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No more erosion of our timber!

To the Editor:
The people of America rely on Oregon to produce lumber and plywood. No other area has the soil and climate conditions so perfect for douglas fir. This is the natural economic base for Oregon. But a few people want us to cease logging in Oregon. We are the number 1

producer of lumber and plywood in the nation. Fifty percent of our timber supply is from the federal forests. We cannot lose our industry. No more erosion of our timber base.

(s) Carol Cree
Box 125
Mill City, OR M360

4-H News

Foods Inc.
By Dawn Boor, Reporter
On June 14 the 1st and 2nd year members met. We talked about having a float and bake sale on the 4th of July. We are to meet at M.C.G.G. at 9:30 a.m. July 4th for the parade. Our next meeting will be July 3rd at Judy Jepsen's house to decorate the float.

The Barnyarders
The Barnyarders had a meeting at Bruce Bergstrom's house. We decided to have a can drive, June 30 to raise money for the club. Rick Osmin came and showed us how to show and handle our pig. We are going to have a judge market on our pigs in July.

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Obituaries

Ray Blankenship

Ray Blankenship, 85, passed away Sunday, June 25 at Elzora Manor Nursing Home in Milton-Freewater. Ray was born April 29, 1904 in Rosalia, Kansas to Zemarhi and Viola Cook Blankenship. He was one of nine children. He was a fence builder and had lived in the area for the past 20 years. Throughout Morrow County there are many fences that were built by him. He is survived by one older sister, Grace Brickley of Eldorado, KA, and numerous nieces and nephews. No funeral services will be held. Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Herbert R. Ekstrom

Herbert R. Ekstrom, 76, of Ione, died Saturday, June 24, 1989 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. The funeral was at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Valby Lutheran Church near Ione. Concluding service and burial followed at High View Cemetery in Ione. He was born March 21, 1913 at Portland to Augusta and Freda Carlson Ekstrom. He attended Portland schools and was married at Portland to May McClain on Feb. 17, 1932. They moved to the Ione area in 1943.

Ekstrom was named Morrow County Cattleman of the Year in 1959. He showed cattle at the county fair, the state fair, the Pacific International, Denver and California. He received many championship awards. He was a member of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, the Polled Heifer Association, Willow Creek Grange, Heppner BPOE 358, and past master of the Ione Masonic Lodge, and was a member of the Willow Creek Country Club. Survivors include his wife, at the home; sons, Herb Jr. of Ione, Richard of Seattle, and Roland of The Dalles; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Fund, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, 97836. Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

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Notice

Michelle D. Papineau, Hermiston, is not Michelle M. Papineau, daughter of Donnie and Gail Papineau of Ione. There has recently been several news items about Michelle D. Papineau in the newspapers.

In The Service

Marine Pvt. Dennis G. Whitaker, son of Gerald Whitaker and Ruth Bostick both of Irrigon, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. During the 11-week training cycle, Whitaker was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines. He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle. He joined the Marine Corps in January 1989.

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Annabelle M. Eubanks

Graveside funeral service for Annabelle M. Eubanks was Saturday at High View Cemetery in Ione. Mrs. Eubanks, 68, died Tuesday, June 20, 1989, at her home in Condon. She was born Feb. 21, 1921 at Ione to Alonzo and Lola Olden McCabe. She attended school at Ione. On Sept. 9, 1939, she married Howard W. Eubanks at Vancouver, Wash. They lived in Ione for a time before moving to Arlington in 1947, and have been residents of Condon since 1975. Survivors include her husband at the home; daughter Marlene Davison of Lexington; sons, Larry of Arlington and Leland of Condon; sisters Charlott Lundell of Eugene and Jessie Ingalls of Adams; brothers, Cliff McCabe of LaPine and Ernie McCabe of Heppner and nine grandchildren. A son, Howard R. Eubanks died in 1943 and four brothers also died earlier. Memorial contributions may be made to Oregon Heart Association, 2121 S.W. Broadway, Portland, OR 97201, or Oregon Cancer Society, 0330 S.W. Curry, Portland, OR 97201. Sweeney Mortuary, Condon was in charge of arrangements.

Heppner Police Report

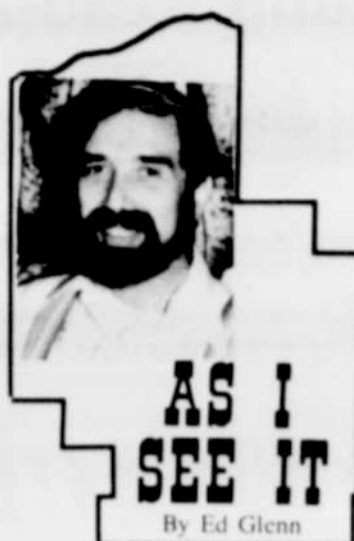
The Heppner Police department reports handling the following business during the past week:
June 19: 12:01 a.m.-citation issued for Minor in Possession; 1:16 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 6:20 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 7:07 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 8:20 p.m.-Motorist Assist.
June 20: 1:45 p.m.-citation issued for Driving While Suspended; 6:30 p.m.-civil matter; 8:15 p.m.-Dog Complaint; 8:45 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Department.
June 21: 7:53 p.m.-Found Property.
June 22: 6:23 p.m.-Property Returned; 6:30 p.m.-Dog Complaint; 6:51 p.m.-report of Animal Abuse; 10:37 p.m.-false alarm.
June 23: 6:55 p.m.-request officer for Security Check; 7:49 p.m.-assist at Hotel.
June 26: 2:41 p.m.-Civil Matter; 7:55 p.m.-citation issued for Careless Driving.
June 25: 12:41 p.m.-Animal Complaint; 6:28 p.m.-Assist Motorist.

Chief Rathbun's Tips

Kids beware of strange animals, they may not be friendly.

Airman 1st Class James W. Mills III has graduated from the U.S. Air Force course for information systems specialist at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Graduates of the course learned how to operate and maintain electronic data processing equipment, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force. Mills is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rock and grandson of Ida E. Mills of Irrigon. He is a 1980 graduate of Riverside High School, Boardman.

A Matter of Attitude



We think it's only a matter of attitude. For the past several years, up to about a year ago, economic conditions in Morrow County and most of Eastern Oregon were pretty bleak. Not much was happening. Our attitude about the future was just as bleak. The price of wheat, the 1987 crop and before, was below the cost of production. The CRP program, designed to reduce production, had some depressing effects on Morrow County. What with wheat land going out of production, demand for all the products and services required for production went down. So did government tax levies. The potato industry was required to become more efficient to survive, and it did, at the cost of production jobs, and demand for all the things wage earners spend their money on. Things were bleak. And our attitude about the future was just as bleak. About a year ago, though, we began to notice some change. Whether it was the Governor's Economic Development Strategies program or whether it was just our own exhaustion with a gloom and doom outlook, we don't know. But some spark from somewhere fanned into a flame that is now shedding much light on our new future. We think much credit goes to Dorothy Krebs, former county commissioner, who chaired Morrow County's Economic Development Strategy committee. Coupled with Umatilla County, the strategy is to add value to present and future agricultural produce. The strategy was barely in place when, in short successive order, a fruit and vegetable cold storage and packing co-op was formed, an onion dehydrator, and Norpac's vegetable freezing and packing plant were announced. Most recently, a second french fry plant in Boardman is on the drawing board. Three new hay processors, cubers and/or bale compressors are either in production or under construction. One is really big, all aimed at new markets overseas. My closest neighbor grows several acres of lily bulbs and another across the project is trying pumpkins. There's some excitement on Main Street, encouraged by expenditure of paychecks generated in an expanding asparagus industry and the prospect of a state prison, a whole new industry for Morrow County. The attitude adjustment has not been limited to the agricultural base. Fred Lundin has sparked a new attitude about tourism that has a lot of folks looking forward. During a recent hot spell in Boardman, our whole family sought escape at Penland Lake. And what a marvelous place. The county's road work is to be applauded. We're happy to see the "Western Route" has a new name. It seems that it was required to make things happen. Another example of the new attitude we see. We don't think any of this has come about because of the expenditure of a lot of government money, though that is important. We think the biggest driving force is our own attitude. We see lots of folks who can talk only about how bad things are. They have no plan, no hope, maybe even no desire that they should be any better. But even more importantly, many folks believe they are powerless to make things better. We don't believe that at all. We think, no matter what the issue, that it is possible for just one person to make a difference. And many times it does not take a lot of effort, just a belief that it can happen. Take Ken Turner, Mr. Willow Creek Park, for example. Ken had a dream for visitor facilities at Willow Creek Lake: a boat launch ramp, a dock, picnic facilities, parking, overnight camper facilities. He'll tell you it took lots of effort, and he did have some help. But the ever expanding, excellent facilities at Willow Creek lake are mostly the product of Ken Turner's dream and "can do" attitude. We're happy to see the change of attitude in the past year or so. It's not universal of course. There are still some doomsayers about. But the new attitude can be infectious. And this thing can snowball. The fruit it will bear will be sweet indeed. Imagine a county that can provide a comfortable living for all its residents, in a new place as peaceful and serene as Penland Lake, and a new job for each of our sons and daughters as they need them.

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Births
Aaron Michael Allstott-a son Aaron, was born June 26, 1989 to David and Patti Allstott of Heppner at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 7 lbs, 11 ozs. Grandparents are Clyde and Jackie Allstott and Mike and Eileen Saling all of Heppner. Great-grandparents are Dolly Allstott, Pendleton and Christine Schmidt, Lewiston, ID. The baby joins one sister, Blake, 3 years at home.

Justice Court Report
The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:
Peter Susi, Pendleton-Violation of the Basic Rule, 55 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$87 fine;
David Knute Johnson, Pendleton-Excessive Noise, \$13 fine.

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