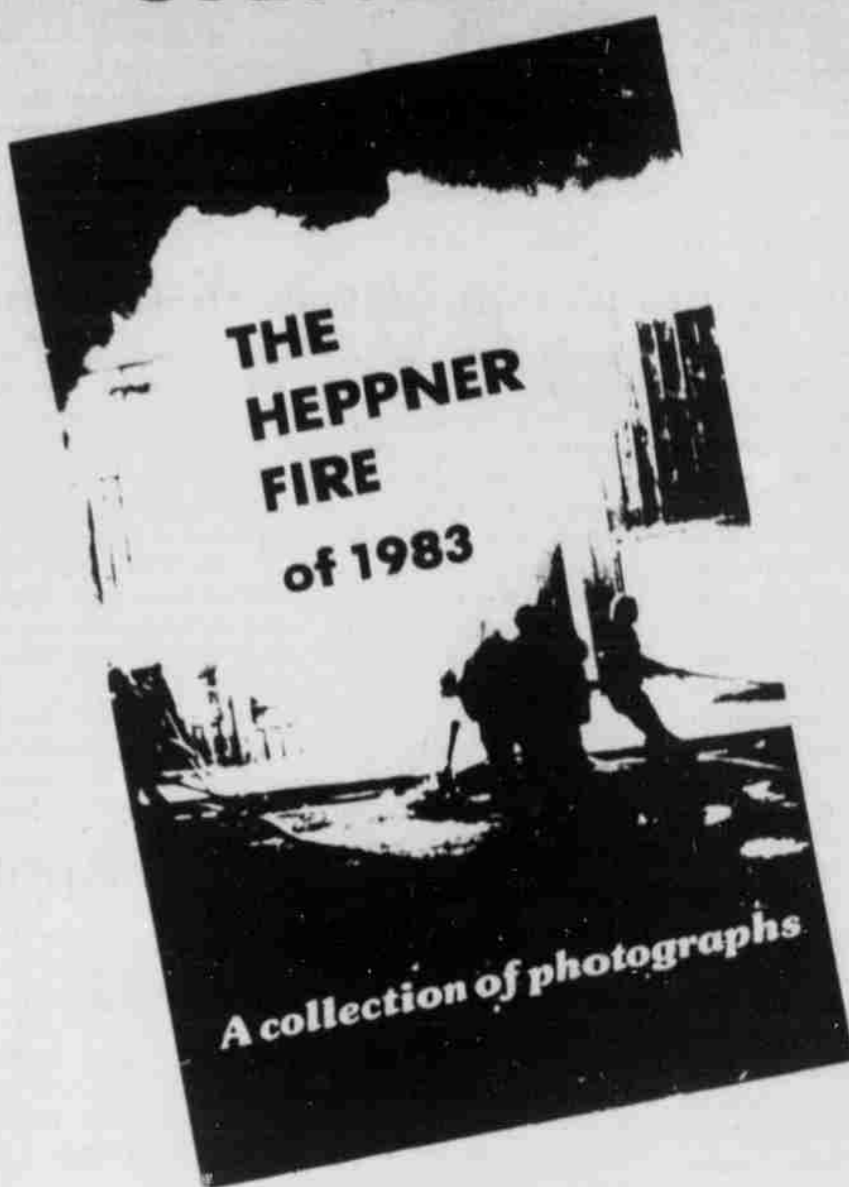
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Palmer of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Van Liew of Medford.

Great-grandparents are Blanche Burk, Ernest Van Liew of Hiawatha, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peck all of Heppner.

Samuel joins one brother, Matthew two and one-half years old.

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