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Sheriff's Report

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

July 21: the Sheriff's Office assisted six disabled motorists in Morrow County during the week of July 15-21.

July 22: the Sheriff's Office responded to a residence in Boardman to assist the Boardman Police Dept. with a possible family disturbance.

July 22: the Sheriff's Office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to a grass fire in a field behind Heppner High School. The fire was extinguished.

July 22: the Sheriff's Office responded to an Irrigon residence after receiving a complaint of a speeding vehicle on Nevada St.

July 23: the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Boardman ambulance to a residence just outside the city limits to a report of a two-year-old child with fingernail polish in its eye. The child was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

July 24: the Sheriff's Office backed up the Boardman Police Dept. in a report of a possible fight at the Nomad in Boardman.

July 24: the Sheriff's Office responded to assist a citizen in Irrigon who was having animal problems.

July 24: the Sheriff's Office responded to assist the Heppner Police with the arrest of Robert McEwen, 21, Heppner, for alleged Assault IV.

July 25: the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Morrow County ambulance to Heppner Bowl for a report of a man having a seizure. He was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

July 25: the Sheriff's Office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to Heppner Nor-Gas due to a propane leak.

July 25: the Sheriff's Office investigated a report of a prowler in the Irrigon area.

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July 26: the Sheriff's Office responded to assist the Irrigon Police Dept. with a warrant arrest.

July 27: the Sheriff's Office responded to Main St. in Heppner to assist the Heppner Police Dept. with subjects reported fighting.

July 27: the Sheriff's Office received information of marijuana cultivated in one of the irrigated circles near the Irrigon area. The Sheriff's Office confiscated nine plants. Investigation is continuing at this time.

July 27: the Irrigon Police Dept. arrested Carlos Fernandez Reyes, 42, Boardman, for alleged Criminal Possession of a Forged Document, a felony. He was lodged at the Umatilla City Jail.

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Obituaries

Darrell Jack Blake

Darrell Jack Blake died of heart failure Saturday July 19 in an Oregon City hospital. He was 49.

Mr. Blake grew up in Redmond and Heppner. He attended Oregon State University for two years and graduated from Willamette Business College. He entered the insurance business in 1959 and made his home in Portland that year.

He lived with his family in Condon and Eugene before moving to Oregon City in 1982. For the past two years, he worked as a branch manager at SAIF Corp.'s West Branch office. He had been a SAIF employee for 11 years.

Surviving are his wife, Ardath; a daughter, Sharon Simmons of Portland; a son, Brent of Oregon City; his mother, Snoda Blake, and sister Bethel Heinrichs both of Heppner; and a brother, Willard of Monmouth.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, July 22 at Lincoln Willamette Funeral Home in Portland.

The family suggests remembrances be contributions to the American Heart Association or Lions Eye Bank, 1200 N.W. 23rd, Portland, 97210.

James R. Ledbetter

James R. Ledbetter, 63, died in Portland on Monday, July 21, 1986, at St. Vincent Hospital.

He was born in Heppner on April 6, 1923, the son of Leta (Nix) and Bergen Ledbetter. He attended school in Lone and is an Ione High School graduate. He served with the U.S. Navy from 1942-46.

He lived in Hermiston from 1952 until 1970, and in Portland from 1970-1982. After 36 years with Pacific Northwest Bell, he retired in 1982 and moved to Heppner the following year.

A funeral service was held Friday, July 25 at Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner. The Rev. Donald Boyce officiated. Carley Drake was pianist. Casketbearers were Bob Perry, Ernie McCabe, Burke O'Brien, Dave Barnett, Larry Kennedy, and Delbert Denney.

Burial was at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Ledbetter is survived by daughters Nancy Willoughby of Portland and Connie Mergel of Prineville; son Joe of Ashland; brother John of Heppner; sisters Clara Piekins of Spokane and Barbara Bergstrom of Roseburg; and five grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 0330 S.W. Curry, Portland Oregon 97201.

Over the Tee Cup

The Flag tournament at Willow Creek Country Club on Thursday July 24 was well attended with 22 ladies present.

Eileen Padberg won first place with one stroke on No. 11 fairway.

Anita Boyer was second with her first stroke on No. 11 fairway.

Susan Johnson was third with a putt into the cup on No. 10.

Harriet Pierson and Martha Peterson each won golf balls by golfing their exact handicap and ending play by placing their flag in the cup on No. 9.

Hospital Notes

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

Larry Angell, Heppner - admitted July 25, discharged July 27.

The following patients were receiving care at the hospital Monday:

Chris McLaughlin, Heppner - admitted July 28; and

John Hemple, Heppner - admitted July 28.

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police Department reports handling the following business during the past week:

July 21: 11:52 - citation issued for Parking violation.

July 22: 3:58 - assist the Morrow County Sheriff's Office; 7:50 - request officer for Security Check; 9:22 - assist Fire Dept.

July 23: 11:15 - assist Morrow County Sheriff's Office; 1:44 - false alarm; 1:10 - report of Worthless Document; 9:23 - report of Strange Noises; 11:09 - citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule (40 mph in a 25 mph zone).

July 24: 12:27 a.m. - request officer for Security Check; 12:37 a.m. - request officer for Security Check; 8:05 - citation issued for alleged Assault IV; 8:30 - assist Morrow County Sheriff's Dept.

July 25: 7:20 - report of a car racing around; 7:40 report of gas leak.

July 26: 9:39 - request officer for Security Check; 9:45 - request officer for Security Check.

July 27: 5:55 - two citations issued for Minor in Possession of Intoxicants; 10:35 - request officer for Security Check.

Letters to the Editor

VOCAL support group forms

To the Editor:

It is difficult to imagine a crime more heinous than the abuse of helpless children. For that reason, we must be certain those defendants accused of so horrible a crime are truly guilty. A false accusation may destroy an innocent life.

Yet the Wall Street Journal April 2, 1984 states "in about half the 400,000 families kept under supervision and compelled to accept treatment, the parents had never actually abused or neglected their children. This is the side of the story, just beginning to surface involving cases where the alleged perpetrator, himself, is a possible victim. The very same laws that rescue abused and neglected children also bring grief to innocent parents, teachers, and a whole host of well meaning people whose only crime is caring for and loving children.

In 1975, about 35 percent of all reports turned out to be unfounded, that is to say, they were dismissed after investigation. Now, ten years later, about 65 percent of all reports nationwide prove to be unfounded. This flood of unfounded reports is overloading the system and endangering the children who really are being abused.

It is for this reason that Victims of Child (VOCAL) Abuse Laws was formed. A group of people in Minnesota joined together and formed a non-profit group to represent their concern and experiences. After becoming VOCAL they soon found that many others across the country were also being caught up in the witch hunt for child abusers. Cries for help began pouring in; they not only sent out information on what they were doing but encouraged people to contact others in their own state. In barely more than two years VOCAL has grown like wildfire. There are now over 100 chapters in the United States and Canada. In Oregon the most active chapters are located in Albany, and Roseburg.

If you feel you have been falsely accused and need information, we invite you to contact the Linn County Chapter of VOCAL they have compiled an extensive data base and will be happy to share their information with you.

Judy Byers
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P.O. Box 1446
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Sifting through the Times

10 Years Ago
Ernest Schlein, great-nephew of Henry Heppner visited Heppner and brought personal greetings to Mayor Jerry Sweeney from New York City Mayor Abraham D. Beame.

25 Years Ago
Western Pipe Line Inc. announced that it expected to bring a crew of 250-400 to Heppner to work on the pipeline which would eventually carry natural gas from Alberta, Canada, to California.

The striped leaf rust and heat appeared not to have taken as heavy a toll on wheat crops at higher elevations as they had earlier harvested grain. Late harvest yields were 25 bu/acre.

Eastern Oregon Construction Co., Pendleton, was awarded the contract to build a 138x67 ft. addition to Ione High School.

Residents of the City of Heppner used over 800 thousand gallons of water per day in the period of June 20-July 20. "This is the biggest reading in my 11 years of work for the city," Victor Groshens, city superintendent said.

50 Years Ago
Heppner Lions Club joined the movement to secure flood control in the Willow creek and Rhea creek valleys when the matter was presented.

June timber sales total \$159 thousand

A total volume of 11,254,000 board feet of timber from lands managed by the Umatilla National Forest sold for \$159,481.72 in June, according to figures from the office of the Forest Supervisor in Pendleton.

One of the sales, the Long Clip Sale, 250,000 board feet, on the Heppner Ranger District was bought by Kinzua Corporation of Heppner for \$125.40.

Four firewood sales with a total volume of 195,000 board feet brought bids totaling \$2,400. All were located on the North Fork John Day Ranger District.

Personal use firewood permit receipts for June were \$22,554.50, and allowed the removal of 4,508,000 board feet of firewood concluded the forest supervisor's office.

W.C.C.C. Golf Justice Court

Wednesday July 23
Low gross-Helen Gilliam, who shot a 45.

Low net-Harriet Batty with 26.

Long drive on No. 2 was made by Doll Campbell.

Mary Beamer had least putts with a 15.

Neoma Bailey won a ball with a chip in.

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

Donald Wayne Barber, Heppner - Expired Vehicle License, \$9 fine.

John Andrew Samskar, Pasco, Washington - no PUC Permit, \$13 fine.

Marvin James Brannon, Heppner - Defective Equipment, \$9 fine.

Editorial

Haylift aids farmers —or politicians

While they are still debating in Washington whether those are Republican cows starving to death in the Southeast, or whether they are Democrat, one thing is for certain, they are certainly making donkeys (and I don't mean the political kind) out of themselves in the hallowed halls of our nation's capitol.

Leave it to the politicians to take a completely humanitarian and unselfish goodwill gesture such as the emergency hay lift to the drought stricken Southeast, and attempt to turn it into political gain.

In order to explain the bizarre antics of both the Democrats and Republicans jockeying to gain political mileage out of the hay lift, consider that they did so while in a complete state of shock and mental confusion.

None of us wants to admit that our leaders are so blatantly crass and opportunistic, that they would rush to this show of neighborly good will between farmers, and attempt to gain some sort of credit for it in the eyes of the country.

Rather, I would like to believe that prolonged breathing of the cynical air of the Potomac, has so hardened our leaders to a truly humanitarian and grass roots showing of national goodwill, that it was too much for their collective brains to comprehend.

So often we hear the term "grass roots", and so often we hear it used by politicians themselves, it seems odd that they still do not truly understand what it means.

Birth

Luke Roderick Murray - a son, Luke Roderick, was born July 22 to John and Ann Murray at St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington. He weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz.

Grandparents are Rod and Meg Murray, Ione, and Larry and Corrine Lindsay, Lexington.

Great-grandparents are Rosella Lindsay, Heppner, Laura Shook, and Al and Adelia Remily, Tigard.

Eva Marie Chitty - daughter, Eva Marie was born July 22, 1986 in Roseville, California to Jack and Toni Chitty. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 1/2 oz.

Maternal grandparents are John and Rene Ledbetter of Heppner and Leonard and Lorine Toll of Woodburn. Paternal grandparents are Marvin and Mike Chitty of Enterprise.

Great-grandmothers are Merna Toll and Eva Griffith of Heppner and Dorothy Chitty of Crawford, Nebraska.

Service News

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Dustin W. Thomason

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Dustin W. Thomason, son of Alberta C. Baker of Lexington, recently completed a five-day port visit to Hong Kong while participating in a Western Pacific deployment.

While in port, Thomason enjoyed various sites of the city, including Victoria Peak which overlooks Hong Kong Harbor and China.

Thomason also participated in painting the Dutchess of Kim Children's Hospital of Sandy Bay.

While one group painted the hospital, the ship's clown Troupe entertained the patients.

Thomason is currently stationed aboard the battleship USS New Jersey, homeported in Long Beach, California.

A 1983 graduate of Riverside High School, Boardman, he joined the Navy in July 1983. His wife, Lois, is the daughter of Floyd R. and Lorane L. Wilson, of Irrigon.

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