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**Letters to the Editor**

**Improved water supplies needed**

To the Editor:

Our hot dry summer brings into focus the problems of water availability for agriculture, fisheries, pollution abatement, and domestic water needs.

Existing minimum streamflow water rights are not being met in many areas of the state simply because they are "junior" to a host of private consumptive water rights used mainly for irrigated agriculture and municipal water systems. Further these minimum flows are administrative decisions subject to change.

The 1987 Legislature recognized that recreation, fisheries, and pollution abatement need greater consideration. To protect Oregon's quality of life and economic potential for tourism an in-stream water right was established with the same legal status as any existing private

water right.

To improve water supplies without fish-killing dams, the 1987 Legislature instituted a comprehensive watershed rehabilitation program and created incentives for water conservation projects. Dramatic evidence of healthy summer flows on dry country streams from riparian zone improvements was heard by the Joint Water Policy Committee.

While the Legislature's action does not solve all our water problems, it does push Oregon water policy in new directions and recognizes the economic importance of water to tourism, recreation, pollution control and sportfishing.

Sincerely,  
(s) Dave McTeague  
State Representative  
Co-Chair, Joint Water Policy Committee

**Births**

**Andrew Currin Katz** - a son, Andrew was born August 9 to Celia (Currin) and Harvey Katz of New York City.

Grandfather is Bob Currin of Buttercreek.

The baby joins a three-year-old brother, Robert, at the Katz family home.

**Heppner Police Report**

The Heppner Police Dept. reports handling the following business during the past week.

August 10: 8:50 a.m. - parking citation issued; 1:08 p.m. - assist Fire Dept; 3:30 p.m. - report of Fight.

August 11: 12:22 a.m. - officer requested for Security Check; 12:52 a.m. - citation issued for Minor in Possession by Consumption; 8:10 a.m. - responded to False Alarm.

August 12: 10:10 a.m. - Report of Theft; 10:59 p.m. - citation issued for Illegal "U" Turn.

August 13: 12:13 a.m. - assist Morrow County Ambulance; 1:33 p.m. - citations issued for No Operator License, Driving While Uninsured.

August 14: 11:48 a.m. - citations issued for No Operator, Driving While Uninsured.

August 15: 12:14 p.m. - report of Burglary; 1:18 p.m. - report of Unlawful Operation of two Motorcycles; 1:27 p.m. - received Dog Complaint; 2:30 p.m. - received Dog Complaint.

August 16: 9:30 p.m. - officer requested for Security Check.

**AVIA**  
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**Sheriff's Report**

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

August 10: a deputy responded to a possible stolen vehicle that was reported to have been left in Irrigon. Call was unfounded.

August 10: the sheriff's office investigated a Theft of irrigation pump, metal pipes, plywood sheds and metal gate valued at \$450 in Irrigon.

August 11: a deputy responded to report of possible reckless driver in Irrigon area.

August 11: a deputy investigated complaint of a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed in the Boardman area.

August 12: the sheriff's office investigated report of burglary. Nothing had been taken.

August 12: the sheriff's office responded to complaint of theft of fishing poles taken from the pumping station at the north end of Patterson-Ferry Road along the Columbia River. Value of poles is unknown. The theft occurred between 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

August 12: a deputy responded to report of person lying along the side of the freeway near the Morrow-Gilliam county line.

August 13: the sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence in Heppner for a woman with an injury. She was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

August 13: the sheriff's office, Oregon State Police, and the Boardman Police Dept. served a search warrant on a residence near Irrigon. They seized 27 marijuana plants in a green house and a small quantity of marijuana from a residence. Two suspects were cited and released on charges of Manufacturing a Controlled Substance: to-wit Marijuana. Suspects are Russell Ernest Waggener, 23, and Douglas Lindsey, 21.

August 14: a deputy responded to complaint of possible violation of a restraining order in Irrigon area. Report was unfounded.

August 14: the sheriff's office responded to report of vandalism to the fence belonging to the Corps of Engineers in Irrigon. Information was turned over to the Corps.

August 14: the sheriff's office backed up Boardman police in investigation of a Domestic Assault in Boardman.

August 15: a deputy responded to complaint of a neighbor disturbance outside the city limits of Irrigon.

August 15: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the 76 station in Boardman for a male who had fallen. He refused transport.

August 15: a deputy investigated report of an animal problem in the Irrigon area.

August 15: a deputy arrested Lonnie G. Platt, Irrigon, 65, for alleged Assault IV-Domestic. He was transported to Benton County Jail where he was lodged.

August 15: the sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a city residence. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

August 16: a deputy investigated report of theft of fishing gear and tackle valued at \$800 from boat parked at a Boardman residence.

During the week of August 10-16, the sheriff's office assisted two disabled motorists.

August 16: a deputy responded to complaint of a reckless driver in Lone.

August 16: the sheriff's office assisted Boardman police attempt to locate possible odor of gas within the vicinity of Boardman Ave. Source was unknown, but smell had evaporated upon arrival.

**Road Report**

By Phil Akman  
Public Works Director

**August 10 - August 20**

The Public Works Road Department is now completing most of the annual seal coating (L.B.S.T., or Oil Rock, surface treatment). Four miles of Dry Fork and three miles of Lone-Gooseberry (Rattlesnake Canyon) were completed last week. The Rattlesnake Canyon section also required some shoulder work prior to this seal coat operation. This required stockpiling crushed rock and transporting heavy equipment. The Road Department Pug Mill was transported out after completion of blade patching on Dry Fork, Lone-Gooseberry and Valby roads last month.

Also, last week, pot hole patching was done on Sandhollow and Big Butter Creek. On Wilson Road more Right-of-Way work was completed, mainly fencing and irrigation ditch work. In the Road shop, work began on repairing and replacing the under carriage of the D-6d crawler tractor.

Further preparation work was done locating equipment for the Big Butter Creek project. This was complicated by investigating the economics of renting or purchasing. The Road Department steel roller compactor broke down for the third time in six years and a replacement is being considered. Also, the water truck will require replacement, but since none is available during the busiest time of the construction season a rental has been arranged. During this week, August 17 to 20, the Road Department will be completing seal coating on a 1/2-mile stretch of the Dry Fork road and four miles of the Lone-Gooseberry and mobilizing equipment and begin reconstruction of the Big Butter Creek road. Also, part of the Big Butter-creek project will be drainage design and construction. First, will be the replacement of the small bridge one mile north of the Pine City area with two 36 inch steel culverts.

For the Morrow County Fair Parade, the county will again utilize the Road Department diesel tractor/trailer and equipment lowboy. The Public Works Department's Facility Maintenance personnel and equipment have been busy with the Fair grounds preparation.

Any questions or comments are welcome at the Public Works Department in Lexington or call 676-9061 extension 17.

**Correction**

Paul Scott entertainment and the 4-H style revue will be Thursday, August 20 at the fairgrounds, not Saturday as reported in a page 6 story in the fair edition.

Omitted from the schedule of events last week's special fair edition were some entertainment items. Thursday events include: a 3:15 p.m. mini concert by Dawn Parm, a 4 p.m. flower arrangement contest. Friday events not listed in the schedule are a 1:30 p.m. food processor demonstration; 2:30 p.m. bread making demonstration; 3 p.m. "Songs of Yesterday" in the picnic area, 4 p.m. serger sewing demonstration.

**Marriage Licenses**

The Morrow County Clerk's office reports issuing marriage licenses to the following:

Richard Alexander Richl, 20, and Michele Noel Miles, 19, both of Portland;

Larry Eldon Mosher, 35, and Suzanne Carr, 24, both of Milton-Freewater; and

Floyd Arnold Turnbull, 35, and Karen Colleen Hagerty, 31, both of Hermiston.

**Hospital Notes**

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

Pauline Robins, Lexington - admitted August 11, discharged August 13;

Clinton Barstad, Prineville - admitted August 11, discharged August 12; and

Della Tash, Heppner - admitted August 13, discharged August 14.

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