

## Heppner business has new owners

Charlie and Lisa Wisdom are the new owners of Kate's Pizza and Video World.

The couple and their three children Melissa, 10, Levi, 4, and Kyle, 3, have moved here from Roseburg where Charlie managed an Abby's Pizza Inn for three years. He has worked as a manager for Abby's for a total of 13 years. He began working for the pizza chain, he said, four days after his sixteenth birthday.

The Wisdoms are enthusiastic about the new business and will be open at 8 a.m. seven days a week. They will have a new menu and intend to emphasize the pizza more. They will begin making their own sauce and promise to have them ready to serve within 10 minutes. They will still bake doughnuts each morning, will expand the salad bar, and will continue to have sandwiches.

Both have a professional attitude about the business and say they expect to run the business as a business. They will change the emphasis and develop an atmosphere to attract families for dinner. They hope to cater to younger people and "down the road a ways" may show short videos on Saturday afternoons.



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The Wisdoms have been in Heppner for a week and would like to become more involved with the community. So far they say, they have had a chance only to see the restaurant and their home, although

they did make a trip to Pendleton on Monday.

Both are golfers. Charlie has been a licensed pilot for three years and has hunted elk in the Heppner area each year.

## 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:

September 1: the Sheriff's Office assisted one disabled motorist during the week of August 25 - September 1.

September 2: a Morrow County Sheriff's Deputy responded to a residence outside the city limits of Heppner after receiving a complaint of a travel trailer being borrowed but not returned.

September 2: the Sheriff's Dept. located a fire on the Bombing Range. Dispatch advised the Navy base of the fire.

September 3: the Sheriff's Office assisted the Oregon State Police in attempting to locate a vehicle reportedly westbound in the eastbound lanes of I-84. State police located the vehicle.

September 3: the Sheriff's Office made a warrant arrest of Theodore Dale Rodriguez, on a charge of Failure to Appear/Negotiating a Bad Check. He is lodged at the Umatilla City Jail. Another warrant was served for Failure to Complete a Diverison Program.

September 4: a Sheriff's Deputy

responded to a residence in Irrigon to investigate a report of vandalism.

September 4: the Sheriff's Office and the Irrigon Police Dept. responded to a residence in Irrigon to a report of a possible domestic disturbance which turned out to be a verbal disagreement.

September 4: the Sheriff's Office assisted Oregon State Police at the site of a semi-truck accident on I-84 approximately one mile East of Boardman. No injuries were reported.

September 5: the Sheriff's Office and Boardman police attempted to locate a vehicle reportedly traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes of I-84 at a high rate of speed.

September 5: the Sheriff's Office investigated a report of harassment and Careless Driving in the Irrigon area.

September 5: the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Heppner ambulance to a residence in Heppner for a male subject having difficulty breathing.

September 6: a Sheriff's deputy responded to a residence on Miller Lane in Boardman after receiving a complaint of an adult Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. Mary Elizabeth Sinor, 38, Boardman, was issued a

citation to appear for Furnishing.

September 6: the Sheriff's Office assisted the Boardman Police Dept. in attempting to locate an intox-

icated person last seen in the Boardman area.

September 6: the Sheriff's Office responded to Wilson Road after receiving a complaint of a bull on the road.

September 6: the Sheriff's Office dispatched a deputy, the Boardman ambulance, and Oregon State Police to a residence outside the Irrigon city limits after receiving information of a possible deceased subject. A 68-year-old male was found dead of apparent natural causes. Oregon State Police is handling the investigation.

September 6: the Sheriff's Office and Boardman Police Dept. received information of a stolen vehicle allegedly taken from a Boardman resident. The vehicle was located in a ditch on E. Columbia Avenue in Boardman near the Port of Morrow exit. No apparent damage was done to the vehicle. The Sheriff's office is continuing the investigation.

September 7: the Sheriff's Office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to a grass fire behind Wilson Road Trailer Court near Faler Road. The fire was extinguished.

## Heppner 4-H'er returns from Thai exchange

Two months in Thailand allowed Heppner 4-H'er Ken Curtis to experience being a minority—a westerner among Thai military, villagers, and youth.

Selected for the tour by 4-H, Curtis joined other 4-H'ers last June for two days of orientation with the Asia Foundation in San Francisco. Following orientation, the 10 4-H'ers flew to Bangkok, Thailand, where they were met by members of the Bangkok Asia Foundation and by the Thai government.

The group, Curtis said, was ushered immediately to a VIP room at the airport and did not go through the usual customs and security checks because they were with the government.

The bulk of his time in Thailand was spent at a Mobile Development Unit which is a branch of the Thai military involved with road and dam construction, irrigation projects, youth centers, and medical and dental care for villagers. The youth centers, Curtis said, are run by

military officers to teach kids better ways to grow crops and raise animals.

A typical day, he said, began at 6 a.m. with the Thai national anthem played over loudspeakers, followed by a "rain bucket" shower and breakfast of rice, pork or chicken, cucumbers and raw string beans with water to drink.

During the morning his group of 4-H'ers would tour MDU projects or visit area farms to see fruit orchards or vegetable crops. Again at 8 a.m.,

he said the Thai anthem was played over loudspeakers. "Everyone stopped what they were doing until the anthem was over," he said, "because it was time to raise the flag." Loudspeakers were everywhere, he said, not just in the camp, but in villages, and places which did not have stationary loudspeakers had trucks with loudspeakers driving around so the message could be heard by all the people.

The Thai military and political governments, he said, cannot be separated. Because Thailand is surrounded by communism a very strong military is necessary. The MDUs served a dual purpose, he emphasized. Although their main function is to oversee developments and train villagers, if an actual invasion occurred, the MDUs could be directed to control the problem.

The noon meal, he said consisted of rice, corn on the cob, a soup made of tofu and cabbage, and fruit (usually rambutan which he described as a big hairy strawberry that tasted more like grapes).

Because the climate is so humid, not much work can be done during the hottest part of the day, so a 30-60 minute nap usually followed the noon meal. Then the 4-H'ers had free time which they usually spent at the youth centers, visiting with Thai youth and helping with the youth projects until dinner time.

The evening meal is the biggest meal of the day, he said, consisting of rice or "sticky rice" which is eaten with the hands by rolling it into a ball and dipping it in whatever other food is served such as an omelette cut in small pieces or raw papaya shredded and covered with tomato sauce. The Thai dishes are heavily spiced, but since they realized we were foreigners, he said, usually they left the spice out of at least one item on the menu so we could eat that. Dessert was usually

pineapple, coconut or some other fruit.

While in Thailand, he had an opportunity to visit Bangkok and some of the cultural sites. Bangkok is westernized with a McDonalds and an A & W, and is very different from the rest of the country, he said.

He also visited the northern regions and some remote villages where he said most of the people had never seen a foreigner. They came and sat around us to pay respect to the military and it was "weird being a minority." The people were very friendly through and a translator helped us speak. They were pleased when I tried to say simple things in their language, even the greeting and "thank you for showing me your farm" brought smiles.

An average-size farm, he said was one-two acres which would yield enough food for the farmer's family and a "little left over to sell to the market." Farmers use water buffalo to plow the fields and plant rice.

The dam projects, he said, were mainly to help supply water for the refugee camps. The Thai government is proud that it has been able to consolidate many of the small camps into larger ones which expedite feeding, clothing, and keeping track of refugees.

"Because the MDU was so close to the border, there was always a machine gun under the seat of the vehicles and pistols in the glove box. You didn't really see the weapons, but they were there, 'just in case'." "One night," Curtis recalls he, "heard thunder and, the next morn-

## Will run write in campaign

Bob Taylor, 60, of Lexington will be running a write-in campaign for mayor. He has lived in Lexington for 10 years. He served as a special city marshal in Fossil for 30 years where he lived all of his life before moving to Lexington.

Taylor works for Kinzua Corp., is a member of the Veterans of Foreign



Ken Curtis

ing, was told that the 'thunder' was a bomb that had exploded 10 km. away. It was too late to be scared then."

He also had an opportunity to stay with a family for a couple of days with a translator from the MDU. The family's house was built off the ground, on stilts, and the beds were woven straw mats on the floor with mosquito netting pulled over the sleeper.

The people and the officers at the MDU were friendly and all were easy to get along with, he concluded. And, with the translator's help, the simple phrases of the language weren't difficult to learn.

## Candidates file for city offices

Four persons had filed for three council position openings in Boardman by the September 4 deadline, those four names which will be on the November general election ballot are Ronald Black, Art Keger, Clifford R. Peck, and Steve R. Zielinski.

Three people have filed for three positions on the Irrigon council: William H. Cooley, Caryle Gallien, and Stanley Paul Mills.

Curtis J. Papineau has filed for the Lexington mayor opening. Three persons, Louis Eng, Shirley McCarl, and Charley Sumner, have filed for two council position openings at Lexington.

Cara Costa, incumbent, was the only one to file for the Heppner mayor's position. Three people, Terri R. Denton, David Hanna, and John Hempel, have filed for two two-year openings on the Heppner city council. Four have filed for three four-year positions on the council: Richard L. Curtis, Charles Holt, Doug Lowe, and Bob Allen Ployhar.

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