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Sheriff's Report

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

Nov. 29: Morrow County deputy began the investigation into a Criminal Mischief report near the Port of Morrow;

Deputies responded to the Boardman area in reference to a possible disturbance. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy responded to a disturbance call in the Boardman area. Subjects were contacted and problem was resolved;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Department to 110 Park Ave., report of a flue fire. Residence was found to be o.k.

Nov. 30: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a rural Boardman residence on Wilson Road for an unknown illness. One subject was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence in Boardman for a possible heart attack. Subject was transported to Good Shepherd;

Morrow County dispatched the Heppner ambulance to 320 S. Gilmore where a transport was made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Dec. 1: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to an automobile accident at railroad crossing on Hwy. 730. Two subjects were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Dec. 2: Morrow County Sheriff's office deputy and Boardman Police department assisted Hermiston Police department in pursuit of vehicle;

Morrow County deputy responded to Lexington area to investigate a possible traffic problem;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of report of theft in Irri-gon area. No estimate of value is reported at this time;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a report of two separate incidents where the same victim had been harassed;

Morrow County deputy assisted Boardman Police department with report of a transient subject in the Boardman area. Subject was non-violent, taken to the Detox Center in Pendleton.

Dec. 3: Morrow County deputy assisted Boardman Police department with call of open door at a local business. Manager contacted to secure door and check premises. Door was secured with no apparent theft;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence in Boardman for a possible heart attack victim. One subject was transported to Good Shepherd;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to investigate a Burglary with the Boardman Police department assisting. Lucio Rios, 27, transient arrested for Burglary I, Theft I and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. Subject was transported to Benton Co. Jail and lodged on above charges.

Dec. 4: Morrow County deputies responded to assist Boardman Police department with investigation of accident report and Driving While Under the Influence of Intoxicants arrest;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched Boardman Fire Department to wash down debris from one-vehicle rollover;

Morrow County deputies responded to assist Children's Service Division with a juvenile problem;

Morrow County deputies responded to the Jerrrie Murphy Residence in Irri-gon to investigate a report of theft of cash value \$350. Part of it was recovered, investigation is continuing.

Hospital Notes

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

Richard Olson, admitted Nov. 11, discharged Nov. 13;

Eula Bloodsworth, Lexington-admitted Nov. 11, discharged Nov. 12;

Lincoln Nash, Heppner-admitted Nov. 10, discharged Nov. 14;

Elba Anderson, admitted Nov. 13, discharged Nov. 18;

Julie Wilde, admitted Nov. 14 discharged Nov. 14;

Cora Padberg, admitted Nov. 15, discharged Nov. 18;

Joyce Buchanan, admitted Nov. 15 discharged Nov. 16;

Beth Clark, admitted Nov. 15, discharged Nov. 19;

Edna Bailey, admitted Nov. 16, discharged Nov. 18;

Alvera Shuman, admitted Nov. 18, discharged Nov. 20;

George Crane, admitted Nov. 20, discharged Nov. 22;

Donald Bellenbrock, admitted Nov. 21, discharged Nov. 22;

James Johnston, Heppner-admitted Nov. 21, discharged Nov. 24;

Krystal Nairs, Heppner-admitted Nov. 23, discharged Nov. 24;

Violet Gourley, admitted Nov. 27, discharged Nov. 29;

Darl Hudson, admitted Nov. 25, discharged Dec. 2;

Madge Thompson, Heppner-admitted Nov. 28, discharged Nov. 30;

Donald Bowers, admitted Nov. 28, discharged Nov. 30;

Donald Chase, admitted Nov. 29, discharged Dec. 1;

Jeanne Schmaltz, admitted Dec. 2, discharged Dec. 3.

Other patients discharged were: Bev Jurgens, discharged Nov. 10; and

Violet Gourley, discharged Nov. 10.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Carmen Fae Wilson, Lexington-Violation of the Basic Rule, 50 mph in a 35 mph zone, \$30 fine;

Kelly Jay Keen, Lexington-Missing Lug Nuts, \$30 fine;

Michael Duane Wister, Pendleton-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$26 fine;

Merritt Harold Gray, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed 71 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$30 fine.

Heppner Police Report

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

Nov. 28: 12:48 a.m.-request of-ficer for Security Check.

Nov. 29: 7:17 p.m.-check on person's welfare.

Nov. 30: 1 p.m.-emergency message delivered.

Dec. 3: 8:48 p.m.-property found.

Dec. 4: 1:51 a.m.-dog complaint.

Economic Indicators



We've all heard reports about how the "Index of Economic Indicators" tells us that times are good. And most of us look about and ask "Where?" We're told that some forward looking indicator tells us some future time will be even better. And most of us wonder how they can see so far into the future.

The presidential campaign debated the "goodness" of the past eight years; one side calling it a period of prosperity, the other promising even better times. Just the other day our Governor said times were so good, we should spend more tax money than we can afford.

Incidentally, our new representative is in a real box. He's pledged to us not to lift the state spending limit when his own party has vowed to do just that. We'll see.

But about the economy, most of us don't trust the "Index." We never see the boom associated with a rise in wholesale orders, or a drop in the foreign trade deficit. Sometimes I think the news about economic prosperity is generated by the press in order to sell papers. And if they can make it promising enough, and sell enough more papers, then sure enough, prosperity comes--to the newspapers.

All is not idle copy for the mass media, however. This writer has a reliable, visible and verifiable index of economic prosperity. And this is just the time of year this index tells its story.

As I see it, the most reliable indicator is the "New Pickup Count." Just this morning, the coffee shop was abuzz with congratulations to one of the regulars who showed up in brand new pickup. Reports of our friends and neighbors who had either bought or who were looking came from every corner.

Used pickups count too, generally indicating a trade up.

All of us can keep score but looking to see who is driving a new rig (and who is not). And when the coffee shop parking lot shows few, if any, familiar old pickups, we can measure the magnitude of the "recovery."

Not to be left behind, we, too, are driving a "new" pickup: a 1965 Dodge given us by the mother-in-law.

Editorial

Darn good sports

It could have been a pretty boring November around here this year. But it wasn't.

Because of a couple of teams from Ione and Heppner we were treated to some pretty good sports this fall, and from members of the community, these young people deserve some thanks.

Thanks for the hard work and determination that got you to the playoffs. Thanks for the hours of practice you spent, perfecting your skills on the volleyball court and football field. Thanks for the mental determination it takes to go out and play, week after week through a long hard season. But most of all thanks for letting us share in your victories, as well as your defeats.

We saw some darn good sports this fall. Didn't we?
David Sykes

Letters to the Editor

Sportscaster boored for reporting

To the Editor:

I don't know how many people watched Channel 6 News Saturday night, Dec. 3, 1988 but, I did and the sports reporter was very nasty towards our football team. He said that they played with more holes

than our dam. I think the people of the community ought to write him and tell him how we feel. I think our team gave it all they had, and deserve a hand.

(s) Jerry Davis
Heppner

"We love our team"

To the Editor:

Congratulations to "Our" Heppner High School football team, their coaches, and the entire community for a job well done. You are #2 out of the 66 "A" Teams in the State, you played together with poise, desire, sportsmanship and you have represented our school, town and community well. What a super group of rooters at the game in Corvallis, Saturday.

We appreciate Jim Barrett for

making it possible for the team, coaches and rooters to attend the OSU-KSU basketball game Saturday evening. The team and our town were recognized by the announcer before some 10,000 spectators attending the game and later it was noted again on the scoreboard-so, you can bet the audience has now heard of Heppner.

We're proud to be a part of the community.

(s) Howard & Jo Pettyjohn

Wallace gives invaluable assistance to Polk County

To the Editor:

On October 23, 1987 two of Polk County's most respected citizens were murdered in their beds by Michael Robert Tucker. On that date Tucker, who had previously been convicted of beating a woman to death in Vancouver, Washington, broke into the rural home of Robert Farmer, age 70, and Barbara Farmer, age 71, in order to commit a burglary. Finding the couple at home, Tucker simply crept into their bedrooms and, without warning, shot each in the face at point blank range.

Tucker was arrested by the Polk County Sheriff's Office in December of 1987. He was indicted by the Grand Jury for multiple counts of aggravated murder, robbery and burglary. As District Attorney for Polk County it became my duty to prosecute the case. As you are probably aware, death penalty cases are

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You worked hard to get there and we're proud of you.

Archie, Diana, Andrea & Duane

among the most difficult and complicated cases in Oregon. I felt that in order to completely prepare the case I would need the assistance of an experienced career prosecutor. I asked my friend, Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace, to help.

Over the last ten months Jeff has given up his evenings and weekends in order to help me prepare for the case. When the trial began in October, Jeff stayed in Dallas handling significant portions of the evidence presentation. He was also doing his job for Morrow County by working nights and commuting home weekends. On October 17 the jury found Tucker guilty of aggravated murder, robbery and burglary. On November 9 the same jury sentenced Tucker to the death penalty.

I would at this time like to publicly express my gratitude to Jeff Wallace for his invaluable help in this case, and to the people of Morrow County for allowing Jeff to do what he did. This case not only showed that small county prosecutors are as good as any in the state. It also showed crime committed anywhere in Oregon is the concern of all the people in Oregon.

(s) Fred E. Avera
Polk County District Attorney

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