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## Morrow County employs dedicated officers

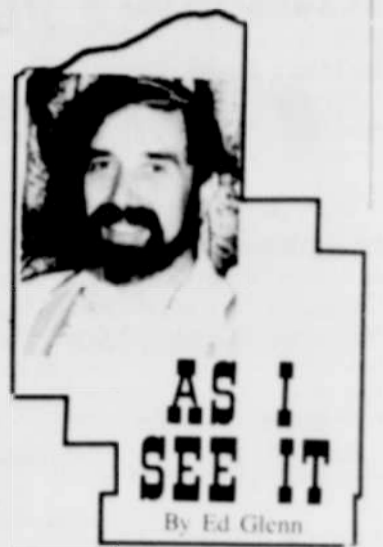
To the Editor:

I recently had the opportunity to observe the Morrow County Sheriff's Department on August 5th. Officers from the Boardman Police department were also present. I think the citizens of Morrow County should be aware of or at least reminded of the caliber of officers this county has. When one thinks of police officers shooting on a range you get a picture of them banging away at some paper target until enough holes have been put in it to satisfy some obscure requirement. That's poor assessment at best. After watching two firearms instructors put these officers through their paces for five hours on a hot barren hillside. I came away with a profound respect for these people. The instructors put these officers through all kinds of contortions, firing in all kinds of situations and at multiple targets while watching a stopwatch

so they could blow a whistle on the ones that were too slow (there weren't any). They were made to put their hands above their head (in a surrender position) and then with a couple second time limit to draw and fire at a target from the hip. The pressure to do well is extremely high and judging by the high scores they handle the pressure extremely well. The citizens of this county can be proud of the highly professional and dedicated officers in the Sheriff's department. It's unfortunate that our officers have to carry weapons but it's comforting to know that they know how to use them as well as when to use them. I would like to add the quality of weapons I observed were exceptionally high quality. All which are purchased and maintained by each officer.

(s) David W. Denton Sr.  
Box 924  
Heppner

## A Disbarred Lawyer?



Question NO. 1: Would you hire a disbarred lawyer? A bus driver with a suspended license? Would you fly with a person who held no pilot's license? Most folks wouldn't. We recognize all manner of licenses, permits and certifications that generally attest to a person's ability to do something that usually requires a degree of skill and expertise that most of us do not have. To do without the license subjects us to a risk most are not willing to take. There's not much demand for a self-taught brain surgeon.

Question No. 2: Would you put money in a bank that stole from your account? Confess to a priest who blabbed your affairs in public? Would you vote for a politician who accepted bribes to sway his official duties? Most folks wouldn't. We expect some people, because of their position, to be extra careful with our money, our confidences, other things of value. It's called fiduciary responsibility in legal circles. But it also extends to the babysitter to whom we entrust our loved ones.

Question No. 3: Would you sue the drunken stranger who ran over your daughter, paralyzing her from the neck down for the rest of her life? The rustler for stealing your cattle. Would you sue the IRS for confiscating your property for taxes you'd already paid? Most folks would. Lawsuits are the best way we have of resolving disputes in an orderly, civilized fashion.

Yes, what we're driving at is the lawsuit in which we are one of several plaintiffs against the individual members of the school board. The purpose of the suit is to compel the board members to reimburse the school district for the wages paid to certain substitute teachers hired during the strike. We think those teachers lacked the proper credentials to teach school under the circumstances and the law prohibits the district from hiring them. To do so was illegal just as if the directors had stolen the money paid to them. We certainly don't expect our School Board of Directors to spend our tax money illegally, and at the same time take unnecessary risks with our children. If they do, is it unjust that they be held accountable?

There is an additional motive, personal to me. I've heard many people say that there are plenty of good teachers looking for work, we don't need the ones we've got. That is not so. The lawsuit will show that there was not enough teachers with proper credentials to fill our schools and that is why the district hired some illegally. It's not as if some purpose was served. It costs more to hire those substitute teachers than it would have cost to settle with the present staff. Somehow I think if I can help demonstrate that it is not easy to replace our present staff, then our board will put a little more value to them, recognize their importance to the education process, and act a little more responsibly two years from now when we go through this same process again. That responsibility may well include discharging the poorer teachers on the staff in the manner provided by law rather than creating an adverse atmosphere in hopes that they will quit. Many of the good ones have quit too.

You see, I think a good education is important. I think good teachers are essential. Good teachers have a high value to me. I would hope to show that good teachers are hard to replace. I am not satisfied with someone who is warm and caring but without teaching skills. I am not so foolish as to claim our kids cannot read, most read well enough to get into the best universities around. I only seek to demonstrate that the illegal expenditure of taxpayer funds, to pursue a misguided concept will not go unnoticed.

## Letters to the Editor

### Vote to retain board members

To the Editor:

To the voters of Morrow County: This letter is to voice my support of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors and my opposition to the recall of Bill Doherty and Marcia Kemp. I believe all the board members should be appreciated and applauded, not recalled, and I earnestly request they be retained on the board by your votes.

The underlying purpose of the recall attempt and the lawsuit seems to be to "get" the superintendent. From 25 years experience working for the school district and six superintendents, I can tell you this

is the long way and the wrong way and is not justified.

If "Fresh Start" really wants to start fresh, I would suggest they start by attending board meetings and budget committee meetings. This is the logical way to learn the functions of the board and to meet the directors face to face since they spend a large part of their time at meetings.

Remember: Blowing out the other fellow's candle does not make yours shine any brighter.

Sincerely,  
(s) Alice Vance  
Heppner

### Let's make a change in game plan

To the Editor:

I voted for Mr. Doherty and Mrs. Kemp in the last election. I'm almost embarrassed to admit that I took their stated abilities at face value and neglected to look further into their game plan.

It is sad that a recall stirs up so many diverse feelings. My personal feeling is that this recall is like changing pitchers in the second inning to change the momentum of a game that is off to a bad start. There

is talent in the bull pen I'd like to see in the game.

Please don't assume from the metaphors that I consider this a game. I see changing Board members as a necessary curve on the road to steering our School District away from the undue influence of OSBA and OEA representatives.

Sincerely,  
(s) Dean Mason  
Rt. 1 Box 54C  
Boardman, OR

### Justice Court Report

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

Ivan Louis Gronlik, Walla Walla, WA - Failure to Yield Right-Of-Way, \$57 bail forfeited;

Paul Anthony Backman, Hillsboro-No Life Saving Device, \$46 bail forfeited;

Glen Wayne Tipton, Umatilla-No Vehicle License, Driving While Suspended, \$327 fine;

Kenneth Charles Lindsay, Lexington-Truck Speeding 62 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$26 bail forfeited;

Earl Franklin Struckmeier, Heppner-Over height, \$77 fine;

Floyd Carl Rains, Salem-Open Container (beer), Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 71 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$60 fine;

Arthur Lowell Pennock, Hermiston-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$26 bail forfeited;

Enoch Thomas Scott III, Umatilla-No PUC Permit, Expired Truck License, \$114 bail forfeited;

Brandon E. Findley, Echo-Criminal Trespass II, \$387 fine.

### Hospital Notes

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

Linda Sinerius-admitted August 15, discharged August 17.

Chris Lewis, Heppner was discharged August 17.

### Heppner Police Report

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

August 21: 8:51 a.m.-assist Justice Court; 9:26 a.m.-assist Justice Court; 1:05 p.m.-assist ambulance; 2:11 p.m.-Found Property; 3:35 p.m.-Returned Found Property.

August 22: 12:05 a.m.-report of Traffic Problem; 7:11 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

August 24: 10:58 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

August 25: 6:20 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 7:03 p.m.-Dog Complaint; 8:46 p.m.-Traffic Accident.

August 26: 5:32 p.m.-Dog Complaint; 9:41 p.m.-Report of Criminal Mischief; 10:02 p.m.-citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule, 42 mph in a 25 mph zone; 11:45 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Department.

August 27: 12:30 a.m.-report of Fight; 11:41 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

### In the Service

Pvt. Becky L. Carroll has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

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

Carroll is the daughter of Betty L. Zierner of Boardman.

She is a 1977 graduate of Riverside High School, Boardman.

### Examine considerations before voting

To the Editor:

Before you return your ballot in this special election, please consider this carefully. The founders of this great country decided upon a representative form of government. And, in order to protect that country, provided for the impeachment (recall) process. This was an extreme action not to be taken lightly, and only to be used should an elected official be used unethically or for the personal gain of the elected. My concern is that in our time the recall process and judicial system are being used to coerce or intimidate officials in order to gain a limited end. Be aware that in the event of a recall, the replacement officials will be appointed, not elected, to fill the unexpired terms. No matter how careful the appointment process, it cannot represent the will of the people like a general election. And, appointments are always subject to influence.

Once again, the recall is an extreme measure. It is natural to occasionally disagree with a decision of elected officials. But one should exhaust all of the normal means of expressing that disagreement: calls, letters, public meetings, before registering your dissatisfaction at a regular election. Do not mistake dissatisfaction of performance with malfeasance of office. Every time we allow special interests to misuse the orderly process of a democratic society to gain an end, our representative democracy moves one more step toward anarchy. Please, carefully consider the reason for this recall. Examine your decision. But please everyone, use your privilege and vote.

Respectfully,  
(s) Al R. Brazell  
Lexington, OR

### Vote to create vacancies on board

To the Editor:

In less than two years the present members of the Morrow County School Board will be going back to the negotiating table. Seven years and two lengthy and expensive botched negotiations is their track record. It is not evident that anyone has learned anything. I will take this

upcoming opportunity to vote to create vacancies on this Board, and then, vote for people who possess labor relations skills and are committed to avoiding the mistakes of the past.

(s) Kathleen A. Bauska  
318 Willow Fk. Dr.  
Boardman

### Births

Megan Ann Brookshire-a daughter, Megan, was born August 16, 1989 to Vicki and Walt Brookshire of Baker at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Baker.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Edmundson, Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brookshire, Union.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Vera Turner, The Dalles; Dr. W.T. Edmundson, Hood River; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ferguson, Redmond.

The baby joins two sisters Erin, 3, and Kirsten, 2 at home.

Arlyn Sage Query-a daughter, Arlyn was born August 2, 1989 to Jana and James Query of Soldotna, Alaska at Soldotna Hospital in Soldotna. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs.

Grandparents are Bob and Bev Steagall, Lexington; and Vivian Query, Soldotna, Alaska.

Great-grandparents are Alda Baker, Lexington; Nan and Homer Colwell, Eureka, CA; Wally Hickerson, Baker; Wilbur and Marie Steagall, Lexington.

The baby joins one sister Amberlee Jean, 4 years, at home.

### Obituary

Bill Furlong  
William H. "Bill" Furlong, 72, of Bremerton, Wa. died Monday August 14, at his home.

Born December 12, 1916, in Monument, he grew up in Heppner and graduate from Heppner High School. He was drafted and served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He then moved to Bremerton and married Dorothy Cornelius in 1947.

He worked for Sears in various capacities for many years, retiring in 1983 as appliance division manager.

He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks Lodge. He enjoyed fishing and was proud of his vegetable garden.

Surviving are his wife, a daughter, Marjorie Johnson of Yakima; and a brother James of Port Orchard.

Cremation was at Forest Lawn Cemetery under the direction of Lewis Funeral Chapel with interment at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kitsap County, P.O. Box 4012, Wycoff Station, Bremerton 98312.

### Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

Christen Alan Lake, 24, Ranier and Melissa Ann Follis, 19, Pendleton;

Scott Arthur Smyth, 32, Lexington and Claudia Jo Huston, 26, Heppner.

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Grazelda questioned, "Say, Clem, are you gonna go hunting this year or shall I order a half a beef?"

Clem gushed, "Oh Gee Grazelda, stock up on goodies and pop and stuff from Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron because I'm gonna be out a long time. I'm gonna get a deer, an elk and a bunch of birds to fill up that freezer."

Grazelda smirked, "Oh you big bad hunter, in that case I'd bet ter order a beef and a pig!"



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