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### Boardman Airport Disappointing

I made my annual visit to the Boardman airport last week. It was prompted by the recent news that Morrow County had secured a sizable grant for the County airport at Lexington and I wanted to see how the Boardman facility compared. Dismal, indeed.

The Boardman strip was built during WWII for military and emergency use, then became part of the huge Boeing lease. In 1984, control was transferred to the Port of Morrow amid much fanfare over plans to make a real public airport.

My first disappointment was the "Private Road" sign I had to pass just to get there. Boeing closed a portion of that road recently and I wondered if that could happen to the airport section. Then I found you can't get within a half mile of the airport without going through a locked gate. The sign above the combination lock said "Lock UNICOM" which is meaningless to all but pilots and they come in from the other side.

The same UNICOM combination works (although I had to guess it would, there's no sign) on the double-wide just off the apron where I found one of two restrooms working, the power on and a telephone, all in desperate need of housecleaning. The phone works too. As a test, I called Portland, direct dial, on the Port's nickel. Could have called Australia and talked an hour.

There were no airplanes, no hangers, no fuel, no caretaker.

As I see it, the Port was anxious to acquire the airport to add to their paper portfolio, but is otherwise too occupied to make much of it. It was finally licensed late last year, but still isn't included on the latest charts. The Port's lack of development nearly resulted in the loss of their lease last summer.

By steadfastly clinging to the "transport" designation, (that's a kind of super international category) the Port is effectively stifling development. For example, the 700 foot set back makes hanger construction cost prohibitive.

Immediate needs are: A substantial barrier to prevent auto traffic on the landing strip, an interim plan to allow hanger construction in reasonable proximity to the strip, and a water, sewer and power equipped pad, rent free, in exchange for some degree of security.



### Letters to the Editor

#### Dr. Wolff's experience is appreciated

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to thank Doctor Wolff for coming to my aid last Sunday night, when I thought I was having a heart attack. I had such terrible chest pains when I arrived at the hospital late at night. Doctor Wolff was called and arrived soon after I did. He gave me a pill and in

three minutes time I began to get relief.

This took a Doctor with experience. There's no substitute for experience and Doctor Wolff has that experience. I've seen the rest, now I've seen the best."

Signed  
(s) Carl McDaniel

#### Is our democracy at stake?

To the Editor:

It seems to me after living all my life in a Democracy that the State and Federal Lands protect and insure that we continue to live in a free and Democratic society. There seems to be one problem at this time concerning the enforcement of these laws in the Morrow County District Attorney's office. This problem did not exist in October but did in December. This problem is called (a conflict of interest). The conflict is that some of the staff is participating in the abuse of the particular statute that we have ask of for enforcement of. It seems that if you want to abuse a law to benefit your business or yourself, find a friend in the D.A.'s office and you might get away with it. Is our Democracy at stake here?

(s) Victor Klinger  
Lexington, OR

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### Tour your own back yard

To the Editor:

For the past several weeks Mr. Glenn's articles have taken the readers of the Heppner Gazette on several trips throughout the northwest and have been most informing. But I would like to take you readers on a little trip, that will cost only a few dollars for gas and you can pack a lunch or go with me on a beautiful, historical trip right here in your own back yard.

We start our trip from Heppner, South up Willow Creek road about 1 mile, we find Willow Creek Lake, (fishing, boating, swimming, waterskiing, etc.). But if it is hot and you want, continue on up the Willow Creek valley about 20 miles and we find Cutsforth Park (fishing, with handicapped facilities, picnicing, bird watching, etc.). Day use is free, or you can camp overnight for a very low fee, but the trip can really take on many options from here. There are many trails (they need improved, but they were made back in the 1930's), there are old coal mines to tour with a unique history. I like to walk through the area and see the old oarcasts and the old broken down cookshack, the old cook stove abandoned 80 some years ago. I let my mind drift back to imagine the men working with a dream that unfortunately turned bankruptcy instead of riches. This trail, if you like to hike, will take you on up Coalmine Hill to the top of the highway.

In the same area there are many fossils in the sand rocks and right on the highway (only 1 1/2 miles above the park we find the CCC waterfall which was built by the CCC boys back in the early 1930's. Men with teams of horses owned by Earl's father built the Smith-Ditch Diversion which diverts thousands of gallons of water into Willow Creek for irrigation. This was a wonderful project, for it gave many proud men jobs during the depression days. Right beside the waterfall in the road cutbank you can find many leaf fossils of tropical trees that can make my mind wonder. When God created the Garden of Eden maybe it covered the entire earth, and then the great flood changed the earth, who knows?

Then my tour takes us up to Heron Meadow where we find Gibson's Cave. Gibson's Cave was used by the Indians many years ago. In the rocks all around the area you can find many grinding bowls and many other Indian artifacts. Here I have spent many hours letting my mind drift through thousands of years. I see the Indian children playing on the huge boulders. The Indian women are using the grinding bowls to grind camas roots to flour, or working leather or drying meat that the men have brought to camp. Another trip my mind takes

me on is to see old Gibson who lived for many years in the biggest cave. He had it boarded up and lived there year round and cut wood for a living.

From Gibson's Cave there are two old trails, one takes you down the north side of Little Bald Mountain, the other up to the top of Little Bald Mountain where you can see for hundreds of miles. The view is breathtaking. You can see many mountains-Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams, Mt. Rainier most prominently. There in a tree is an old mail box with a register to sign and it's fun to read who has been up to the top through the years. There are several trails from here. One goes to the top of the Next Mountain, Big Bald, where the view is even more beautiful. The old horse trail in the saddle between the two mountains to the north, brings you back to Cutsforth Park, or to the south brings you to Kelly Prairie. Or my favorite trail is to leave the mail box and go west about 300 yards and drop down the north trail to Jake-The-Snake's-Cave and the old earthquake faults. Here we find huge boulders pushed around by earthquakes many hundreds of years ago. These are fun to explore around. There are bear caves, in among the rocks too. In this beautiful old growth setting, you can find the unique wild orchids, mushrooms and just precious peace and quiet. The serenity might be interrupted only by a noisy pillared woodpecker, who's mad because you are in his territory, or you may hear a great crash as a herd of Elk flee from you. Then the trail continues back down to Cutsforth Park. Right near the end, only about 1/2 mile above the park, is the Old Yocom Gold Digging, The China Wall, Earth upheavals and other unusual rock formations.

There are many other trails that offer many hours of hiking too that can be explored. I wish I could say that you will find these trails easy to follow, but they are not. They need remarked and I feel that in the near future we will see this dream come true so you can follow them as easily as I do, and so you too can enjoy this beautiful trip.

Many, many, wonderful days can be spent exploring this area, and can offer you and your family unique experiences and hours of enjoyment. And most important is that it is right here in your own area and only cost a little gas and a picnic lunch. Thank you for going on this trip with me and I hope you and your family will spend many hours enjoying this area.

Sincerely,  
(s) Charlene Papineau  
PO Box 461  
Lexington, Or.

### Births

**Veronica Lee Wilhelm**-a daughter, Veronica, was born April 7, 1988 to Ronald and Linda Wilhelm of Lexington, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz.

**Amanda Kathleen Kenton**-a daughter **Amanda**, was born February 8, 1988 to Kerry and Rebecca Kenton at Kennewick General Hospital. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz.

Grandparents are: Ken and Kathy Kenton, Boardman; Keith and Donna Quantrell, Wapato, WA; and Darlene and Jim Griffith, Finley, WA.

Great-grandparents are: Murray and Wandah Findlay, Boardman.

The baby joins one brother Justin, 2 years, at home. Mandi was born on her great grandfathers birthday.

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### District Director visits lone garden club

Jane Rawlins, District #10 director, made her annual visit to the Lone Garden Club on April 13, held at the home of Leila Palmer. Special guests for the day were Phyllis Anderson and Katherine Lindstrom.

Leila Palmer, Therapy Chairman, reported that club members gave a St. Patrick's Day party to patients in the Pioneer Memorial Nursing home. Thirty two people were presented with a spring bouquet and a shamrock pin with their name on it. Helen Martin played old songs, much to the enjoyment of all.

Officers elected for 1988-89 were Delta Huber, president; Jean Nelson, vice-president; Leila Palmer, secretary and Helen Martin, treasurer.

Besides reporting on news of the district, Jane explained the basics of floral design giving a few tips for the beginning arranger, emphasizing selection of plant materials, containers, color and shapes of plants and size of arrangements in proportion to space.

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