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Letters to the Editor

Sheep Dog Trials considered huge success

To the Editor:

The O.S.D.S. hopes this letter may convey our appreciation and gratitude to the St. Patrick's Day Committee and the numerous spectators that welcomed the competitors to demonstrate the astonishing working abilities of their dog's.

Only a few competitors are able to win enough to pay the necessary expenses to journey to this trial, but all anticipate this trial each year to enjoy and help the community, while taking in the hospitality, food and entertainment. There are many reasons for the anticipation and I must list three main reasons:

1) the warm hospitality from the

community;

2) the support and generosity of the Sky Krebs Ranch;

3) last but not the least, Will, Sandra and family of Rill's, who handle an endless list of details so essential to give the appearance of a simplistic operation.

St. Patrick's Day Committee and the community must be very proud and delighted with the overwhelming yet superb job the Rill family maintain and accomplish each year. Please continue your support and seek to help them. Thank you for the wonderful weather this year and the wonderful week-end.

Sincerely,
(s) Kathy Brunetto

How much do you care?

To the Editor:

How much do you care? This is the challenge of bright yellow information/membership applicator cards being distributed by Pioneer Humane Society Volunteers during the next three months... a sustained drive to put the society on a stable financial base. How much do you care...that there is a humane society, which under several names, has served Umatilla and Morrow Counties for just under 13 years? The Society has limped along unevenly, less than 200 memberships, supported by raffles, yard sales, donations, and at one time, a thrift shop.

The time has come to put the support of the society on the stable foundation of hundreds, or even thousands of \$10 annual memberships. We take it for granted that we all pledge to our lodges, our churches, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, service clubs. Why, then, does the public expect a few volunteer workers to answer and follow through on (on average) 50 calls per week...and then go out and sell raffle tickets to pay for the privilege.

We hear the excuse, "but I have never needed the Humane Society." But tomorrow, when you find an injured cat, or lose your precious pet,

whom will you call?...the Humane Society.

With memberships (\$10 annually) from only 25% of the families we serve (10,000 in both counties) we could start building a shelter. With the support of only 5% of the households we serve, we could have the bills paid for a year.

How much do you care? Enough to send in your membership now? Our "I am a Member" card will be sent with your membership card. Placing it in your front window will insure that our canvassers will pass you by...and will let the world know you do care.

(s) Rose Hoosier
President, Pioneer Humane Society

Chief Rathbuns Tips

Crank phone calls. Most crank callers only want to annoy you. Some want to frighten their victim. The worst is the obscene call. Remember, the remedy for all kinds of crank calls is the same, hang up! If persist-call Heppner Police Department.

Is management a problem with the Road Department?

To the Editor:

Concerning the Morrow County Road Budget, it appears that we will not soon have a Public Works Director. We have wasted time and money the last 3 years since we last had a strong Public Works Director. Management has been our problem. Management is no longer a problem at the rock crusher. The crusher contractor quadrupled production with 3 less county employees, thereby cutting the cost of rock by more than 50%.

If the taxpayers of Morrow County want a substantial reduction in the road budget, the place to do it is to reduce the crew by 25% (6 employees).

My reasons: 1). 16-17 man department size will better fit available management. 2). Each employee costs \$30,000, with benefits-savings on fuel and repairs associated with this labor reduction should reduce the budget at least

\$250,000.

Don't touch the capital outlay portion of the budget of \$203,000! Capital outlay has already been cut from the requested \$444,000. Why so high? Because fully half of the departments equipment is worn out. Several rigs have extremely high mileage. These are county road miles-not freeway miles. The county shop budget has doubled to \$150,000. Repair money on worn out vehicles is a waste. This money would be better spent trading for new equipment. We need to understand that many of these rigs run the year round and after 6 to 8 years they cannot be made dependable.

The objective of a budget such as this is to be as cost effective as possible and preserve a core of people and equipment we can afford until quality management is obtained.

Respectfully,
(s) Eric Anderson
Ione, Oregon

Sheriff's Report

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

March 20: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Department to a grass fire out of control on E. Wilson Road.

March 21: Morrow County deputy contacted subject about a missing black yearling cow from the W. Kunze Road area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a report of a suspicious noise in the Boardman area at the Old Gantenbein Dairy.

March 22: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a report of a vehicle at Oregon Potato with Open Container;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a report of child abuse in the Boardman area. Investigation to continue;

Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted a disabled motorist with a stalled car in the Boardman area.

March 23: Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Irrigon Police Department with the arrest of Alexander Colt McQuinn, 19, on a Umatilla County Sheriff's office warrant for Burglary II;

Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated report of a theft in the Irrigon area. Missing miscellaneous items. Investigation to continue.

March 24: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Dodge City arena in Boardman after receiving a report of a juvenile getting injured by a bull. He was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown injury;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon residence to assist Irrigon Police Department with an arrest. One female was arrested and taken to Benton County Jail.

March 25: Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated report of criminal mischief in the Heppner area.

March 26: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to an accident on I-84;

Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated a civil problem in the Ione area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office

investigated a landlord/tenant problem in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Irrigon Police Department attempt to locate suspect in a domestic assault. Unable to locate subject;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Jesus Jose, Montenegro, 32, Boardman for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants;

Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Boardman Police Department with investigation of Theft of Services from a local business.

March 27: Morrow County Sheriff's Office investigated report of someone dumping garbage on private property in Boardman area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated a false alarm at a Boardman business;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to assist Boardman Police Department with report of shots fired in the Boardman area. Unable to locate subject;

Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Boardman Police Department with an arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants;

Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated report of a possible drunk driver in the Irrigon area.

March 28: Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated a theft report in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated a Theft that occurred in the Hardman area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Sam Boardman Elementary School. One child was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with unknown injuries;

Morrow County Sheriff's office located missing juveniles, a brother and sister from Portland. Contacted parents.

Ladies Golf begins

Kick-off Ladies golf will begin April 5 with a brunch at 9 a.m. and golf at 10 a.m.

Leavenworth, Local Theme Town



In this second of a series on Tourism, we're going to look at the nearest (at least to my knowledge) man made tourist attraction.

Several years ago the sawmill in Leavenworth, Washington closed and that mill town was on the verge of drying up and blowing away. Some of the city fathers cooked up a plan to rebuild in a Bavarian theme and today Leavenworth attracts tourists from all over the world.

We visited on a sunny June week day a couple of years ago and the place was busy indeed. The exterior architecture did look Bavarian but the interior of most businesses was pure tourist trap. There was a marvelous outdoor display of fine art ranging from carved wood to devil worship acrylics, all beyond our budget.

The real treat was the non-Bavarian, northwest logging railroad engine caboose and coach set up as an ice cream stand. The best part was the friendly and cheerful proprietor who carried on a good natured visit while he dipped ice cream as fast as the long line could march by.

Summer looked like one long festival in Leavenworth and I'm told that it's most fashionable to stay in Leavenworth during a winter skiing vacation although winter week days sometimes take on a ghost town character.

The theme is imposed by force of law. The cost of building facades is born by the property owners. The substantial public park, parking and other public areas are maintained with taxes.

While there is now substantial support for the concept, it wasn't always so since success has taken many years to achieve.

There are many other examples of man-made tourist attractions, Disneyland, the Statue of Liberty and the Pyramids come to mind.

Next week we'll try to pull the Oregon Coast, Leavenworth and Morrow County together.

Heppner Police Report

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

March 21: 10:44 p.m.-request of-ficer for Security Check.

March 22: 11:59 a.m.-dog complaint; 6:25 p.m.-assist Courthouse.

March 24: 9:45 a.m.-report of Worthless Document.

March 25: 9 a.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

March 26: 1:56 p.m.-assist Wheeler County.

Hospital Notes

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

Lois Hunt, Lexington-admitted March 20; discharged March 23.

Myron Huston, Heppner-discharged March 21.

Albert Connor, Heppner-admitted March 23; discharged March 24.

Raymond Pettyjohn, Arlington-admitted March 23; discharged March 25.

Ethel Bowers-admitted March 24; discharged March 24.

Hazel Mahoney, Heppner-admitted March 24; discharged March 28.

Justice Court

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

Richard Keith McDaniel, Heppner-No Operator's License, \$57 fine;

Jay Arthur Coil, Heppner-Offensive Littering, \$41 bail forfeited;

Patrick Orallyn Mitchell, Hermiston-Careless Driving, Possession of less than 1 oz. marijuana, \$197 fine.

Marriage License

The Morrow County Clerk's office reports issuing the following marriage license during the past week:

Eldon Raymond Gilbert, 68, Barbara Ann Cutsforth, 67, both of Heppner.

Lexington Lumber's
OPEN HOUSE
April 2nd.
Door Prizes
Refreshments
Test ride the new
1988 Polaris ATV
and receive a
FREE Polaris hat!

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If you didn't receive your copy of the Spring Sale Circular, stop in our store and pick one up! You'll find pages of values and the service, quality and standard of excellence you've grown to expect from us.

Coast to Coast.
Total Hardware-We Can Help You
Heppner 676-9961

SALE ENDING DATE
April 9, 1988

Coast to Coast.
TOTAL HARDWARE

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Western Family
Whipped Topping
8 oz. - reg 99¢
49¢ ea.-first 2

Solid Head
Lettuce
40¢ ea.

Fresh, Dry Pint
Strawberries
69¢ pint

While supplies last,
Easter Lillies
\$4.98 ea.

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Court Street Market
CHECK OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICES
WHERE YOUR DOLLAR MAKES MORE CENTS

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| Nestles Chocolate Chips 12 oz. | reg. \$2.59 | \$1.99 ea. |
| Western Family Pineapple 20 oz. | reg. 95¢ 2 for | \$1.49 |
| Jello Gelatin Dessert 3 oz. | reg. 49¢ 3 for | \$1.19 |
| General Mills Wheaties 18 oz. | reg. \$2.79 | \$2.29 ea. |
| Western Family Thin Lunch Meat 2 1/2 oz. | reg. 59¢ 2 for | 88¢ |
| 4-roll pack M.D. Toilet Tissue reg. \$1.59 | | \$1.19 pack |
| Fresh-Crisp Celery | | 29¢ lb. |
| Bar-S whole Hams 5 to 8 lbs | | \$1.39 lb. |
| New York Steak | | \$3.98 lb. |
| Western Family Eggs medium size | | 62¢ doz. |
| Sweet Potatoes or Yams | | 59¢ lb. |
| Frozen Turkeys 12 to 14 lb. | | 62¢ lb. |

Prices good Mar. 31st. - Apr. 4th.
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK - 7 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Court Street Market
111 N. Court Heppner 676-9643