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Letters to the Editor

W. C. Dam group not dissolving

To the Editor:
Dear Sir:
Recent newspaper and television coverage prompted this letter. Please be advised that the "Willow Creek Dam Duo", like it's namesake, will not be breaking up in the near future. We didn't want our legion of fans to

fear that we were dissolving the group.
Thank you.
Yours very truly,
(s) Jeff Wallace
Jeff Wallace and Don Boyce
AKA
"the Willow Creek Dam Duo"

Area residents asked to wait for dam appraisal

To the Editor:
This is written to ask area residents to wait, before crying foul, for an independent committee to study our particular dam situation.
No one can know at this point what the scientific assessment of Willow Creek Dam is. Appraisal by an impartial panel of experts is sorely needed to calm fears.
I am quite sure that the Army Corps of Engineers does not wish to be responsible for a disaster, and will do what is needed to insure safety. The more alarmist position we in Heppner take—the more we scream—the more depreciation we will see in our property values.
There was a vote of the people of Heppner as to whether they wished the dam to be built and it was an affirmative vote. This is democracy at work. We could not expect our government to repeatedly honor flood relief claims over and over

again. The dam HAS been a plus in flood relief. The school building in lone is in a hazardous area if really high water develops. This affects everybody's tax dollars in Morrow County.
And, I will add that the lake has been a much-needed boon to the recreational potential for So. Morrow Co. We have also had irrigation water that was sorely needed in this very dry year. It was estimated that the irrigation water would have been shut off 60 days earlier if the dam had not been in place.
Let us not be alarmists, and shoot ourselves in the foot, because of a newspaper article. Let us instead determine the accuracy of this reporting. I am confident the Corps of Engineers will then do what is necessary.
(s) Meg Murray
lone-Heppner

Smith has a good track record

To the Editor:
Bob Smith is an experienced, strong leader in Congress. His priorities include what is good for the nation generally and Oregon specifically. Whether helping attain agreements like the recent INF Treaty or working with Oregon's trading partners to break down commercial barriers, Bob Smith has shown he gets the job done.
Bob Smith understands that big government can be influenced to work with citizens, interest groups and local industry to answer problems with solutions. Solutions that are economically effective, without waste.
Bob Smith has long recognized the importance of agriculture in Oregon

today and in the future. As a member of the House agriculture, Bob Smith supports federal policies which encourage earned income rather than dependence on government. He has always worked in congress to help create an agricultural policy that is beneficial for Oregon consumers.
We need Bob Smith to help keep the federal budget under control. In fact, he supports a constitutional amendment requiring it to be balanced. He's watching out for both the welfare of our country and for Oregon. I'm Going to Vote YES on that.
(s) Ralph Vogel
26570 Hwy. No. 62
Trail, OR 97541

Obituaries

Debbie L. Sharp
Graveside services for Debbie L. Sharp, 31, were held on Sunday, September 24, at 2 p.m. at Lexington Cemetery.
Mrs. Sharp died Friday at St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla.
She was born Jan. 17, 1957, in Heppner, the daughter of Wayne and Donna (Robinson) Papineau. She was reared in Lexington and attended school in Heppner.
On December 31, 1979, she was married to Mickey Sharp in Heppner.
Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Donita; sons Danny and Joshua, all of Heppner; parents Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Papineau of Lexington; sisters Carol Ehrmantraut and Penny Hoffman, both of Lexington and brother, Donnie Papineau of lone; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson of Lexington.
Contributions may be made to the Debbie Sharp Memorial Fund, in care of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, P.O. Box 39, Heppner 97836.
Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangement.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Department office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:
September 20: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Ambulance to a Boardman residence for unknown illness, one subject transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.
Morrow County Sheriff's office took a report from the Pine City area concerning a stray dog killing game birds being raised for sale.
Morrow County Sheriff's office Deputy responded to an accident south of 730 on Division. One driver transported to Good Shepherd.
Morrow County Sheriff's office cited Gregory Scott Page, 26 years, for DWR-Felony, bail \$5,000. To appear in district court.
September 22: Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated complaint of a subject in the Irrigon area violating his RO. Investigation to continue.
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Department to a train engine fire in Boardman.
Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted in locating a disabled motorist at Three-Mile Canyon.
September 23: Morrow County deputy responded to attempt to locate a semi that was reported as driving Carelessly on I-84.
Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 West of Boardman to attempt to locate a reported drunk driver. Unable to locate.
September 24: Morrow County Sheriff's office began the investigation into the illegal entry into the lone Hardware Store.
Morrow County Sheriff's office recovered the property taken from the lone Hardware Store. Suspect information not available at this time.
September 25: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a report of a pickup travelling westbound in eastbound lane of the Interstate. Deputies UTL vehicle.
Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to assist OSP w/report of a pickup in the median of I-84 @ mp 169.
September 26: Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted three disabled motorists during the week of Sept 19-26.

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police Department reports handling the following business during the past week:
September 20: 4:14 p.m. - False alarm.
September 21: 7 a.m. - False alarm.
4:26 p.m. - Report of Criminal Mischief.
September 23: 3:34 p.m. - Citation issued for Violation of Basic Rule (42 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. zone).
September 24: 2:28 a.m. - Report of Suspicious Person.
September 25: 12 a.m. - Citation issued for Violation of Basic Rule (52 m.p.h. in 35 m.p.h. zone).

Closed Saturday for 1st Day of Deer Season
LEXINGTON LUMBER YARD
989-8586

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:
Hazel Mahoney - admitted Sept. 17; discharged Sept. 19.
Armand Winn - discharged Sept. 19.
Gladys Snider - admitted Sept. 19; discharged Sept. 22.
Sandi Hanna - admitted Sept. 19; discharged Sept. 25.
Josie Peck - admitted Sept. 19.
Adam Bergstrom - admitted Sept. 20; discharged Sept. 21.
Lincoln Nash - admitted Sept. 23.
Alyssa Rietmann - admitted Sept. 23; discharged Sept. 24.
Lori Moeller - admitted Sept. 24; discharged Sept. 24.
James H. Smith - admitted Sept. 25.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:
Charles Emery Lake, Eugene - Possession of Antlerless Deer - Closed Season, \$135 fine.
Daniel Azmar, Hackettstown, New Jersey - No Helmet, bail forfeited, \$31.

Births

Michael Thomas Scow - A son, Michael, was born September 27, 1988 to Tom and Jeannette Scow of Redmond at Bend Hospital in Bend at 9 a.m. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs.
Grandparents are Delbert and Phyllis Piper of Lexington and John and Ann Skow of Heppner.
Great-grandmother is Melba Quackenbush, Heppner.
Skyler Allen Hager - A son, Skyler, was born September 16, 1988 to Valynda LaTrace Hager of Heppner at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.
The baby weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs.
Grandparents are Bob and Linda Hager of Heppner.
Great-grandfather is Jim Hager, Heppner.
Cody Lee Curtis - A son, Cody, was born September 19, 1988 to Steve and Kim Curtis of Twin Falls, Idaho. The baby weighed 7 lbs. and 14 ozs.
Paternal grandparents are Rick and Liz Curtis of Heppner.

4-H News

by John Qualls
The last meeting of the 4-H Woodworkers saw the completion of the bird feeders. John Qualls got first and Brian Dames got second. John's bird feeder got a red ribbon at the state fair.
Brent Wright, Reporter
The Ewes-R-Us Livestock club met Monday September 19 at Kate's Pizza. We completed our 4-H record books and our leader, Sue Evans, reminded us that they are due on September 30.
We talked about a tour to C2L in October. We will elect officers and start our new year later in October.

Skunks in the Field



My ol' Daddy always said "Make hay while the sun shines." In Boardman we make hay in the dark; a couple of hours before daylight to an hour after sunrise, when the dew is on.
Driving tractor raking hay before daylight, sometimes my world is immense. There's the full moon, Orion's Belt and the sunrise. But mostly my world is only as big as the length of windrow illuminated by dim tractor lights.
In those lights, I've seen this year's hatch of pheasants grow from the little peppers I had to stop for, to the young cocks beginning to color up now. The last couple of mornings me and the pheasants have been joined by a family of skunks. Momma and five younguns.
I figure she's teaching the kits how to hunt before winter comes on.
Chasing those skunks around the field, just at the outer edge of my dimly lit world, got me to thinking about some other predators in nature. How the mountain lion has not adapted well to the encroachment of man's civilization while wily coyote seems to like it fine.
Now that he's a protected bird, the Red Hawk seems to be growing in numbers and takes a heavy toll on my pheasant friends.
As I see it, there are two inescapable facts about this old world. First, man, like all the rest of the plant and animal kingdom, is part of the environment and the things he builds and the things he does are properly part of it too. A beaver dam and a hydro dam differ only in degree, not in kind.
Second, with or without man, the environment is a constantly changing scene. It's like Mother Nature is still experimenting with the scheme of things. We don't see any Pterodactyls around anymore. The ice age is over, the volcanos in the Cascades are mostly dormant. A corollary is that nothing stays the same. Just as the Tillamook Burn and the Anthony Lake Fire have grown black, so too will Yellowstone.
We simply cannot preserve a chunk of nature, free from the influence of man, nor free from the evolutionary change of nature. And we ought not try.

Anyone with concerns or comments about the Willow Creek Dam, which they would like to make known, may contact our elected representatives at the following addresses:
U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., 322 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510, phone 202-224-3753, or 114 Pioneer Courthouse, Portland, OR 97204, phone 221-3386.
U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., 259 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510, phone 202-224-5244, or 1220 S.W. Third, Room 385, Portland, OR 97204, phone 221-3370.
U.S. Rep. Bob Smith, R-Ore., 118 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515, phone 202-225-6730, or 1150 Crater Lake Ave., Suite K, Medford, OR 97501, phone 1-800-533-3303.
Gov. Neil Goldschmidt, State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310, phone 378-3100 or 1-800-322-6345.
State Rep. Ray French, R-Morrow, Grant Counties, Route 2, Box 2396, Heppner, OR 97836, phone 676-5365.
Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson, Morrow County Courthouse, Heppner, OR 97836, phone 676-9061.

Chief Rathbun's Tips



FAILURE TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN IN CROSSWALK
We are having trouble in Heppner with this. Tickets will be issued for this violation.

A small flat sponge or paper towel kept in your refrigerator vegetable bin can absorb much of the excess moisture collecting there.

Hardman Community Center's Annual Hunters Breakfast

Fri., Sept. 30 Oct 1, 2, 8, & 9
12 noon-9 p.m. 5 a.m.-9 p.m.
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At Holly Rebecca Lodge
Saturday, October 8
Pie & Coffee 6-7:30 p.m.
Bingo with prizes 7:30 - ??
Also donations may be sent:
c/o Donna Papineau Fund
to the Holly Rebecca Lodge, Lexington or to
The Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner.

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

Fresh Carrots	1 lb. bag	29¢
Cauliflower		49¢ lb.
Dry Yellow or White Onions		25¢ lb.
Beef Rib Steak		\$2.59 lb.
Assorted Cut Pork Chops		\$1.59 lb.
Beef Top Sirloin Steak		\$2.49 lb.
Western Family Frozen Orange Juice	12 oz.	99¢
Western Family Strawberry Preserves	32 oz.	\$1.09
Kelloggs Rice Krispie Cereal	19 oz.	\$2.09
Regular and Butter Flavor Crisco	3 lb.	\$2.74

Prices good Sept. 29 - Oct. 3
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