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### Sheriff's Report

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

July 19: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to East Kunze Road in reference to a subject being thrown from a horse. Subject was transported to Boardman Clinic.

Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Irrigon Police Department with a report of a domestic dispute in the Irrigon area.

July 20: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire department to a large grass fire on I-84 at mile post 150 on the north side of the freeway.

July 21: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire department to a vehicle on fire at the Boardman Rest area.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire department to a grass fire two miles east of Boardman.

July 22: Salvador Ortiz Vargas, 21, was issued a citation for Driving While Suspended.

Morrow County Sheriff's office received a complaint of a juvenile on a motorcycle causing problems in the Boardman area. Deputy responded to investigate.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire department to a field fire on Columbia in Boardman.

July 23: Morrow County Sheriff's office took a report involving a purse containing identification being lost over the weekend.

Morrow County Sheriff's office received information from a citizen on a CB radio that two vehicles west-bound from the rest area out of Boardman had open whiskey bottles. Vehicles were located by Oregon State Police in The Dalles.

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Pablo Hernandez, 41, Boardman for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

July 24: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a one vehicle rollover accident on Hwy 730 east of Patterson Ferry Road. One male subject was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital by a Umatilla ambulance. Gary James Frederickson, 33, Irrigon was cited for Careless Driving.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the corner of Kunze and Miller road in Boardman. One subject was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown illness.

Morrow County Sheriff's deputy assisted two Oregon State Police troopers on I-84 eastbound with a motor vehicle accident. There were multiple injuries. Morrow County Sheriff's office also dispatched two Boardman ambulances and the Fire Department to the accident.

Morrow County Sheriff's office received a report of a loud party in the Irrigon area. Party was Unable to Locate on deputy's arrival.

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Jack Douglas Martin, 33, Portland on a warrant by state patrol and probation board for a parole violation.

July 25: Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted two disabled motorists during the week of July 18-25.

### Hospital Notes

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reports admitting and discharging the following patients during July:

Florence Green, Heppner-discharged July 7;  
James Clark, Heppner-admitted July 8, discharged July 15;  
William Collins, Heppner-admitted July 9, discharged July 13;  
Elba Anderson, Heppner-admitted July 13, discharged July 18;  
Linda Ripple, Lexington-admitted July 13, discharged July 14;  
Donna Papineau, Lexington-admitted July 21, discharged July 23;  
Jennifer Bingham, Heppner-admitted July 23, discharged July 24.

The following patients were still receiving care as of press time Tuesday:

Larry Brady, Heppner-admitted July 11 and Bertha Dennison, Lexington-admitted July 13.

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### D.A.'s Report

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

Bobby Hamilton, 19, Irrigon, appeared for Entry of Plea, July 15 before Judge Ralph Curran, on the charges of Arson in the First Degree, Attempted Arson in the First Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Arson in the First Degree. Case was continued to July 29.

Darrell Robertson, 21, Hermiston, appeared for Entry of Plea on July 15 before Judge Ralph Curran. The charges against Robertson were Three counts of Criminal Conspiracy, Two counts of Attempted Assault in the First Degree and Attempted Burglary in the First Degree.

Jody Allen, 20, Hermiston, appeared for Entry of Plea on July 15, before Judge Ralph Curran on the charges of Two Counts of Attempted Assault in the First Degree, Three Counts of Criminal Conspiracy and Attempted Burglary in the First Degree. Entry of Plea is continued until July 22.

Rocky Rodriguez, 21, Boardman, appeared for arraignment on July 15 before Judge Ralph Curran, on the charges of Reckless Burning, Theft in the First Degree, Criminal Trespass in the First Degree, Burglary in the Second Degree, Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary, and Two Counts of Conspiracy. Entry of plea is set for July 29.

Ray Matter, 26, Hermiston, appeared for Sentencing on July 15, before Judge Ralph Curran on the charge of Forgery in the Second Degree. Matter plead guilty and was fined \$20 for Crime Victims Compensation Account and \$50 to be paid in Restitution to the victim. He was given 60 days in jail with credit for time served of 60 days, and six months bench probation.

George Marion Russell, 24, Redlands, California, appeared for Sentencing on the charges of Driving While Revoked and Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, on July 15, before Judge Ralph Curran. Defendant was sentenced to 6 months in jail all but 80 days suspended with credit for time served of 80 days. Defendant placed on two years bench probation on the condition that he have no further arrests in this county other than minor traffic infractions during his probation period. Defendant is to have mandatory alcohol treatment and mandatory fees as directed by Driving Under the Influence guidelines.

### Corrections

The heading of an editorial in last week's paper said it was the overpopulation of wildlife that was the problem of animals leaving. The problem is caused by clearcutting and no habitat, not overpopulation.

### Shower honoring Fetterhoff

A baby shower honoring Teena (Stefani) Fetterhoff and son Tyler William will be held Saturday, July 30 at 2 p.m. at the home of Rikka Tews. Everyone is welcome.

### The Winery's Cool



It's not often I can look back and say one of my wild schemes was a good idea. Most wild schemes are just that, and my wild schemes seem to be just that more often than other folks wild schemes, if you know what I mean.

But once in a while, every now and then, even I hit on one that turns out ok. My theory (borrowed from someone else, of course) is that if you try enough wild schemes, one or two is bound to turn out ok. It's the numbers game they all talk about. And volume makes up for quality in the scheme making business.

Well, now I've got one, a wild scheme that turned out to be a good idea, and I'd like to take a little space to brag about it. Everyone should do that, you know. Everyone should brag a little about themselves when they have a chance.

It's the winery. Nearly 10 years ago now, I had this wild idea about planting winegrapes and building a winery as a way to use this neat piece of property where Francie and I wanted to build a home. You just don't buy 50 acres as a homesite, you see. You have to grow something on it and I didn't know a thing about potatoes nor did I own a combine.

They told us you can't grow wine grapes in eastern Oregon and that might yet be true. We had to give up part of the property, including the ideal home site. It's a melon patch now, why didn't I think of that?

But we did build a winery. Too small to be profitable but we have made some good wine some years. Mostly, it's a pain in the neck to pump money into a project that also takes so much hard work.

Nevertheless, it turned out to be a good idea. You see, these hot days we've been having are too much for the air conditioner in the house. It gets downright uncomfortable in our living room these afternoons. But the winery is smaller, well insulated and has two air conditioners. It just wouldn't do to let the wine get warm.

The winery is nice and cool, even when it's well over a hundred out. You can't imagine the many little odd chores that need to be done out in the winery these days. A winery is sure a good idea when it's hot.

### Letters to the Editor

#### A softer approach is needed

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter out of the concern I felt after attending the swimming lessons at the Heppner Pool on Monday, July 18.

My daughter is 4 years old. She is a "beginner" at swimming. My husband and I had encouraged her to take swimming lessons, and tried to reassure her it would be a fun way to learn to be comfortable in the water. We also told her that if she started the lessons she had to finish them.

On Monday morning, she was all excited and ready to go. When we arrived at the pool there were 42 children for the "beginners" class, 1 instructor and 2 pool employees. When the instructor approached the children she told them "gruffly" to sit on the edge of the pool. Then, instead of trying to warm up to the kids, she shouted "get into the water," which most of them did, some did not. They were then told to "bob" their entire bodies and heads under water-the fact the water is usually cold, several of the kids

began to cry.

When she came to my daughter and my daughter was hesitant, she turned to my 4 year old and said "get up and get out!", so rudely, I was shocked.

My point is; if beginners lessons are only for children who already know how to swim, why are they called beginners and, where are the little ones supposed to learn the simple basics, and learn to enjoy the water?

I think it's a real shame the way this instructor turned a positive, exciting event into a humiliating experience and left a little girl crying and wondering what she had done wrong.

I don't doubt the capability of this instructor and I'm sure her "army type" methods are fine for jr. high aged kids. But, she really needs to remember what it's like to be a 4 year old and learn a little compassion, a softer approach and a smile wouldn't hurt either.

Sincerely,

(s) Kaedene Bailey

#### Downtown needs sprucing up

To the Editor:

Thanks to the Garden Club and business people for the trees and beautiful flowers downtown.

Now what can be done about our very dirty and weedy Main Street?

Sincerely,

(s) Lorena Jones

#### Letter goes unanswered

To the Editor:

On May 18, 1988, I wrote a letter to our State Representative Raymond (Ray) French...

I was in dire need of a medical card, and thought possibly Rep. French might be able, and interested in helping me, find some way to get medical help.

I have a permanent heart condition (cardiomyopathy) it does not improve, but can be kept somewhat under control with medication. I take 6 prescription drugs, plus aspirin,

and with no income at the time, I felt he could possibly help me.

Luckily the Adult and Family Services Division found a way to help me get my care re-instated.

However, Rep. French has never even bothered to acknowledge receipt of my letter.

I'm quite sure if I had written regarding hunting fees on his property, I'd receive the information by return mail!

Sincerely,

(s) Rodger J. Armit

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