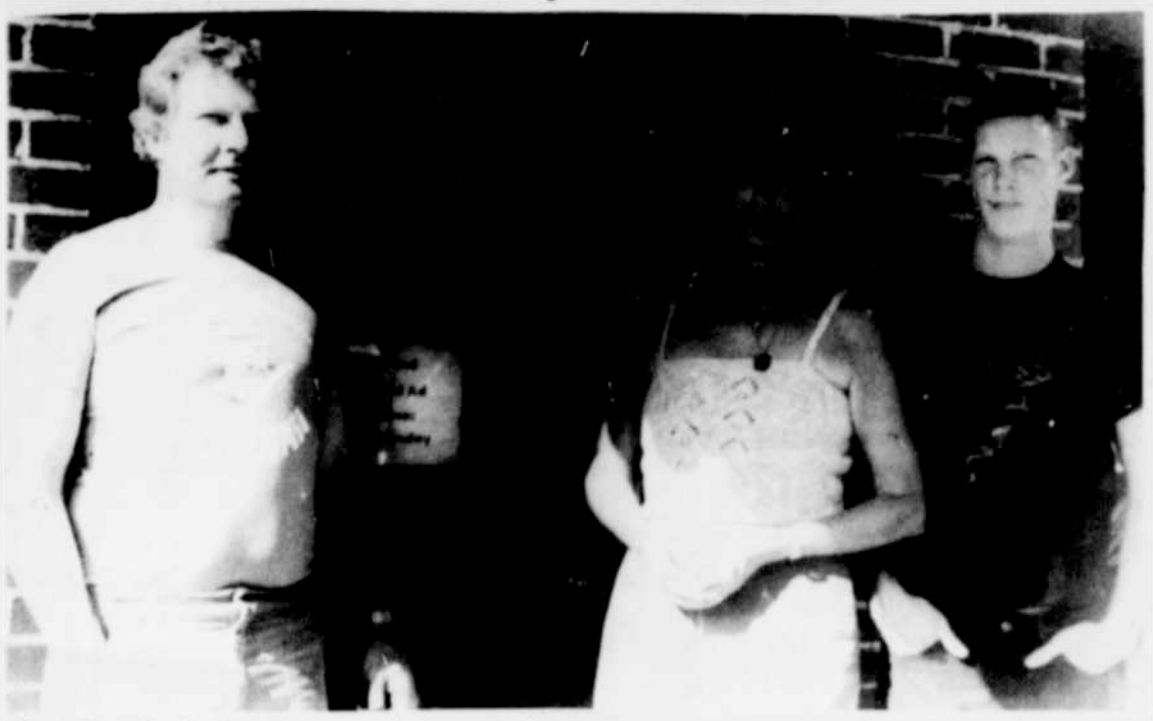
Former editor's family visits G-T



Jim Crawford, Stephany, and James, Jr.

Pictured above are Jim Crawford (left), his wife Stephany, and their son James Crawford, Jr. of Hermosa Beach, California. They were in Heppner last Wednesday afternoon for a brief visit at the Heppner Gazette-Times where Jim had spent some time in his early youth while his father, Jasper Crawford was editor of the newspaper. Jasper's father, Vawter Crawford, was the publisher who ended competition between the Heppner Gazette and the Heppner Times when he bought both papers.

Bank of E. O. favors balanced federal budget

"Congress must come to grips with massive budget deficits to save this nation, and action this year on a balanced budget constitutional amendment is the best way to start," declared Gerald Pierson, Manager of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, in a news release.

"This nation and Heppner face higher interest rates, recession, unemployment, bankruptcies, and economic instability down the road if action is not taken soon. The Bank of Eastern Oregon will take a leadership role in educating the public to these perils."

"Specifically, H.J.R. 243, a proposed bill in the House of Representatives, is a joint resolution providing for a balanced federal budget, and it can be enacted this year.

"Adoption of this resolution before Congress adjourns will send a powerful signal that your elected lawmakers intend to come to grips with the impending deficit crisis.

"Amending our Constitution is not an action to be taken lightly. But frankly, progress toward federal budgetary discipline has been almost non-existent so far, and it now becomes necessary to impose external discipline on Congress through this major reform."

"The Bank of Eastern Oregon and its staff will be working together in this effort with national organizations representing financial institutions, business, agriculture and citizens groups. But it will take the involvement of citizens in Heppner and across the country to ensure success," Pierson said.

H.J.R. 243, and its companion in the Senate, S.J.R. 5, require a balanced federal budget except in cases of national emergency or an override of three-fifths of the House and Senate. The resolution would become effective two years after enactment by Congress. As with all constitutional amendments, ratification by three-fourths of the states will also be needed.

"The federal deficit, left unchecked, will be eating up one-half to two-thirds of total credit available in this country within a few years and will raise interest rates on the remaining credit that business and consumers need.

"Since 1961, the federal government has experienced 22 annual deficits and just one surplus in its budget. As a result, it is more than $1.6 trillion in debt. If things don't change, that total could double in about seven years," Pierson said.

"A frightening thought is that today, it would take nearly every dollar on deposit in the domestic offices of America's banks to pay that debt off. In other words, paying off that debt would just about wipe out all the savings in the United States.

"This irresponsibility is going to sentence all of us to a debtors' prison which may soon be inescapable - a prison composed of high interest rates, inflation, unemployment and sluggish investment. A start toward solving this horrible problem is the legislation pending in Congress," Pierson concluded.

3 county students compete in state spelling contest

Oregon students who won county spelling contests competed in a state championship Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Oregon State Fair.

The contests were not like the traditional spelling bee. Instead of spelling the words orally, students had ten seconds to write each of 30 words on paper after it was pronounced, used in a sentence and pronounced again.

Mike Donahue, news anchorman for KOIN-TV in Portland, gave the words.

First, second and third place winners were anounced following each contest. State School Supt. Verne A. Duncan presented awards to the winners at a 1 p.m. ceremony.

First place winners received Commodore Computers from Computron, Inc. of Portland.

The event is sponsored by the Oregon Council of Teachers of English and the Oregon Department of Education.

Competing from Morrow County were Kelly Spray of Sam Boardman Elementary in the first through sixth grade division; Terri Meyers of Columbia Junior High in the seventh through ninth grade division; and Renee Struthers of Heppner High School in the 10th through 12th grade division.

Results will be published as they are received from contest officials.

Sifting through the Times

10 Years Ago

Thursday, September 5, 1974

Heppner City Council rejected a school board proposal to annex all property at Heppner High School to the city.

Planned opening date for the Heppner Child Development Center was October 1 at the Seventh-day Adventist Church Auditorium.

The city council held a special meeting to discuss problems with repair and purchase of additional parking meters for the city of Heppner.

25 Years Ago

Thursday, September 3, 1959

Circuit Court Judge William W. Wells dismissed a restraining order against the Morrow County school board when he allowed a motion to quash the injuction because a bond had not been posted when the restraining order was issued August 14. The injunction had seriously handicapped the school board and school officials in their plans to prepare for the opening of schools by preventing them from moving equipment from one building to another or transferring students to different schools, reported the Gazette-Times. The injunction and suit challenging the constitutionality of the state school reorganization law had been brought against the board by groups of residents in Hardman, Lexington and Boardman in an effort to prevent closure of one school and the transfer of students to various other schools in the county.

The House of Representatives failed by one vote to override President Eisenhower's veto of the public works appropriations bill which would have provided money for the resurvey of the proposed Willow Creek Dam.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, September 6, 1934

"With a new attendance record of 125 in the high school and a normal enrollment in the grades, the Heppner schools opened Monday and everything is running smoothly, reports Edward F. Bloom, superintendent. All teachers were on hand for the opening, and Mr. Bloom is enthusiastic in his optimism for the teaching force, new teachers as well as old.

"Some discomfort has been caused by the heat, making Mr. Bloom a little envious of the position of his brother who has just got settled at Nome, Alaska,..."

Sheriff's Report

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

On August 25 a Heppner ambulance responded to Schwarz apartments, Heppner, transporting one male to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Also on August 25 a Boardman ambulance responded to the Texaco station in Boardman and transported a male subject to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston for a possible heart attack.

On August 26 a Boardman ambulance responded to U & I, Inc. in Boardman for a female with breathing problems. She was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Also on August 26 the Boardman Fire Department responded to a fire at the end of Paul Smith Road where the remains of an old house being burned down got out of control.

On August 30 the Boardman Fire Dept. responded to some trees on fire at West Glen Addition in Boardman.

On August 31 the Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Donald LeRoy Wallick, 22, Madras, OR. on charges of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He posted bail and was released.

Also on August 31 the Boardman Fire Dept. responded to a fire on Interstate Highway 84 which was a grass fire at milepost 158.

In a third August 31 incident the Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Arley Jay Hamilton, 25, of Boardman on charges of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and Driving While Suspended. He was lodged at the Umatilla Police Dept.

On September 1 the Heppner Police Dept. arrested Michael Lee Stookey, 23, Marysville, WA on a Morrow County Sheriff's Office warrant on charges of Minor in Possession and Failure to Pay Fine. He posted bail and was released.

Also on September 1, a Boardman ambulance responded to a Boardman residence and transported a female with dizzy spells to Good Shepherd Hospital.

In a third Sept. 1 incident the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Heppner Police Dept. and a Morrow County ambulance responded to a one vehicle accident on the Heppner-Condon Highway. One male was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

On September 2 the Morrow County Sheriff's Dept. issued a citation for Driving While Suspended to David P. Wetherell, 35, of Richland, WA.

On September 3 a boardman ambulance responded to a Boardman residence and transported a child to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

Legal sec's meet

The monthly meeting of the Pendleton Area Legal Secretaries Association will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 1984, at 7 p.m. at the Hermiston Safety Center, 330 South First, Hermiston, Oregon.

Speech-hearing screenings set

The Morrow County School District will be screening all kindergarten, first, fourth, and seventh grades in the areas of speech, language and hearing said a spokesperson from the school district office.

Other students involved in the screening are transfers from other districts and parent or teacher referrals.

The screening will be conducted at the following schools:

Heppner Elementary School-Wednesday, Sept. 5; Thursday, Sept. 6; and Friday Sept. 7--Morning.

Heppner High School-Friday, Sept. 7--Afternoon.

Ione Schools-Monday, Sept. 10.

A.C. Houghton Elem. School-Tuesday, Sept. 11; Wednesday, Sept. 12; and Thursday, Sept. 13--Morning.

Columbia Junior High School-Thursday, Sept. 13--Afternoon.

Sam Boardman Elem. School-Monday, Sept. 17; Tuesday, Sept. 18; and Wednesday, Sept. 19--Morning.

Riverside High School-Wednesday, Sept. 19--Afternoon.

Persons who have questions concerning the screening, may call Carol Faith-Peterson at the Morrow County School District Office, phone number 989-8202.

IUCC to begin fall schedule

The Ione United Church of Christ will begin its fall schedule on Sunday, September 9 announced the Rev. Cathy Barker.

The Sunday School season starts that day with an orientation, singing, and introduction of teachers. The events begin at 9:45 a.m. at the Christian Education Building for children age three through those entering sixth grade. The Adult Sunday School class meets at the main church building, in the Lower Room, at 9:45 a.m.

The worship hour changes from the summer hour to 11 a.m. Childcare is provided at the Educational Building during worship. A coffee hour follows the service.

Visitors are welcome, adds the Rev. Barker, pastor.

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