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Letters to the Editor

A hearty job well done

To the Editor:
A hearty "job well done" to the Community Choir, their efforts and dedication were evidenced at our downtown Moonlight Sale last Thursday evening. The talented assembly of members performed

several songs for those of us fortunate enough to be in attendance. Also to the merchants for providing the good sales and socializing opportunity. It gave us yet another chance to buy at home in Heppner.

(s) Cara Costa, Mayor

Births

Heather Lois Yocom—a daughter, Heather, was born October 14, 1987 to Jack and Paulette Yocom of Hermiston at Good Shepherd Community Hospital. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.
Grandparents are Joe and Hilda Yocom, Lexington and Clayton and Wybonia Eddy, Arvoda, Colo.
Great-grandparents are Venice Hendrickson, Pendleton and Lloyd and Lois Priest, Golden, Colo.

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:
Vern Haskin, Mapleton, admitted October 27, discharged October 27.
Glen Burns, Portland, admitted October 28, discharged October 30.
Mark McGregor, Estacada, admitted October 28, discharged October 30.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice Court at the Courthouse Annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:
Timothy Farrar Wallawine, Spray, Failure to Drive Right side of Center Line, \$17 fine.
LaVern Gordon Hams, Ione, Violation of Cooperative Road Closure agreement, \$46 fine.
Gordon Edward McBride, Mabton, Wa., No tail lights on towed trailer at time when lights are required, \$13 fine.
Larry Scott Risky, Portland-No Vehicle License, Expired Vehicle License, \$13 fine.
Edward Cecil Hounshell, Hermiston-Road Closure Violation, \$36 fine.
Murray Vance Stookey, Enumclaw, Wa.-Possession of Falsely applied for resident hunting license and deer tag, \$110 fine.
Arthur Jay Munkers, Portland-Possession of falsely applied resident hunting license, \$110 fine.
Archie LaVerne Pittman, Kennewick, Wa.-Failure to drive right side of center line, \$17 fine.
James J. Murtha, Wasco-Expired vehicle license, \$13 fine.
Charles Leonard Buckley, Pendleton-Violation of Cooperative road closure agreement, \$36 fine.
Tim Edward Patton, Ione-Exceeding the Maximum speed, 75 in a 55 zone, \$57 bail forfeited.
Robert Carl Grant, North Bend-No PUC Permit, \$30 fine.
Paul Robert Britt, Irrigon-Combination Overload-1700 pounds, \$17 fine.
Gilbert Mac Griffith, Spray-Failure to Drive right, \$17 fine.
Shawn Allen Gibson, Heppner-Possession of falsely applied for resident hunting license and deer tag, \$107 fine.
James Darold Hams, Heppner-No lights on trailer, \$13 fine.
William Lloyd Dameron, Spray-Defective equipment, \$13 fine.
Loren Lee Harner, Portland-Violation of Cooperative road closure agreement, \$46 fine.
Vaundra Dewey Nunley III, Kennewick, Wa.-No PUC Permit, \$57 bail forfeited.
Kip Farrell Janson, The Dalles-Carrying loaded firearm on Class I ATV, \$31 bail forfeited.
Steven Leroy Later, Hermiston-Hunting prohibited area to wit: Shooting from a public road \$82 bail forfeited.
Floyd Marvin Johnson Jr., Estacada-Defective equipment, \$26 bail forfeited.
Joe Harold Greiner Jr., Beaverton-Endangering the safety of a child passenger-No child restraint, \$17 fine.

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:
October 26: Morrow County deputy recovered a stolen vehicle that was taken from Union, Oregon. One juvenile was taken into custody and released to his parents. Charges pending through Union.
Morrow County Sheriff's office deputy responded to a residence in the Irrigon area to investigate a complaint of dogs chasing livestock.
October 27: Morrow County Sheriff's Office dispatched the Boardman Ambulance to the Wilson Road Trailer Court. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown injury.
October 28: Deputy responded to investigate a report of an accident on Division Street in Heppner.
Deputy investigated suspicious vehicle in Lexington.
Sheriff investigated complaint of animal problem in Boardman area.
Deputy investigated complaint of animal problem in Boardman area.
October 29: Deputy investigated complaint of suspicious activity at the Boardman rest area. Investigation was unfounded.
Deputy delivered message.
Sheriff investigated complaint of animal problem in Boardman area.
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Deputy investigated report of theft heat pump. Investigation is continuing.
Deputy assisted Heppner Police Department in report of Museum alarm going off.
October 30: Morrow County Sheriff's Office Deputy recovered a stolen vehicle from the Boardman area.
Morrow County Sheriff's Office Deputy took into custody a runaway 16 year old.
October 31: Morrow County Sheriff's Office Deputy investigated a complaint of a reckless driving and criminal mischief.
Morrow County Sheriff's Office received information of a lost 14 year old boy in the French pass area. The boy walked out on his own.
Morrow County Sheriff's Office Deputy delivered an emergency message to a subject in the Cutsforth park area.
November 1: Morrow County Sheriff's Office Deputy investigated a report of a family disturbance in the Boardman area. Michael Robert Nelson was arrested for Assault IV.
Morrow County Sheriff's Office deputy assisted Irrigon Police Dept. in investigating a disturbance at the Irrigon Market.
Morrow County Sheriff's Office Deputy investigated a report of a missing shot gun in the Irrigon area.
November 2: Morrow County Sheriff's Office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence in Heppner, for one male with an unknown illness.

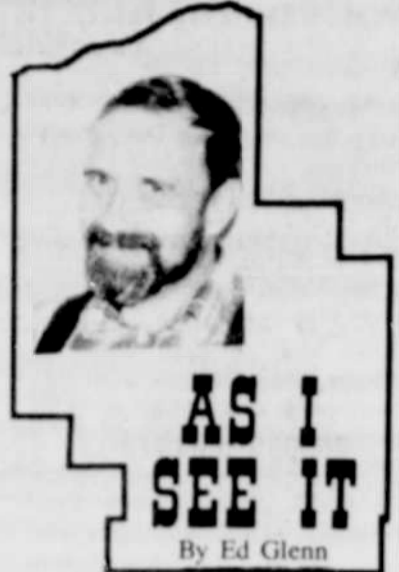
Chief Rathbun's Tips

Remember, if you are leaving for the winter or going on vacation, let your police department know. If they know of your absence, they can check your property regularly.

Health Dept.

Morrow County Health Dept. lists its following monthly schedule:
Friday, Nov. 6-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., closed for lunch.
Tuesday, Nov. 10-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon County offices 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 11-Office closed for holiday.
Friday, Nov. 13-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., closed for lunch.
Tuesday, Nov. 17-blood pressure and immunizations, Boardman City Hall, 1:30-4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 18-blood pressures, Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 2-3 p.m.

The worst is best



We continue to hear rumblings that the Port of Morrow Commission is interested in dividing the district into zones for the purpose of electing commissioners. The Port district is County wide, unlike some ports that only include a city or an area less than a whole county. Presently, Port commissioners are elected from and by the county "at-large".
Presumably, the zones would divide the county into city based areas to assure each community representation on the commission. Apparently, the idea is that if one or more community does not have its representative, it will not share in any benefit the Port may be able to offer. This is the same plan we use for electing U.S. Senators from each state, state representatives from legislative districts and most of the school board from attendance areas.
As I see it, dividing the county into zones for the election of Port commissioners would have two major effects, (aside from continuing the Civil War). First, it would shift the majority of the five member commission from the south part of the county to the north. The Supreme Court rules on "one man, one vote" would require that the zones be nearly equal in population size and a majority of the population of the county resides in the north. Historically, however, that population has not been as politically socialized as the south, therefore, the south has been able to elect a majority to the commission in recent memory.
Second, it would lower the over-all quality of the commission. With the entire county to draw from each time we need to elect a new commissioner(s), we have had an excellent selection of candidates, with a zone plan eliminating all but those candidates from a specific area, we would greatly increase the chance of having only mediocre candidate(s) to choose from. I can't believe that the worse candidate from one area would always be better than the best potential candidates from all the rest of the county.
We need to use our people resources wisely. A zone plan for the Port of Morrow would be a step backward.

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