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Editorial —



Also give thanks for the basics

Thanksgiving in an election year gives us one more reason than other years to give thanks—the campaigning is over. Our political heritage, however, becomes more immediate than at other times. Pilgrims, religious freedom, Indians, harvest, pumpkin pie, turkey, grandparents—the images of winter harshness and dreams of the hoped for spring are locked into the day. Whether the third or fourth Thursday in November, the Thanksgiving still opens the secular Christmas season and is a day for giving thanks for a way of life which offers us more advantages than many people in our world have.

Helping fifth and sixth graders write Thanksgiving prayers in Sunday school class proved an enlightening experience. Younger children are generally quite willing to say, "I'm thankful for turkey," or "for my new coat," or "my care bear." Older children begin to learn of the abstracts and to lose their spontaneous gratitude for specific items. They begin telling us adults what we want to hear: "I'm thankful for freedom," for "God's love," or for "blessings."

Of course, our nation and the opportunities which it provides us are indeed reasons to be grateful of which we all need to be aware. Without the basics, however,—without food, shelter, and clothing,—we would be so involved trying to keep ourselves and our families in a minimal degree of comfort that we would have very little time or energy left over to concern ourselves with the ideals of self-esteem, freedom, justice, and liberty.

We are a rich nation, and although we may tire of the daily meal of beef taken from our freezers, at least it is there for us to eat. It's difficult to be concerned about freedom when our stomachs are empty; it's not easy to think about whom or what we worship when our children are starving.

We may want to replace our worn out carpeting and drapes with new ones to match our furniture, but at least our homes are warmer than the unprotected fields. News reports about foreign policy seem unimportant, distant and unrelated to us if our family has to spend a winter night without shelter.

We may wish that we had something other than last year's blouse or faded work pants to wear, but at least we have the strength to work and clothing appropriate for our daily activities.

So, while we are eating our Thanksgiving turkeys and giving thanks for the sacrifices or our ancestors so that we might be able to worship at the church of our choice, speak and print what we believe to be true, and stand up for justice and liberty, let's also remember to give thanks for the turkey, our warm houses, and the shoes on our feet.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who voted for me for circuit judge and a special thanks to those who worked on the campaign.

Marion and I appreciate all your support.

Bob Abrams



Letters to the Editor

Appreciates Morrow Co.'s support

To the editor:
I would like to thank all of my good supporters in Morrow County. I always felt good in Morrow County, felt a kinship with the people there, but had no idea I would win there so overwhelmingly.

I am disappointed for myself, and all those who helped me, but I am

proud to have done so well in winning four of the seven counties in District 30.

Please accept my sincere appreciation. I will be in touch, and probably involved politically in the future.

Sincerely,
(s) Mark Stringer

D.A.'s Report

The Morrow County District Attorney handled the following business during the past week:

—heard a change of plea by Wayne Florea of Heppner to guilty of Burglary II. The district attorney dismissed a charge of Criminal Mischief II. Florea was sentenced to five years probation and must pay restitution and fines totaling \$610.

—heard a change of plea by Thomas Kosbau, Boardman, to guilty of Assault IV. The district attorney dismissed charges of Criminal Mischief II. Kosbau was sentenced to pay restitution totaling \$240.

Justice Court Report

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

—Arnold Albert Dreier, Oregon City—Allowed Unlicensed Juvenile to Operate Motorcycle, \$31 bail forfeited.

—William Clois Covington, Portland—Allowed Unlicensed Juvenile to Operate Motorcycle, \$31 bail forfeited.

—Gregory Ralph Sweeney, Heppner—Violation of the Basic Rule (41 mph in a 25 mph zone), \$26 fine.

—Richard Kevin Carroll, Portland—with criminal negligence: Hunting a Prohibited Method—unplugged shotgun, \$38 fine.

—Shawn Bryce Powell, Heppner—with criminal negligence: Violation of a Co-operative Road Closure, passenger, \$38 fine.

Sifting

through the

Times

10 Years Ago
November 21, 1974

A 38-year-old Boardman migrant worker was arraigned on charges of Murder I in Morrow County Justice Court in Heppner. He was accused of a fatal stabbing which took place at McKenzie Trailer Park.

Lahekin Fire, a three-year-old mare belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamer, won first place in the Oregon Cow Cutting Horse Association's futurity at Yamhill.

The problem of busing kindergarten students home from school in the Boardman area was unresolved following lengthy discussion at a school board meeting.

A pre-organizational meeting was held to consider formation of a county historical society.

25 Years Ago
November 19, 1959

Contractors recently completed construction of buildings which were to house Pacific Telephone Company's microwave relay equipment

near Heppner. A 57-year old Spray man was killed by a bullet from his own gun while elk hunting. "He was riding in the front seat with his gun between his knees when the party stopped to pick up another member of the party. As he reached to open the door, the gun, a 300 Savage, went off and shot him." Another hunter was shot in both legs when mistaken by one of his relatives for an elk.

50 Years Ago
November 22, 1934

Trained agricultural observers from all over the U.S. who gathered in Washington for an annual outlook conference predicted, "continued improvement in agriculture through 1935."

Mrs. J.O. Turner presented her piano students in recital before their parents and a number of invited guests. This was their first appearance of the season.

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Obituary

Nancy E. Rill

Nancy E. Rill, 57, died November 9 at her home near Ellensburg, Washington. She was born April 8, 1927, in Studley, Kansas, the sixth child in a family of 13.

She married Evan Rill on June 5, 1949, in Palco, Kansas. They lived in Heppner, for five years before moving to Othello-Connell Washington area. The couple lived there until 1971, when they moved to their present Kittitas Valley Farm.

Mrs. Rill worked for the Royal Vista Care Center and Home Health Care. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Farm Bureau.

Survivors include her husband, Evan of Ellensburg; three sons, Micheal of Othello, and Rex and Doug, both of Ellensburg; two daughters, Mary Rill and Ninon Rill both of Ellensburg; four grandchildren; five brothers, Christopher Brassfield of Hill City, Kansas, Henry Brassfield, of North Carolina, W.C. Brassfield, of Lexington, Ky., Dr. Paul Brassfield, of Hill City, Kansas, and Irl Brassfield of Palco, Kansas; four sisters, Fayer Kaiser, of Coulee Dam, Wash., Christina Burkenbine, of Heppner, Velma Smith of Bellevue, Wash., and Rose McCall, of Wakeeney, Kansas.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter in 1960 and a son, Leonard Rill, in 1979.

Services were held 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 13 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ellensburg, Washington. Burial followed at High Valley Cemetery in Ellensburg. Casket bearers were Cecil, William and Dean Rill of Heppner; Myron Rill of Othello, Wash., Kim Rill of Pasco, Wash., and Marc Smith of Bellevue, Wash.

School Lunch Menus

Ione schools
Monday, Nov. 26: chicken strips, later tots, mixed vegetables, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 27: sloppy joes, cheese sticks, green beans, dessert and milk or salad bar and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 28: Wiener wraps, buttered vegetables, cheese sticks, dessert and milk or salad bar and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 29: chili, crackers, pineapple and cottage cheese salad, cookies and milk, or salad bar and milk.

Friday, Nov. 30: chicken noodle soup, tuna sandwiches, peanut butter sandwiches, pickles, crackers, dessert and milk.

Heppner Elementary
Monday, Nov. 26: tuna with noodles, mixed vegetable, fruit, bread, or salad bar, and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 27: Tuesday's Brunch.

Wednesday, Nov. 28: potatoes and meat gravy, handy dandy tomatoes, salad bar, rolls and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 29: soup, sandwich, fruit, vegetable and milk.

Friday, Nov. 30: November birthday special.

Heppner High School
Monday, Nov. 26: hot dogs, carrot and celery, fruit, cookie and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 27: Pizza, peas, salad, pudding and milk or salad bar and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 28: potatoes and gravy, rolls, cabbage salad, half apple and milk or salad bar and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 29: chili, corn bread, salad, fruit and milk or salad bar and milk.

Friday, Nov. 30: soup and sandwich and milk.

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