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Weddings



Peterson — Marlatt

Darcie Dee Peterson, Yamhill, was married in an afternoon ceremony March 18 to Joedy Lief Marlatt also of Yamhill.

Darcie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peterson, Yamhill. Joedy is the son of Ralph Marlatt, Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Martin, Lexington.

The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Byers with Sid Britt, Echo, singing "The Last Waltz".

The bride wore an off-white rayon street length dress with open lace back. Best man for his brother was Steven Marlatt of Culver.

Barbara Eagle, Hillsboro, friend of the bride was maid of honor.

The guest book was attended by Jennifer Martin and Donna Gentry.

A reception was held at the home of the brides parents and also in Walla Walla on March 24.

The bride is a self-employed beautician. The groom is an electrician and horseshoer. The newlyweds wedding trip was to Lehman Hot Springs. They reside in Walla Walla.

Bill at PMH seems excessive

To the Editor:

I feel I must write and let the people of this area know what kind of rip offs they're getting from their local health care.

I received a bill from Pioneer Memorial Hospital for an emergency room visit for myself for a simple case of the flu. The only reason I went to the hospital was for medication for the nausea. It cost me over \$400 for approximately three hours (most of the time was spent roaming around-them not me). Not to mention I was charged for the medication on top of being charged for them to give me the medication.

I don't think people of Morrow County realize when they receive care from PMH they are paying double to make up for the low volume of patients as compared to a larger hospital which for us is not far away. I would much rather drive to Hermiston where I'd receive better care and cheaper cost to me.

I've made my decision on where I am going to get my health care and it isn't Heppner. I hope this helps you make a wiser choice for yours also.

Sincerely,
(s) Janet Thompson
Lone

Letters to the Editor

Please write your senator

To the Editor:

This letter to you is a plea to the people of Morrow County to contact their United States Senator regarding the situation in Panama.

This is a personal issue for me. My sister and her family are there. Her husband is in the Airforce and assigned to the air base in Panama City. They live on base and are at least 'safe' there but for how long. They have been told to stay inside their homes. School for the children is cancelled, her husband goes to work at another base by armed transport, and there are constant riots outside the gates of the housing.

What we see on the news is a media-wash. They don't show the Americans being arrested by the PDF (Panamanian Defense Forces) then jailed, and beaten. The American Officials don't find them

for 24 to 48 hours. My sister's letters surprise me. She gives us information in such a casual manner. They are used to it, but she would like to be here where it's safer for her two daughters.

We would like to have her home. It is her husband's duty to follow orders and be there. It is not my sister's duty. The United States has no right to keep the civilian dependents there any longer.

Please, think about how you would feel if your sister was there. Write our Senators and tell them to get the dependents out of Panama. They deserve our support. Please help me, my family and all the other families. Thank you.

Sincerely,
(s) Lori E. Straley
Heppner

Donate blood May 25

To the Editor:

What good is a blood donor? A blood donor is good for people who go through windshields and red lights. For people being operated on, for barefoot kids who aren't careful, for people into fuedin and fighting. For hemophiliacs so they can be as normal as possible. For daredevils, for people undergoing dialysis while waiting for a kidney transplant. For people who fool around with guns. For little kids who manage to uncup a bottle of something poisonous. For people who are burned pretty bad, for new mothers needing a transfusion, for babies who need a complete change of their blood supply. For people having open heart surgery,

for cancer patients, for people with a severe case of hepatitis, for kids who fall out of trees. For anybody, any age with bleeding ulcers. For the very tired with severe anemia, for people who run into things.

For people in the wrong place at the wrong time. For people who are in a lot worse shape than most people you know.

A blood donor is good for life. Save a life, donate blood May 25, Heppner Elks Lodge, 2-6 p.m. Questions or concern contact me at 676-9135.

Thank you,
(s) Jay Straley,
PMH Laboratory Technician

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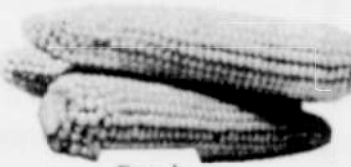
*For the past three weeks over 134 Morrow County 6th graders have enjoyed learning about the forest resources during Outdoor School. Each school spent one week along with their teachers and high school counselors at Tupper Work Center, a forest service facility located in the Heppner district. During the week the youngsters learned about the environment; including fish & wildlife, range, soils, watersheds, timber, recreation and other resources.

One day was spent at Bull Prairie learning aquatic life, wilderness survival and nature study.

*Sunflower Flats (Area 11) is the area now open for woodcutting. It is located 37 miles south of Heppner on Road 22-Monument. Signs are posted beginning at the turnoff at Anson Wright Park. Trees are in stacks of piles (with wood 4" to 10" in diameter). Piles consist of Ponderosa Pine, Juniper, and Douglas Fir. Wood is available on both sides of the Road 22. This area

is open and offers easy accessibility. Cutting standing trees is not permitted in this area. The district has a video on the Sunflower Flat (Area 11) for woodcutters to view available during office hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A reminder that wood permits are \$3 per cord with a minimum purchase of 4 cords for \$12, and a maximum of 10 cords per household. After hours the wood permits are available at Miller's/Chevron Mini-Mart.

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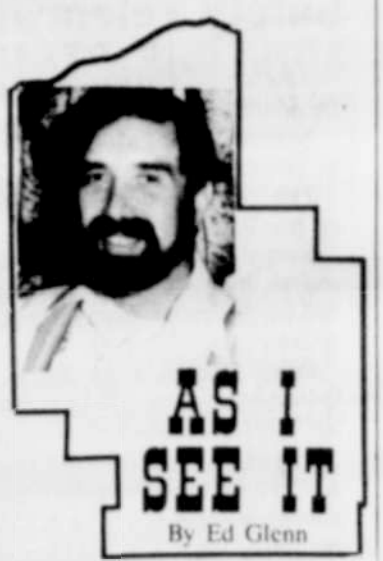
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AS I
SEE IT
By Ed Glenn

By this time next week this family will be caught up in the excitement of high school graduation. What with Francie teaching at the high school, it won't be the first, she's always been excited to see her students make that important march across the stage.

This year will be special though. One of those young people marking that milestone will be our own son.

The house will be full of relatives, most bearing potluck, intending to stay overnight. All will be involved in tedious planning, when to dress, when to leave, who sleeps where; all that stuff that goes with a house full. There will be a stack of gifts, some have already arrived from those who cannot attend, and explanations about future plans will be repeated over and over.

But only two of us will feel the sense of pride only parents feel when the kid turns out good. Only two of us will be sad knowing the youngster we have nourished all these years will now leave the nest and go on his own. We'll know he can but always want to be there to help.

It had to be only yesterday that I had my first glimpse of number one son, just minutes old. So tiny they come I thought. But I knew this was a keeper because he was all mouth, powered by a good set of lungs and by the volume of the yowl, I knew he had the determination to make a go in this world.

And determined that boy is. He was walking at eight months talking at less than a year and his math education was well along long before he ever saw a school room. Like his father (and unlike his mother) our son has never been particularly athletically talented. It was determination, not athletic ability that got him through years of Little League baseball. Ditto for his role as football and basketball manager all four years at Riverside.

He was just as determined to pursue some of the bad habits all kids try at one time or another. It took equal determination and greater ingenuity to overcome those errant pursuits.

Looking back over the years, I suppose I regret as many failures as other fathers do. I regret not taking him fishing more than I did, but the darned kid caught more and bigger fish than I ever time I did. I regret I didn't take him hunting more. I don't know of anything I enjoyed more than hunting as a young man though I've nearly given that up in recent years.

I regret I didn't learn his sport, golf, which he pursues with that same distinctive determination.

But with the regrets there is some pride in the things we did do. Eight years ago, he worked side by side with the much older and bigger boys we hired to help put in the vineyard. Just like his father before him, years ago on another farm, the bosses son assumed the bosses role when necessary.

And just a couple of years ago he became a willing and productive woodworker. After school, weekends and during the summer, young son could be counted on to help out in the box company, at a wide variety of tasks and to do them all well. Over the years he's learned to do and has done nearly every necessary job at the winery. He even learned a most critical lesson sort of by accident while we were bottling one afternoon.

But by far the greatest pride his mother and I take is in having raised an inquisitive mind. Our son's curiosity is immense, sometimes without his even knowing it. We feel great pride in instilling in him in the value of knowledge. His tendency is toward mathematics and science but he also studies business, computers and the like.

Maybe it was the model rockets we made and launched years ago, maybe it was the movie Star Wars, but he wants to be an Aerospace Engineer and design space ships. He has a good foundation to pursue such a career.

That's why high school graduation will be special at our house this year. Our own will be there on the stage. And his diploma will mean an important step toward a lifetime of dreams.

I'm not so naive as to believe other fathers have not felt as I do. It's only special because it's me and mine this time.

Special note to the pigeon who tried to explain a carrier from a passenger: I can't tell a hoot from a screech but I can tell a fowl deal.



Happy 13th Jim!

(We love every inch of ya!)
Mom Dad & Philip

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