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John Prag Promoter



One of the first people I met in Morrow County was John Prag, Promoter. He was right there with the late Bill Nelson, builder and practical joker. And Dewey West, mayor emeritus; and Gene Allen, unbridled genius.

John's trademark in those days was the ever present stinky cigar. He quit those a couple of years ago but he hasn't quit promoting Boardman and Morrow County.

His business is real estate brokerage under the name of Mountain Valley Land Company but his first love is any kind of "new" deal. Some years back, John organized the Riverside Boosters when he thought the local football team needed the boost. It was complete with a personal report from the coach at lunch on Monday.

John's name appears on the original board of directors of the old Boardman Commercial Club and he was instrumental in converting it to a member Chamber of Commerce when the time was right.

John promotes business too. He formed Far West Farms to buy the old D.O. Nelson place and after a few years of further irrigation development, sold it to the California based Boardman Farms. He organized Morrow Produce Company, one of the first developers in the Port of Morrow Food Processing Park. He has a sizable interest in Homestead Title Company based in Hermiston.

The "new" deal of the moment is Mountain Valley Manufacturing Company, whose product is a soft top for a 4-wheel ATV. The hope is that this project will employ several people in a year or so and that Morrow County will have another little business to help diversify the economy.

John continues to work on a project he's been with for several years. This year he needs a little help. John Prag is Mr. Oregon Business Week in Morrow County and is responsible for sending more kids to OBW than perhaps any other person in Eastern Oregon if not the entire state. The Oregon Business Week story is a remarkable commentary on the free enterprise system at work and John loves to tell it. He could use a helping hand from some of us on this promotion.

AS I SEE IT
By Ed Glenn

Marriage License

The Morrow County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse in Heppner reports issuing a marriage license to the following:

Vicki Lynn McDaniel, 20, Heppner and William Lindsay Davis, 30, Heppner.

Health Dept.

Morrow County Health Dept. lists its following monthly schedule:

Friday, December 11-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman City Hall, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16-blood pressures, Lone Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 2 - 3 p.m.

Friday, December 18-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office 8:30 a.m-4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon County Offices, 1-4 p.m.

The office will be closed Thursday December 24-January 1 for the holidays.

Chamber Chatter
By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

*Thirty-two small children were delighted to have lunch and a picture with Mr. and Mrs. Santa at the Elks Sunday. Chamber members who helped serve lunch think this might just have to become an annual event. The kids were great. Thanks to the merchants for this idea.

*Have you nominated someone for Morrow County Man and Woman of the year? There are many deserving people. Drop by the Chamber office for a form. Applications are due December 22.

*Chamber the 15th will feature Christmas music by Heppner Elementary students-a preview of their Christmas program. We'll also be discussing dues increase and voting on new directors.

*Today consider this quote from Alexander Graham Bell: "When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us."

Letters to the Editor

Happy ending

To the Editor:

On the night of December 6, 1987 and into the following day the Morrow County Sheriff's Search and Rescue division was called out in response to a lost child.

During this mission over 40 volunteers were counted throughout the night and into the next morning when the child was found.

I would like to personally thank each and everyone of the concerned citizens who either searched or prayed for young Miiffs safe return.

A special thanks to Richland and Kennewick Police Depts. for sending their K-9 units, to the Pilots and airplane owners who participated in the search and to Kathy Maben for the sack lunches she donated for the hungry searchers, Terry Thompson for his valuable assistance and knowledge of the area.

Without all this concerned help we may not have had such a happy ending.

(s)Roy Drago, Sheriff
Morrow County Sheriff Office

County pulls together in crisis

To the Editor:

I have never wrote a letter to the editor before, but I feel this is something that has to be said. When Oliver Devin's son was lost on Summerfield Ridge, I have never seen such a response to find a little lost boy. From the airplanes to the peo-

ple on foot and horseback, were all determined that he would be found. Once again I can say I'm proud to be from Heppner. A special thanks to the dog handlers from Washington.

Sincerely,
(s) Neil Beamer

Sheriff's Report

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

Nov. 25: Morrow County Sheriff's Deputy arrested Alberta Mae Gates, 55 years, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. She was lodged at Benton County Jail;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Ambulance to the Circle K store for unknown illness. Transported one female to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Nov. 26: Morrow County deputy assisted Heppner Police Department in a possible domestic in Heppner. No arrests were made.

Nov. 27: Morrow County Sheriff's office attempted to locate report of fire in area of Patterson Ferry Road. It was believed to be a controlled burn. No further action was taken;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Irrigon area to investigate report of neighborhood disturbance;

Morrow county deputy responded to a residence on Rippee Road after receiving report of a burglary. Taken was T.V. stereo and three guns. Value was unknown at this time.

Nov. 28: Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated a complaint of harassment in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County Sheriff arrested Ramon A Luciano, 30, Boardman, on an Irrigon Justice warrant for Negotiating a Bad Check. He posted bail and was released;

During the week of Nov. 23-29, Morrow County sheriff's office assisted two disabled motorists.

Nov. 29: Morrow County Sheriff's deputy investigated a complaint of suspicious vehicle in the Boardman area;

Morrow County Sheriff's deputy arrested Lester Norman Moen, 60 years old, on a Umatilla County Sheriff's office warrant. Failure to Appear for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was transported to Umatilla County.

Nov. 30: Morrow County deputy investigated shots heard in the vicinity of Canal and Tower Road in the Boardman area.

Dec. 1: Deputy responded to a report of trespassing in Irrigon on 8th St. West. Investigation is continuing;

Deputy investigated a complaint of an animal problem in Irrigon near Wagon Wheel Addition;

Deputy investigated a burglary of

a residence off of Paul Smith road. Taken was a Blaze King Wood Stove, value \$450. Investigation is continuing.

Dec. 2: Morrow county assisted Irrigon police department just outside of Irrigon, in the arrest of Johnathan Harry Evans, 26, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Subject was transported to Benton County Jail where he was lodged.

Dec. 4: Morrow County deputy assisted Boardman Police Department investigate report of damage to a vehicle in Nomad parking lot.

Dec. 5: Morrow County sheriff's office investigated report of theft of tools from S & K farms;

Morrow County deputy investigated report of trespassing in Boardman area.

Dec. 6: Morrow County Sheriff's Office dispatched Heppner ambulance to an unknown injury.

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate report of an animal problem south of lone;

Morrow County Sheriff's office received report of an animal problem near Boardman;

Morrow County Sheriff's office received report of possible careless driving in Lexington;

Morrow County Sheriff's office received report of an animal problem on Bombing Range Road;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to report of a fight in progress to an Irrigon business;

Morrow County Sheriff's office received report of a burglary in the Boardman area. Investigation is continuing.

Heppner Police Report

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

Nov. 24: 9:27 a.m.-assist Oregon State Police accident; 10:25 p.m.-report Suspicious person; 10:54 p.m.-assist Fire Department.

Nov. 25: 1:11 a.m.-request officer for Security Check.

Nov. 26: 1:43 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 7:51 p.m.-report of fight; 11 p.m.-assist fire department; 11:03 p.m.-found property.

Nov. 28: 10:32 a.m.-motorist assist; 12:52 p.m.-motorist assist; 3:30 p.m.-report of Civil Matter.

Nov. 30: 12:06 a.m.-request officer for security check; 9:25 p.m.-assist Morrow County sheriff's dept.; 9:28 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff Dept.; 9:37 p.m.-report of gun.

Dec. 2: 6:30 a.m.-false alarm.

Dec. 4: 8:30 a.m.-parking citation issued; 1 p.m.-citation issued for Failure to Perform duties in Accident.

Dec. 5: 11:12 a.m.-parking citation issued; 9:08 a.m.-report of crim. inal mischief.

Dec. 6: 1:20 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 2:30 a.m.-civil matter.

Hospital Notes

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

December 1-admitted Dewey Kennedy, Heppner and Lois Cooney, Heppner. Both were transferred.

December 1-admitted Travis Dollarhide, Heppner; discharged December 2.

December 5-admitted Bruce Bothwell, Heppner.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY # 41 DECEMBER 12 A.E.V.

PLOYHAR INSURANCE
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Open House

At Their New Location
127 N. MAIN ST.
Friday, December 11 from 1-4 p.m.
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Bob & Cheryl

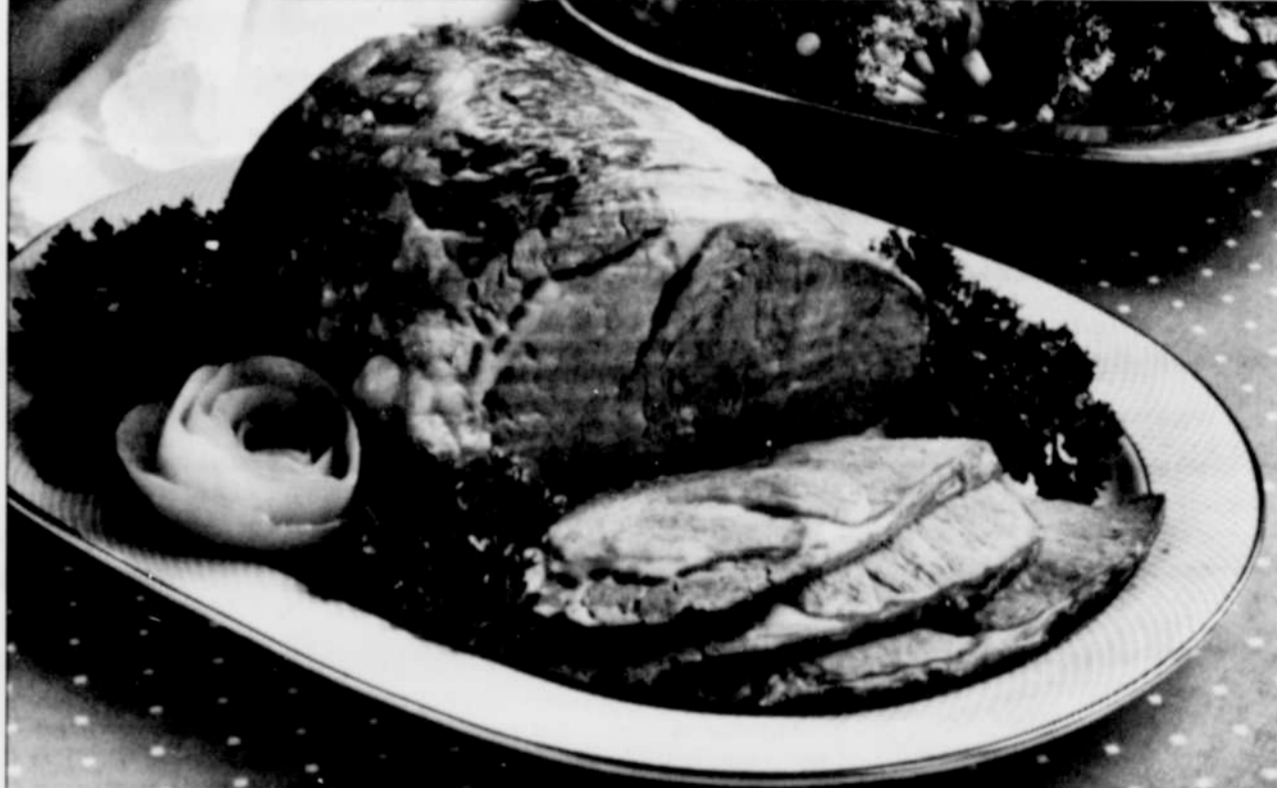
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Justice Court Report

The Morrow County Justice Court reports handling the following business during the past week:

Mark Allen Hopkins, Heppner-Expired Vehicle License, \$27 fine.

Michael Lee Gaddis, Troutdale-No Valid Elk Tag, \$82 bail forfeited.

Robert Cameron George, Heppner-Possession of Open Container of Beer, \$67 bail forfeited.

Donald Robert Kinsfather, Pendleton-Violation of Cooperative Road Closure-driver, \$82 bail forfeited.

Holiday Traditions.

Loved ones home for the holidays. Caroling parties. Egg nog. Mistletoe. Wide-eyed children. Cracking fires. Hot spiced cider. The exchange of secrets and gifts. Family Friends. Holiday goodies. Delicious smells coming from the kitchen. Spice cakes. Homemade breads. This year, make a nutritious, succulent beef roast part of your holiday traditions.

OREGON BEEF COUNCIL

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For beef recipes and other serving ideas for the holidays, write or call the Oregon Beef Council.

M.C.G.G. Christmas Gift Sale Continues Thru December 24