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Letters to the Editor

Community involvement is a big asset

To the Editor:

The City of Heppner and the Heppner Chamber of Commerce extend their sincerest thanks to all individuals who worked to make the demolition and clean-up day at the Heppner/St. Patrick's Hotel a success. A crew of nearly 60 individuals worked tirelessly to do what would have taken a construction crew a week to accomplish. Their work will contribute considerably to making the project a complete success. There are probably very few other times when Morrow County has seen such cooperation, community involvement and community spirit such as took place on Saturday,

January 30. While the list of names of those making the day a success is too long to be published here, the community owes them a debt of thanks. The effort expended Saturday shows that the hotel project is truly one that belongs to the entire Heppner community and one in which the community can take a good deal of pride.

Remember the second work day is scheduled for February 6 beginning at 2 p.m.

Sincerely,
(s) Cara Costa, Mayor, City of Heppner
Fred Lundin, Heppner Chamber of Commerce

D.A.'s Report

The District Attorney's office in the Morrow County Courthouse reports handling the following business during the past week:

Michael Joseph Davis, 23, Hermiston, appeared for sentencing before Judge R.T. Gooding on January 29, 1988. He was sentenced to two years probation to the Oregon Department of Corrections, fined \$500, pay \$50 to Crime Victims Compensation Account, not possess any drug-related paraphernalia, be subjected to search and seizure by a probation officer to determine any presence of a controlled substance, defendant to be tested for the presence of any controlled substance, that the crime of Possession of a Controlled Substance be reduced to a Class A Misdemeanor upon successful completion of his probation.

Darrin Allan Sim, 21, Boardman, appeared for Arraignment on January 29, 1988 before Judge Ralph Currin on the charge of Theft in the First Degree. Entry of plea set for February 12, 1988.

Theodore Dale Rodriguez, 47, Boardman, appeared for Arraignment on January 29, 1988 before Judge Ralph Currin on the charge of Driving Under the Influence and Violation of an Habitual Traffic Offender Order. Entry of Plea set for February 5, 1988.

Michael James Wilson, 31, Boardman, appeared for Probation Violation on January 29, 1988 before Judge Ralph Currin. Continued to February 26, 1988.

Frank Morgan, 26, Boardman, appeared for Arraignment on January 29, 1988 before Judge Ralph Currin on the charge of Robbery in the First Degree and, Assault in the Fourth Degree. Entry of Plea set for February 5, 1988.

James E. Gowan, 34, Boardman, appeared for Arraignment on January 29, 1988 before Judge Ralph Currin on the charge of Robbery in the First Degree and Assault in the Fourth Degree. Entry of Plea is set for May 12, 1988.

Lester Norman Moen, 60, Boardman, appeared on January 29, 1988 and pleaded guilty to Driving While Suspended before Judge Ralph Currin. Failure to Appear on the same charge was dismissed. Defendant to serve 3 years formal Probation on same terms and conditions as Justice Court Probation. Probation to run concurrent with Justice Court Sentence.

Health Dept.

Morrow County Health Dept. in the Pettyjohn Building in Heppner lists the following monthly schedule:

Friday, Feb. 5-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner offices, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon County offices, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 12-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner offices, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 15-office closed, holiday.

Tuesday, Feb. 16-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman City Hall, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17-blood pressures, Lone Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 2 - 3 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner offices, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon County Offices, 1 - 4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sheriff's Report

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

Jan. 23: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Police Department and Oregon State Police to a domestic dispute in the Irrigon area. Ronald Edward Smith, 41, was arrested by Morrow County Sheriff's office for Menacing.

Jan. 24: During the week of January 18-24, Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted no disabled motorists; Dispatched the Irrigon Police to back up a Umatilla ambulance. Illness unknown.

Jan. 25: Morrow County Sheriff's office cited Leslie Lee Thompson, 25, lone, for Assault IV.

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Frank Albert Morgan, Jr. on a Circuit Court warrant for Robbery I.

Jan. 27: Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Kevin Charles White, 30, on a Multnomah County District court warrant for Failure to Appear-Intimidation II. He was lodged at Benton County Jail.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a local business and transported a subject with unknown illness to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

Jan. 28: Morrow County arrested Darrin Allan Sim, 21, Boardman, on two Irrigon Justice warrants for Burglary II and Theft I.

Jan. 29: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to assist Boardman Police to investigate a family disturbance. Problems resolved no charges.

Jan. 30: Morrow County arrested William Lee Battrick, Irrigon, 27, on Hermiston Municipal warrant for Contempt of Court. He was transported to Hermiston Safety Center where he was lodged;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Cecil area to investigate report of Theft of livestock.

Jan. 31: Morrow County Sheriff's office issued Driving While Suspended citation to Marshall S. Davis, 41, Bellevue, WA.

Feb. 1: Morrow County Sheriff's office backed up Oregon State Police and Irrigon Police Department in the investigation of a possible burglary in progress in Irrigon.

Heppner Police Report

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

Jan. 18: 7:48 p.m.-report of Domestic Problem.

Jan. 19: 9:13 p.m.-report of Burglary.

Jan. 20: 7:25 a.m.-assist Fire Department.

Jan. 22: 6:38 p.m.-report of Domestic Problem; 9:34 p.m.-parking citation issued.

Jan. 23: 12:03 a.m.-report of Racing.

Jan. 24: 1:10 a.m.-report of Suspicious Vehicle; 1:30 a.m.-motorist assist; 7:55 p.m.-false alarm.

Jan. 25: 12:55 a.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff Department.

Jan. 26: 12:10 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 9:20 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff Department; 10:56 p.m.-report of Loud Music.

Jan. 27: 10:54 p.m.-arrest made on warrant.

Jan. 29: 7:10 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff Department; 7:37 p.m.-motorist assist.

Jan. 30: 12:44 a.m.-request officer for Security Check.

Jan. 31: 2 a.m.-citation issued for Careless Driving; 10:20 p.m.-citation issued for Careless Driving.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but look what they can do when they stick together."

My guess is that Saturday many new muscles were discovered by the 60 plus volunteers on hand to tear in to the Heppner Hotel. I know I certainly found a few, in fact two days later, more seem to be turning up. I guess the answer is to return to the "scene of the crime" February 6 and do more of the same. Many calories were burned, but replaced quickly with the delicious stew, rolls, and pie served to workers at noon by the senior citizens and helpers. What great things can be accomplished when we all work together.

Eighteen committees were announced during Tuesday's Chamber business meeting. Some are required to function only once a year while others, hopefully will function on a regular basis, as does the Tourism Committee. If your name wasn't listed, step forward, your talents are needed. Interested in beautification projects? Contact Forrie Burkenbine or Skip Matthews. Do you have ideas for bringing cultural events to Heppner? Contact Louis Carlson, Cork Norene or Jeff Wallace. St. Patrick's Committee can use additional help. New this year will be the auction to benefit St. Patrick's Celebration. There's something for everyone. Step forward and offer a hand to Jim Farley and Dave Sykes who have made this celebration a reality.

"Everything's Coming Up Roses" April 12. Now is the time to start taking orders for Chamber's 1988 Ways and Means project, chaired by Hank Dennis. He needs to have orders by March 15. Not only will Heppner smell of roses and smiles be upon many faces, Chamber will be able to fund more projects as a result.

Chamber, February 9, will welcome Roger Williams, Forest Service, speaking on the Umatilla National Forest Management Plan.

Port meeting will be held February 10, 7 p.m. at the Lexington school house. Their efforts to move meeting places to eliminate long drives is appreciated.

Hospital Report

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

Jack Ployhar, Heppner-admitted Jan. 27; discharged Jan. 29;

Bill Nichols, Lexington-admitted Jan. 28; discharged Jan. 31;

Arnie Hedman, Heppner-admitted Jan. 30; discharged Jan. 31.

Patients still receiving care are: Dee Crist, Heppner-admitted Feb. 1; and

Hazel Mahoney, Heppner admitted Feb. 1.

Justice Court

The Justice Court at the Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Mark Derril Weems, Stanfield-no taillight on trailer, \$13 fine.

Jacob Frederick Shilts, Roseburg, Driving Uninsured, No Operators License, \$127 fine.

Sofi Marie Struthers, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 46 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$87 fine.

Faye Ewen Prock, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 65 mph in 55 mph zone, \$13 fine.

Reporting the news from the other side



Since I've been writing this column, what, two or three months now? I've become aware of the plight of news reporters from the other side. Our readers love us when we report about someone else. But we're hated by those we report about. And sometimes it's the same people, just different stories.

Public bodies have the greatest paranoia about news reporting. To some extent news reporters have caused that paranoia. Public officials have found themselves exposed to public ridicule on the front pages every time things go wrong. Conversely, there's the tiniest insert on the back page when things go right. No wonder a school board or city council gets rattled when a reporter walks in to a meeting.

The reporter's point of view, however, is only a reflection of his reader's expectation. The reader expects the public body to do good. When it does, that's no cause for excitement, only fulfilling an expectation. But when things go bad, the reader wants to know, in great detail. It's not the reporter the public officer should be concerned about, it's the public he serves.

In doing a piece about salaries of top ranking public officials and employees, I stirred up a lot of nervousness, and in one case a refusal to supply the requested information. I guess I just assumed that when someone steps up to accept the taxpayers' money, for compensation for service to the taxpayers, it's everyone's business to know how much money is involved.

In doing an article about a landowner's failure to make payment on a local improvement district, and the resulting city's default on municipal bonds, one comment was "That's far more than I would have liked to see printed."

I've had the privilege to help do the public business for many years. I've shared that distaste for seeing one's name in the paper. Now I'm seeing the issue from the other side. Maybe we can report what is truly the public concern without reporting who's sleeping with whom.


Cheezy Chicken Nuggets

Microwave chicken nuggets and Mexican process cheese spread separately according to label directions. Pour hot cheese sauce into small bowl and serve with nuggets for "dippers."

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