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Thanks Little League volunteers

To the editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to give a great big Thank You to everyone in the community that makes our Little League program a success. To have a successful Little League program it takes adult volunteers that are willing to put in the time to coach and umpire and it also takes the support of local business people to provide team sponsorship fees and to donate money that can be used to purchase equipment.

This year, approximately 200 youths (both boys and girls) from Heppner, Fossil, Condon and Ione participated in the Willow Creek Little League program. Of the total, approximately 120 Little Leaguers were involved in the eight Heppner and Ione teams.

Special recognition should be given to the local team sponsors, Kinzua Corporation, Heppner Elks Lodge, IOOF-Willows Lodge and Morrow County Grain Growers and to all of the area businesses that donate their "sign money" for advertisement.

I would also like to thank all of the managers, coaches and umpires that freely give their time to the youth of the community. In addition, a thank you should also be given to Susan Johnston, Joy Krein, Peggy Fishburn and Sandy Devin, "Little League Mothers" that drew the duty of organizing and running the Little League snack shack.

(s) Bob Krein
WCLL, President

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following business during the past week:

On July 8, Virginia Rome, 31, Boardman was arrested on a charge of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants by a Morrow County Sheriff's Department officer. She was released on her own recognizance.

On July 10, a Morrow County Deputy arrested Paul William Snow, 21, Ione on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay a Fine - Negotiating a Bad Check. He posted bail and was released.

Also on July 10, the Boardman Fire Department responded to a fire on Olson Road.

On July 11, the Boardman Police Department arrested David Ray Stroud, 33, Birmingham, Alabama, on a charge of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

On July 12, the Boardman Fire Department responded to a grass fire between Marine Drive and Columbia. The fire was extinguished by firefighters.

Also on July 12, the Morrow County Sheriff's Department arrested Richard Alan Engebretson, 26, Richland, Washington, on a charge of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was lodged at the Umatilla Police Department.

On July 16, a Boardman Ambulance responded to a call from U & I, Boardman. A male with a back injury was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

Also on July 16, the Boardman Fire Department responded to a report of a large grass fire on east Wilson Road just west of Wilson Road.

Letters to the Editor

Plans for Vietnam War Memorial

To the editor:
This letter is intended to inform you and your readers about our organization and its goals.

An 11 acre site in Portland's Washington Park has been set aside for the Vietnam Veterans of Oregon Memorial. The landscape architectural firm of Walker & Macy has developed a conceptual design for a "living memorial".

A "living memorial", in our terms, means a place filled with flowering trees and shrubs where people can go to remember those who are still missing or who died in Vietnam; a memorial that recognizes the Vietnam War and also life today.

The entrance of the memorial will have an information wall describing the materials and plant life used in its construction. Wisteria hanging from an overhead arbor will cover the 240' walk to the natural bowl which is where the central acknowledgement of all Oregon Vietnam era veterans will be. From the central point a spiral walkway will progress

out of the bowl to a pedestrian overpass and then follow, at a gentle gradient, along the natural contour of the site. Separate enclaves along the walkway, will honor Oregonians killed in each year of the war and a special area, on the inside of the walkway, will honor the Missing - In-Action. Mount Hood can be viewed from the MIA enclave. The memorial will be dedicated in November of 1985.

The Vietnam Veterans of Oregon Memorial Fund is now in the process of raising \$650,000 to accomplish this goal. In order to make the memorial a reality we need the support of all Oregonians. This is a state wide effort honoring all Oregon Vietnam Veterans. Tax deductible donations may be sent to Vietnam Veterans of Oregon Memorial Fund, 9880 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy., Beaverton, Oregon, 97005. The phone number is (503) 646-4984.

Thank you,
(s) Molly King-Gilpin
Editor-Publications

Problems of a "credit" community

To the editor:
Until about 10 years ago I had never written a letter to the editor. Now I've become nearly as prolific as John Maas.

About 10 years ago I wrote concerning problems facing merchants in a "credit" community such as Heppner. After that letter appeared in the Heppner-Gazette several of the Heppner business people told me they wished their names had been signed to the letter along with mine.

At the risk of being redundant, I want to share some of those problems again.

Credit given to our customers is a courtesy and a privilege. It keeps you from having to carry cash or a check book with you at all times. But if you do not pay that account when you receive your statement the next month you are putting us in the same position you would be in if a portion of your pay check was withheld, through no fault of yours and without your consent.

I'm sure nearly every merchant in town is willing to consent to an extended period of time for regular monthly payments when a purchase is necessary and if arrangements have been made to do that. But we can carry only a limited number of those accounts because of what happens to the value of the dollar as we wait for it.

The U.S. Dept. of Commerce has released the following statistics showing how an account devalues with age. If your account is paid when due the following month after purchase, each dollar paid is worth \$1. If an account is not paid the month following purchase, or current month, it goes into the 30 day column. If not paid that month it goes into the 60 day column. By then each dollar is worth only \$90 to us because of inflation and our costs of carrying the account. If not paid until it is in the 180 day (6 month) column that dollar is worth only 67 cents. If we wait 1 year it is worth 45 cents. If we wait 2 years it is worth 23 cents. If we wait 3 years it is worth 15 cents. If we wait 5 years it is worth 1 cent.

We aren't saying we don't want that devalued dollar you might owe us. We just don't want it to devalue even more. We are grateful for any payment on an account.

Please reciprocate the courtesy of the merchant and extend to all the merchants the courtesy of prompt payment. The alternative may some day be losing the privilege of a "credit" community. If that happens every thing you buy would have to be paid for at the time of purchase.

(s) Aloha DeSpain
Heppner Auto Parts, Inc.

Searching for cowboy poets

To the editor:
For over a hundred years, cowboys and other Westerners have written songs and poems about aspects of cowboy and ranch life. Some of these are now part of our national heritage, and are known and loved all over the country. The process is still going on. Cowboy poets and cowboy poetry are alive and well all over the West. The Institute of the American West in Sun Valley, Idaho is planning a big project to celebrate this living tradition.

There will be a Cowboy Poetry Gathering next winter in Eiko, Nevada, as well as exhibits, recordings, a book and possibly a TV show...all on cowboy poetry and poets.

But first we must locate as many poets as we can. Perhaps your readers could help us out by letting me know of any cowboys, rodeo hands, ranchers or other cow people who write or recite cowboy poetry. Maybe some of this poetry has been published in your paper. We need all the names and addresses we can get - we want to be sure this great American tradition is fully represented. Please send the information to me at the Institute of the American West, P.O. Box 656 Sun Valley, Idaho, 83353, or call me collect at (208) 622-9371.

Thanks in advance.
(s) Hal Cannon, Director of Regional Folklife
Institute of the American West

Weddings

Mr and Mrs. Jim Prock announce the marriage of their daughter Tami Leigh to Gary Calvert Saturday, July 21.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend a reception in honor of the wedding at the Pendleton Elks Lodge, 14 Southeast Third Street, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Sifting

through the

Times

10 Years Ago
Thursday, July 18, 1974

Morrow Co. School Superintendent Ron Daniels reported to the School Board that the schools closed the fiscal year in good financial condition. A new superintendent was to be named the following Monday to replace Daniels who had accepted the presidency at Blue Mt. Community College.

Morrow County voters approved a hospital levy by a vote of 710 to 140.

25 Years Ago
Thursday, July 16, 1959

The School Board was taking steps to determine and clear the ownership of the school at Boardman, because no record of the school district purchasing the land from the Bureau of land management could be found. If the district could not prove ownership, the concern was that the Corps of Engineers might not help rebuild the school after the old one was flooded from the backwaters of John Day Dam.

Bids were being asked for the proposed museum-library building which was being donated to the city

by Amanda Duvall as a memorial to her late husband.

The city of Heppner was experiencing a water shortage caused by the blowup of a transformer at the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op substation at Heppner which caused a power outage and force the shutdown of pumps at both city wells.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, July 19, 1934

Morrow County had not yet felt many ill effects from the maritime strike caused gasoline shortage. "Routing if communists, both at San Francisco and Portland holds the spotlight in the coast situation and is expected to hurry peaceful settlement. Communistic agitators, reports say, are responsible for the delay in arbitrating the difference between labor and employers."

Mary Cunha, Lena Grange, Beth Wright, Rhea Creek Grange, Dimple Crabtree, Willows Grange, and Irma Lane, Lexington Grange were announced as the lucky nominees to the county rodeo court at a dance which christened the new floor at the fairgrounds pavilion in Heppner.



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