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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:

June 27: Morrow County deputy made contact with a female subject in reference to an incident involving an ex-boyfriend in rural Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy made contact in rural Irrigon in reference to possible trespassing incident;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the westbound lanes of I-84 at Patterson Ferry Rd to one vehicle roll over. Oregon State Police conducted the investigation. One subject was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office received a report of a minor theft in the Cecil area occurring over the weekend;

Morrow County deputy made contact with comp in rural Irrigon in reference to a possible disturbance.

June 28: Morrow County Sheriff's office received a report of loose cattle out on the road in the Hinton Creek area. Owner was contacted by dispatch.

Morrow County deputy made contact with Morrow Produce in reference to theft and criminal mischief. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Rural Fire department to a grass fire on Balm Fork Road;

Morrow County deputy responded to report of subject trespassing.

June 29: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Pioneer Memorial Hospital ambulance to Gooseberry Road to report of an unknown illness. No transport was made;

June 30: Morrow County deputy responded to the lone area to investigate an animal problem;

Morrow County deputy investigated a reported hit and run accident on the I-84 730 Jct. The victim, Edward Danowski, 32 of Troutdale, was not injured. Investigation is continuing.

July 2: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a truck-vehicle accident on I-84 westbound at mile post 167. Subjects refused transport. Morrow County deputy assisted the Oregon State Police with the investigation;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched made contact with a subject in Boardman in reference to an emergency message request;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to an accident eastbound at mile post 141. Oregon State Police conducting investigation. Subjects were transported to Good Shepherd.

During the week of June 26-July 3 Morrow County Deputies assisted one disabled motorist.

Obituaries

Wallace H. Wolff

Longtime Heppner physician, Dr. Wallace H. Wolff, 72, of Heppner, died Friday June 30, 1989 at his home.

The funeral will be held Thursday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner. Concluding service and vault interment will be at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 6, 1916 at Lindsey, Mont., to Ira and Sophie Axley Wolff. He grew up at Cheboygan, Wis., and earned a medical degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1947.

He married Rita E. Falardeau on July 2, 1948, at Bryn Mawr, Pa. He completed his medical training at Bryn Mawr Hospital in Philadelphia and at Swedish Hospital in Seattle.

Wolff established a medical practice in Heppner in 1952. He was subsequently inducted in the Army and returned to Heppner in 1955.

During his 37 years in Heppner, he was a major contributor to the medical community and was involved in many civic and charitable activities, including the Chamber of Commerce, Morrow County School Board, Heppner Garden Club and most recently the St. Patrick Senior Citizens Board.

Wolff had been honored many times by the community and received the Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year Award in 1988.

Survivors include sons, William A. of Manhattan, Kan., and Thomas F. of Salem; daughters, Kelley Janzen of Baker, Kathleen Jansen of Portland, and Shelley Gustafson of Hillsboro and eight grandchildren. His wife died in 1976.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Senior Citizen Center, P. O. Box 266, Heppner, 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Mae Hill

Gladys Mae Hill, a Hillsboro homemaker, died of cancer Tuesday, June 27, in her home at the age of 69. Private family services were held June 29.

She was born September 18, 1919, to Alvin and Prudy Casebeer at Sand Hollow, near Heppner, where she was raised and graduated from high school. She was married to Wilburn (Archie) Hill on June 16, 1940. The couple moved to Portland in 1951 and she had lived in Hillsboro since 1971. Mr. Hill died in 1982.

She is survived by her daughters June Evans of Tigard and Joan Jarvis of Beaverton; sons Ed of Beaverton and Larry of Hillsboro; and 10 grandchildren.

Burial was at Skyline Memorial Gardens, Portland.

The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Elks Lodge 358.

In the Service

Pvt. James D. Putman has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Putman is the son of Douglas J. and Marilyn J. Putman of Irrigon.

His wife, Sandra, is the daughter of Patricia L. Wright of Lexington.

The private is a 1986 graduate of Riverside High School, Boardman.

Letters to the Editor

Exercising her rights as a citizen

To the Editor:

I am a quiet housewife. This is not to say that I am uneducated. Homemaking is my career of choice, though I am college educated. While I am content being a housewife, I cannot, as this letter will attest, remain quiet. The future of my children and the legitimacy of our local governments is at stake.

The recent appointments of Alan Holmes to the Morrow Co. School Board and Doug Trudeau to the Boardman area advisory board are look innocent to some, but they are, in fact, the end product of dangerous cronyism and censorship in our school system.

In each case, the school board appears to have intentionally prearranged to prevent these positions from being put to a vote. In fact, the spot vacated by Joe Stevens was left vacant for more than a month during and after the teachers strike, even though the board claimed to be "in continual session." In both cases, the positions could have been declared vacant in time for these vacancies to be put to a vote of the people. At the time these events occurred, I resisted the cynical view that these actions were taken in order to shut out the electorate and appoint politically like-minded members.

It was, however, folly on my part to resist such urgings since my silence at that time had the appearance of condoning such action. If I, and others like me, had spoken out in the public forums available to us, we might have school and advisory boards of diverse views, rather than the Morrow Co. "Politbureau" that is now in place.

Holmes and Trudeau made public

their partisanism and became physically involved in the teachers strike. Tom Meyers and Laurie Jenks, applicants for school board and advisory board respectively, allied themselves with neither side. Both, however, joined the parents group that eventually brought an end to the strike by employing the virtues of reason, rather than wrestling, and seeking resolution, rather than victory (both board and teachers preferring the more violent options). These concerned, yet diverse voices were overlooked as the board sought to shore up its single-mindedness.

Let's be misanderstood, it is not the opinions of Holmes and Trudeau that trouble me. It is the calculated attempt of the Board to subvert the democratic process and its refusal to welcome diverse and legitimate voices to their ranks, when that opportunity was present, that frightens me.

Such actions smack of the attitudes present in China in these troubled days, attitudes that motivate a government to repress free speech in the face of conflict, rather than inviting opposing views to participate in a reconciliation of that conflict. One must keep in mind, that the first step that the hardlines in Beijing took in crushing the will of the people was to remove all moderate elements (diversity) in the government.

I leave with two questions: 1) Where are the moderates on the Morrow Co. School Board? and 2) Who stole my votes? (and perhaps a 3rd. If this is China, could someone give me their recipe for Peking Duck?)

Exercising my rights and responsibilities:
(s)Matty Johnson

Honor Roll

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll spring term have been announced by Oregon State University.

Among these students is Ken Curtis of Heppner. Ken is a Junior in the Liberal Arts program.

Lexington resident Theresa M. Lindsay is listed on the 1989 spring

semester honor roll at the University of Portland. She is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The University of Portland is a coeducational, residential Catholic four-year university, with nationally accredited graduate and undergraduate programs in professional studies and liberal arts.

Births

Caleb Joseph and Casey William O'Neal-Twin boys, Caleb and Casey were born June 23, 1989 to Donna M. O'Neal of Heppner at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The babies weighed 5 lbs. 9 1/2 ozs and 6 lbs. 1 oz respectively.

Grandparents are Ray and Betty O'Neal, Heppner.

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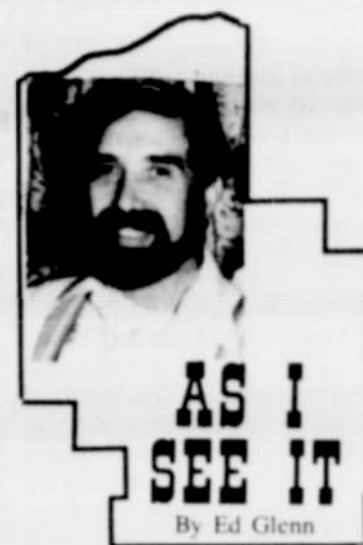
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It Has Only Begun



AS I SEE IT
By Ed Glenn

The newly approved school budget includes some \$200,000 for new and additional computers for all schools in the county. Budgeting the money will turn out to be only the beginning.

While we have less than 1% of that invested in computer equipment, we've recently added to our learning curve exponentially. Multiply our troubles the past two weeks by more than 100 and you've really got a learning experience.

For more than two years we had computed along on a simple little off-the-shelf PC clone. Two disk drives, green monitor and 640K of memory. Nothing earth shattering. And then 6 months or so ago, we updated with a 20MB hard drive. Needed it to store the multi-disk programs like dBase III, First Publisher and all of these articles I write.

Confidently, we ordered the new drive from a mail order house. Mistake number one. When it didn't come in over a month and our check had long since cleared, we called. The guy we were told we wanted to talk to was one another phone, he would call back. When he didn't for a couple of days, we called again. This time he was out to lunch. A couple of days later we did catch up with him.

The best I can recall the conversation went something like this: the 40MB drive we ordered wasn't in and didn't know just when it would be. But a just released 50MB would be a lot better. It would be in a few days maybe and would only cost a few dollars more. Yes, they did have a hard drive in stock that could be shipped right away but it was only 30MB and not a very reliable brand. Besides it was about \$40 less than the money we had sent.

Mistake number two. We had run out of patience and demanded the one in stock plus the refund. The drive arrived in a couple of days via UPS and the refund came in about three weeks.

Miraculously I didn't make any mistakes installing the new drive. You have to take the cover off the CPU exposing a whole hat full of computer chips, printed circuit boards and all that stuff, then take out one of the floppy drives, put in a new drive with its controller board, hook up the cables and put it all back together. I powered up with crossed fingers and shoot! It worked without blowing up.

After very carefully following the boot up and format procedures to the tee, mistake number three. I only had a 20MB hard drive. What had started out to be a bargain price for a 40MB had turned into a list price deal for a 20MB even after the refund, and it took nearly two months to do.

Well anyway we got all the software installed and things were running smoothly until a couple of weeks ago when the hard drive "crashed." The guy had told us it was an unreliable brand.

And no we had not been diligent about making back-up copies of our work like all the computer literature advises.

It wasn't a bad crash, I was able to boot up with a program in the floppy drive, access the DOS directory and copy most of the files. With everything that I could copied off, I reformatted the hard drive (that erases it entirely) and reloaded from my copies. That lasted a couple of days when it crashed again. A second reformat and reload caught my wife reading the display ads from computer stores in the Oregonian.

When the little devil crashed the third time it was really done.

We all went to Portland for the day to shop for a new hard drive.

Mistake number whatever number it was, I've lost track by now.

We found a busy little computer store out on I22nd. My son, a computer student from high school and college bound, was along and that was a big mistake too. And in this little computer store was a young wild haired kid who talked like he knew a lot about computers. Never to be outtalked, I talked computers with him, explaining my problem and all. He too said my old hard drive was an unreliable brand and I should just throw it in the junk.

But he happened to have a new hard drive in stock that I could just take home with me. I think it was the same one the mail order guy tried to sell me. And by the way, he said, let me show you the updated model of computer you've got at home. It already has a hard drive, 1.2MB floppy and a VGA monitor. It happened to be connected to an ink jet printer that I had been drooling over for several months. I thought, what the heck, I can look. Biggest mistake of all.

Number one son's eyes bugged out bigger than life when he saw the new lash-up. And then came the double sales pitch. I could get the new hard drive for the machine at home and that would be plenty good for him take to college. Then I could get the new computer, printer and such for me at home.

"You've been wanting the bigger hard drive, faster CPU, that fancy VGA monitor and especially the ink jet printer for a long time Dad. Just consider it part of my college expense." And this young kid selling computers picked up on that in a hurry telling about how he had to drop out of college and work because he didn't have a father to help him through.

We were about to load up when I realized that we still short one dot matrix printer, but of course they had one of those too.

The final mistake. Oh, I know it's not the final one, just the latest one. None of my old software will drive the new printer. Solution to that problem is simple. The computer store has lots of new software and I guess we'll have to go back sooner than either I'd like or my pocketbook permits.



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