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Editorial

Keep business in Morrow County

Businesses, professional groups, and development organizations have expended much effort in trying to keep business in Morrow County. The recent St. Patrick's Day celebration in Heppner is only one example. Businesses attempt to provide services and merchandise locally to keep business in the county.

City and county government, on the other hand, seem to be trying to force business out of the area. The cities of Boardman, Irrigon, and Ione have contracted for garbage disposal service with a firm from Hermiston because the county's landfill is located near Heppner, making the cost to them prohibitive. Although the county has supported the landfill, it says it wants out of the landfill business because it is not used by all county residents. County Commissioner Jerry Peck of Boardman, however, claims that residents of Boardman do want a site where they can haul items which they cannot put in their garbage cans for weekly pickup.

At a recent Solid Waste Disposal Committee meeting, four of five city mayors expressed a need for a county owned-operated landfill which could serve the entire county. The committee resolved to advise the Court to turn the landfill over to the city of Heppner.

At first glance, this may sound like keeping business at home, but the landfill has a life expectancy of about 10 more years. Then the city of Heppner will be at the same place the county is now developing a new landfill site. Or, like the cities to the north, Heppner will be forced to contract for service from an outside firm.

Taxes from local businesses and property owners support local services, therefore, local services should be provided. The City of Boardman should not have to pay for drop box service. Transferring operation of Turner Landfill to the city of Heppner is a backwards approach to keeping the cities separate but equal. Perhaps it's time for the county to serve "the entire county" by budgeting funds for a preliminary study of a centrally located landfill site before landfill development costs are even greater.

DMV office to close April 4&5

The Heppner office of the Dept. of Motor Vehicles will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, April 4 and 5.

Gene Murty has announced. The office will also be closed April 17, Murty's regular day to be in Condon.

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Letters to the Editor

Humane Society Volunteer

To the Editor:
I am a new volunteer for the Pioneer Humane Society which is centered in Hermiston, but which covers Morrow County, too. We deal in cruelty to animals, adoption of animals, help in placing animals and pet find I.D. tags. Now that the town

of Heppner is planning on a dog pound, it is so important to get tags on your pets collars. If you want to adopt a certain animal, buy a pet I.D. tag or let us help you place your pet.

Call 676-9719
(s) Janet Taylor

Peoples' conference set for May

To the Editor:

The Bishop's Report received a lot of major media coverage earlier this year. Not everyone agreed, that there was a need for more welfare spending in America.

What do Oregonians feel about this highly volatile issue? We hope to get some idea at the Decisions '85 convention scheduled to be held at Seaside May 10 - 12.

The opening speaker May 10 will be none other than Charlton Heston. Join us in May at this peoples' conference, and help shape the Oregon consensus.

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Engagements

Lantis - Harsin

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lantis of Condon proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura, to Dallas Harsin of Heppner. Harsin is the son of Wayne and Joy Harsin, former Heppner residents now residing in Forest Grove.

Lantis recently completed courses for elementary teaching certification and is substitute teaching in Gilliam and Wheeler school districts. Harsin is manager of the Heppner Elks Lodge.

No wedding date has been set.

Fair & Rodeo Court make appearance

On March 21 at 7:30 the Fair and Rodeo Court chaperone, Ginger O'Brien, and the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court attended a regular meeting of the American Association of University Women.

Each girl gave a short speech on a separate aspect of the fair and rodeo. The group then asked them

specific questions said a Fair and Rodeo spokesperson.

The Court would enjoy meeting with any other interested clubs and organizations to promote the 1985 Fair and Rodeo. Anyone interested in setting up an appearance at their meeting please contact Ginger O'Brien at 676-9861 or Ellen Kennedy at 676-9708.

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

Lennie Ables, Spray - admitted March 20, discharged March 23, and Dana Nance, Lexington - admitted March 21, discharged March 23.

The following patients were still receiving care at the hospital Monday:

Helen Keithley, Heppner - admitted March 23.
Lori Cecil, Heppner - admitted March 21.
Jessica Schoonover, Hermiston - admitted March 22, and Judy Hampton, Heppner - admitted March 22.

Sheriff's Report

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

On March 18, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report of a theft of numerous hand tools at the co-generation plant at Kinzua. Estimated value of the loss is \$10,000.

On March 20, the Boardman Fire Department responded to a pole on fire on Wilson Road.

Also on March 20, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office issued a citation for Driving While Suspended to Joseph William Stensrude, 23, Vancouver.

On March 20, the Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Olen E. Nave, 31, Union on a charge of Rape I. The incident allegedly occurred just west of Irrigon.

On March 24, the Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Miguel Samora, 24, Boardman on a charge of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

D.A.'s Report

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

Olen Earl Nave, 32, Irrigon - arraigned March 21 on a charge of Rape I.

Michael S. Balfe, 22, Lexington - enrolled in the Alcoholism Diversion Program following a charge of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

Justice Court Report

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

David Allan Phillips, Gresham - with criminal negligence: Regulated Hunt-Operating a Motor Vehicle-Closed Area, \$71 bail forfeited.

Roger Charles Conroy, Boring - with criminal negligence: Regulated Hunt-Operating a Motor Vehicle, Closed Area, \$71 bail forfeited.

Lyle Smith, Portland - with criminal negligence: Violation of a Cooperative Restriction to wit - Road Closure, passenger, \$76 bail forfeited.

Joe Sturza, Heppner - with criminal negligence Angling Prohibited Method: to wit Chumming, \$42 fine.

Gary D. Walter, Ione - Open Container (Beer), \$30 fine, Careless Driving, \$57 fine.

Kelly Scott Kiesz, Washtucna, Washington - Open Container of Liquor in a Vehicle, \$30 fine.

Crescencio Chavez, Umatilla - with criminal negligence: No Resident Angling License, \$38 fine.

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Obituary

Addie Keizer

Graveside services for Addie Serena Keizer were held in Weston Saturday.

Keizer, 89, died in Toledo, Ore., March 13, 1985. She was a former longtime resident of Weston.

Born in Red Lake, Minn., July 15, 1895, she was the daughter of Isaac and Selma (Kables) Orwick. The family came to Oregon in 1900, and settled in the Condon area.

On Feb. 14, 1915 she married Burt Keizer in Condon.

Keizer lived in Weston for many years, then in Salem from 1968 to 1984, before moving to Toledo about a year ago.

Survivors include a brother, Roy Orwick of Heppner; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her husband, Burt Keizer, and a daughter, Violet Clark, died earlier.

Bateman Funeral Home, Toledo, was in charge of arrangements.

What's Your Opinion



Question: "How do you feel about Westworld Inc's proposal that they would operate the county hospital with the stipulation that the county build a new building?"

"I feel that before we consider building a new hospital with tax payers money, that there should be a probationary period of several years to prove the need for a new facility," said Delpha Jones, Lexington.

Sifting

through the

Times

10 Years Ago

The city of Heppner budget committee submitted a budget within the six percent limitation to the city council. The budget which would not require an election, carried with it a recommendation to increase water and sewer rates in order to increase the city's revenue.

The city of Heppner was covered with snow for the first day of spring.

25 Years Ago

"Transfer of the Boardman Bombing Range to the state of Oregon for development into a space age industrial park will be approved by the Department of Defense," Floyd S. Bryant, assistant secretary of defense assured Oregon Governor Mark Hatfield at a meeting in Washington D.C.

The Hehisch, Heppner High School's student newspaper, received the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Medalist award for "publication of distinction." The paper was edited by Carol K. Anderson and published under the supervision of Mrs. Margaret Kirk. The Hehisch was one of two student publications in the state of Oregon to receive such an honor.

Susan Partlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Partlow of Boardman was named 1960 Fair and Rodeo Queen.

50 Years Ago

A dust storm of unprecedented proportions for March swept over Morrow County Sunday, as the high wind prevalent over much of the coast, picked up the loose dirt in its path and put residents to much inconvenience.

The extent of property damage is undetermined, though many bad blows were reported in newly plowed fields. Growing crops may have been damaged some, but most reports indicate that the rain and snow which followed on Monday brought moisture to more than offset

the damage. Light and power service was interfered with at intervals, and telephone service was demoralized with outside points.

Those who ventured forth in automobiles found vision completely obliterated at times, and it was necessary to stop cars completely at places. At one time Sunday afternoon, five cars were reported stalled between the Withycombe and Woods farms on the Olex road, with danger of occupants smothering if assistance were not given immediately. A wrecker and state police cars from Arlington responded and got the cars out of difficulty. Traffic was halted entirely on the John Day highway between Condon and Arlington for a time.

Many farms homes suffered great inconvenience and actual hardship from Sunday's storm, when quantities of dirt drifted upon them.

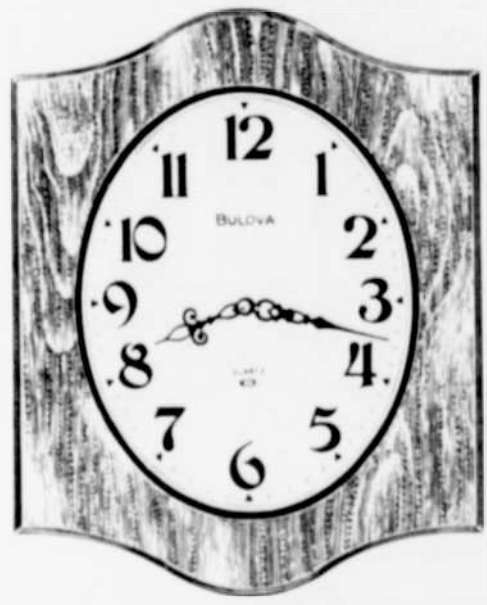
One of the worst cases cited was at the Julian Rauch farm north of Lexington where the dirt drifted in so badly that the family had to leave. It was reported that when they went to look for their automobile, it was covered up completely by the dirt. They were forced to take refuge with neighbors until the storm subsided.

Another case was reported south of Lexington where forty acres which a farmer had just plowed was blown out entirely to the depth of the furrow.

Monday's snow and rain, which for a time resembled a blizzard, caused concern among upper Willow creek sheepmen who kept all hands busy looking after new born lambs that had been turned out on the range.

Considerable wind has prevailed since, but intermittent showers have helped to allay the dust. Overcast skies today and warmer temperatures are indicative of more rain.

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