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**Editorial**

**Tourism may dull effect of CRP**

What the CRP, or Conservation Reserve Program, will mean to south Morrow County is yet to be clearly determined, as the full effects of the program, which takes farm land out of production and pays the farmer not to farm, will probably not be felt on the local economy for another year or so.

Morrow County extension Agent Fred Lundin has estimated that based on the \$183 it costs to farm one acre of dry land wheat, locally we can expect to lose approximately \$5 million per year. These are, of course, projections, but whatever the exact amount, the program is sure to cut down on the amount of dollars coming into the county, and the amount of dollars being spent in the county. And like it or not, decreased dollars in any given area will affect jobs, income and likely be felt by everyone.

We have had some warning about the effects of the CRP program, and with a little planning, some cooperation and hard work it is possible to blunt some of the adverse effects it will cause.

Planning to deal with the effects of the CRP program have pretty much been underway for some time now, with communities in our area already discussing new ways to stimulate, or at least maintain their economics. For example the old hotel in Heppner may be restored and turned into a senior citizens complex. Ione has been working on opening up a road to Boardman in hopes of attracting some of the population increase in the North end of the county, and a park district has been formed to develop recreational facilities at Willow Creek lake. There are more ideas being discussed, and more planning taking place, a good healthy sign that the communities are optimistic and hopeful about the future.

Because of the inter-relationship of the communities, south Morrow County should consider itself an economic zone comprised of Heppner, Lexington, Ione and areas in between. What is good for one community will rub off and be good for the others, which is where cooperation becomes an important aspect in dealing with the negative impact of the CRP.

Coordinated and joint efforts by all the communities in South Morrow County may be possible, and highly beneficial in certain instances, but such cooperation will take understanding and strong leadership.

Our upcoming county judge election may be one of the most important the county has faced for several years. With all the changes occurring in the county, strong leadership from the county level will be essential if we are to plan, cooperate, and work toward the common goal of a better Morrow County.

**County Court**

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ed in Salem, Yamhill County and Bend. He has organized two new Community Action Agencies: Yamhill County in 1979 and Central Oregon in 1984. He has also been a member of the board of directors of Oregon Food Share from 1980 to the present, serving as its president from 1982 through 1985, a period which saw its budget and amount of food increase dramatically. Oregon Food Share was awarded the President's Volunteerism Award in 1983, which Schmidt and OFS director Kathleen Cornett received a White House luncheon. Schmidt said that there is a growing need for the programs of BMEDC. This is a time of, and partially caused by, deep cuts in federal spending for flexible, responsive programs, such as those operated by BMEDC.

**Hospital Notes**

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

Ericka Bergstrom, Ione - admitted September 15, discharged September 16;  
Dave Zachry, Heppner - admitted September 16, discharged September 17;  
Marilani Frazier, Heppner - admitted September 17, discharged September 20; and  
Roxie Lovgren, Heppner - admitted September 18, discharged September 19.  
Darlene Arrington, Heppner, who was admitted to the hospital September 22 was still receiving care Tuesday morning.

**Obituary**

**Columbus A. Phillips**

Columbus A. Phillips died Sunday, Sept. 21 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. He was born April 8, 1898 at Olex the son of William and Bertha (Cochran) Phillips. He attended the Hill Military Academy in Portland. He was raised and spent 60 years in the Izee area near John Day. He was at Aurora for 12 years before coming to Heppner in 1980.

He was married June 2, 1923 in John Day to Lillie Stratton. He was a member of the American Legion Woodburn Post, Veterans of World War I, serving with the U.S. Army, a charter member of the Prineville Elks Lodge No. 1814.

Survivors include his wife Lillie Phillips of Heppner; daughters Fay Page, Heppner, and Elizabeth (Billie) Luce of Portland; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at United Methodist Church in Heppner, the Rev. Don Boyce officiating. Carley Drake organist.

Contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the Oregon Cancer Society or Oregon Heart Fund.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, in care of arrangements.

**Stanley A. Robinson**

Graveside services for Stanley A. Robinson will begin 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Robinson died Saturday, Sept. 20, 1986, at Amber Valley Care Center in Pendleton. He was 84.

Born April 12, 1902, in Lone Rock, he was the son of Calvin and Gretchen (Merrill) Robinson. He attended Lone Rock schools, followed by Franklin High School in Portland.

During the 1920s, he trained under Ted Thye, and was rated one of the top wrestlers in the country.

Robinson lived and worked in the Hardman and Kinzua area prior to moving to Heppner in 1954. He worked as a farmer and also for the Kinzua Pine Mill.

He married Cleo Merrill on Dec. 4, 1927, in Condon. His wife died in 1971 and a daughter, Doris, died in 1974. Three sisters: Eva, Nellie and Lucy, also died earlier.

Survivors include half brother William Robinson of Portland. Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital fund, P.O. Box 9, Heppner 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

**Birth**

Joshua Charles Daniel Jensen - a son, Joshua, was born September 20 to Patti and Chuck Jensen of Pendleton at St. Anthony Hospital. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz.

Grandparents are Jim and Barbara Bloodworth of Heppner, Jim and Vicky Devine of Madras, Bob and Evelyn Jensen of Pendleton, and Pete and Betty Keating of Pendleton.

Great-grandparents are Evelyn Warren, Heppner, Eula Bloodworth, Lexington, and Bill Baker, Boardman.

**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 14 - a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy located three horses on Hwy. 207 and Sandhollow. Dispatch attempted to locate their owner.

September 14 - the Sheriff's Office assisted Oregon State Police The Dalles and Hermiston offices with a non-injury motor vehicle accident involving a semi-truck hitting a fifth-wheel travel trailer on I-84 near milepost 148.

September 14 - the Sheriff's Office issued a Citation to Appear to Debbie Ann Kanyid, 23, Boardman, for Furnishing Alcohol to Minors.

September 14 - the Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle accident on Hwy. 74 near milepost 39. Jerry Baker, 25, Heppner, who had minor injuries, was transported by a friend to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

September 15 - the Sheriff's Office investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle outside the city limits of Boardman. The vehicle reportedly was turning off its headlights while driving along.

September 16 - the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Boardman ambulance to Sam Boardman Elementary School. A 10-year-old with a broken wrist was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

September 19 - the Sheriff's Office cited Clint Robert Timmons, 60, Heppner, for Driving While Suspended.

September 17 - the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Boardman ambulance to a residence on Anderson Road. A male subject with a possible heart attack was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

September 17 - the Sheriff's Office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to a roof on fire across from Desert Springs Estates in Boardman. Mutual aid was requested from the Irrigon Fire Dept.

September 17 - the Sheriff's Office backed up the Heppner Police Dept. after receiving a report of a fight at Evergreen Terrace Apts.

September 18 - the Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police responded to a one-vehicle rollover at milepost 159 on I-84. Boardman ambulance transported one female to Good Shepherd Hospital.

September 18 - the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Boardman ambulance to Gourmet Brands dry storage area. One female with an illness was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

September 18 - the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Boardman ambulance and Rescue 1 (for jaws of life) to the scene of a two-car accident in Boardman. Two subjects with unknown injuries were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

September 19 - a Sheriff's deputy investigated a suspicious vehicle on Tower Road which had been abandoned over the weekend.

September 20 - the Sheriff's Office assisted the Boardman Police Dept. in the investigation of suspicious noises outside a residence on Mt. Adams. Two juveniles were given a ride to their residence.

**Justice Court**

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week: Bernard Thomas Delair, Gladstone - Possession of Open Container of Alcoholic Liquor (Beer), \$30 fine.

George C. Peck, Gladstone - Possession of Open Container of Alcoholic Liquor (Beer), \$30 fine. Jeffrey Wade Taylor, Bend - No PUC Permit, \$57 bail forfeited; No Vehicle License, \$57 bail forfeited.

Gordon Arthur Fletcher, Portland - Suspended Operator License, \$140 fine.

September 20 - the Sheriff's Office responded to a residence at Country Garden Estates in Irrigon after receiving a complaint of a theft of car seat covers and a gearshift knob from a vehicle. Investigation is continuing.

September 20 - a Sheriff's deputy handled a civil matter in the Irrigon area.

September 20 - a Morrow County deputy responded to a residence on Washington Street in Irrigon to assist the Umatilla Ambulance after receiving a report of a premature baby not breathing. The baby was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

September 20 - the Sheriff's Office responded to the vicinity of Kincaide/Cottonwood in Boardman to investigate a report of a small caliber gun shot heard.

September 21 - the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Boardman ambulance to the scene of an automobile accident in Boardman. The ambulance transported one 41-year-old male who suffered injuries in the accident to Good Shepherd Hospital.

September 21 - the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Boardman ambulance to a report of a motor vehicle accident on Tower Road at the off ramp of I-84. One male who had sustained shoulder injuries and a laceration to his head refused transport to the hospital.

September 21 - a Sheriff's deputy responded to a report of shots being fired in the West Glen Estates area. The shots appeared to be from a .22. One shot hit a freezer belonging to a resident of West Glen.

September 21 - the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Boardman ambulance to a residence next to the Redi-Mix Sand and Gravel in Boardman. A woman who reportedly fell and injured her head was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

September 21 - a Sheriff's deputy investigated a report of shots fired at a vehicle at the Wagon Wheel Addition in Irrigon.

September 21 - a Sheriff's deputy responded and investigated a one-vehicle accident at Cutsforth Corner on Hwy. 730. Three persons were involved. George Thomas Ayers, Kennewick, Washington, was issued citations for Careless Driving and No Operators License. A juvenile involved in the accident who was listed as a runaway from the Pasco area was returned to parents.

September 22 - the Irrigon Police Dept. arrested Ricardo J. Suarez, 27, Boardman, on a Madras warrant for Criminal NonSupport. He was lodged at the Umatilla Police Dept.

September 22 - a Morrow County deputy responded to assist the Boardman Police Dept. after receiving a report of a fight in porghress at a lounge in Boardman.

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