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Sheriff's Report

During the week of October 16-22 Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted one disabled motorist.

Oct. 22: Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Abel Rodriguez Hernandez, 24, Boardman for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Hernandez was transported to Benton County Jail.

Oct. 23: Morrow County Sheriff's office was called to the Boardman area to find a vehicle that was heading west bound in the east bound lanes. Vehicle was unable to locate; Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington area to investigate a family disturbance complaint. No action was taken.

Oct. 24: Morrow County deputy responded to a two vehicle accident on Hwy. 730 in Irrigon. There were no injuries. Citation was issued for failure to yield.

Oct. 26: Morrow County Sheriff's office is investigating a vandalism to a vehicle parked at the school in Lone.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the ambulance to a one vehicle accident 4 1/2 miles west of Boardman. Ambulance returned with no transport.

Oct. 27: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a residence in Heppner to investigate an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a residence in Boardman to investigate a problem with barking dogs;

The Heppner ambulance was called to the lone football field for a person with unknown injuries. The party declined the ambulance so it was turned back;

The Hermiston ambulance was called to respond to Wilson Road in Boardman for a patient with unknown injuries.

Oct. 28: Morrow County Sheriff's office is investigating a Motor Vehicle Accident on Rhea Creek. One person was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with unknown injuries by a private vehicle.

Oct. 29: Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted the Oregon State Police department with an animal problem on Highway 730;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to Taggares Trailer Court in Boardman for a report of shots being fired. Report was unable to be located.

During the week of Oct. 22-29 Morrow County Sheriff's deputies assisted one motorist.

Obituaries

Dorothy Leola Barlow

Dorothy Leola Barlow of Washougal passed away Oct. 19, 1989 at St. Joseph Hospital, Vancouver, Wa. at the age of 83.

She was born in Lone July 26, 1906 to Benjamin Frank and Ida (Puyear) Akers. She married Carl Barlow in 1924. They had one son, Jack.

Mrs. Barlow is survived by three grandchildren, Brian Barlow, San Diego; Brenda Matson and Traci Barlow, Washougal and one great grandchild, Heather Matson; two sisters, Bertha of Texas and Irma of Seattle, Wa.; and several nieces and nephews. Her husband and son preceded her in death. Graveside service was held Oct. 21 at Washougal Memorial Cemetery.

Harold Francis Scritsmier

Harold Francis Scritsmier, formerly of Heppner, died Oct. 13 at his home in Portland.

He was born November 17, 1905 in Portland to Frank Spies and Eliza Prince Scritsmier. He lived in the Overlook neighborhood of North Portland as he grew up. He attended Thompson Grammar School and Jefferson High School where he played baseball. He received a bachelor of science degree in Forestry from Oregon Agricultural College, now OSU in 1928. While at Oregon State, he joined the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, played baseball and played in many intramural handball and swimming competitions. He completed almost three terms of graduate school before leaving Corvallis to take a logging job as a timber cruiser with the Coos Bay Lumber Company in the Coquille, Powers and Myrtle Point areas.

In 1936, he received his Oregon professional engineer certification for logging engineering. In 1937, Harold moved to the Heppner area to start a sawmill with his brother, Lee. He built a log cabin in 1939 outside Heppner and married Patricia Cason in 1944. Their four children were born in Heppner.

In 1951, the Scritsmier family moved to Portland to live in the family home on North Melrose Drive. He built and started another sawmill in the St. Johns area.

After the death of his father in 1963, he took over the operation of another lumber operation on N.E. Portland Highway.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1982. In 1983, Harold moved to Sauvies Island to share a home with his daughter and family.

He is survived by four children: John, Beaverton; Jane Brush, Prairie, WA.; Jean Wakefield, Beaverton and Sue Wochnick, Portland; five grandchildren, Sean Wakefield, Lindsay and Becca Wochnick and Jacob and Christian Scritsmier.

His last trip to the Heppner area was in July, 1983, when he attended a "Cason" family reunion at the Pat Cutsforth ranch in Lexington. His sister-in-law was Vivian Elder; nieces and nephews were Jim and Patti Prock, Janice and Fritz Cutsforth, Colleen and Jack Ploybar, Barbara Hale, Karen and Pat Cutsforth and Larry and Linda Prock.

A Bad Election

Sitting here on my desk, unopened, unmarked, not returned is a mail ballot. The issue is moot, the election is moot, the results will be meaningless except to further polarize our community, so the ballot remains untouched.

I don't intend to write about how ill-advised it was to call the election in the first place (an election in November on an issue which was decided in October). Nor how pretentious it was to believe that a referendum in Morrow County would have any effect at all on a state-wide issue. (Let's put the federal budget on the ballot in Morrow County. Maybe we can balance the thing.) Nor how our elected representatives were motivated more by their own re-election ambitions than by their devotion to the public service we have already entrusted to them. (Imagine the County Court putting up every decision we expect them to make for a popular vote.)

What bothers me more than all those things is the current, popular trend toward increasing voter participation. How often have we heard some political figure decry the low percentage of voter turnout? "Only 27 percent of the voters casts ballots on the --- issue. That's terrible. We must do something to increase that percentage."

The conventional wisdom is that an election is better if a high percentage of voters participate and the converse is also accepted as true: an election is bad or worse if the percentage of participation is low. Believing that conventional wisdom, many folks have expended much effort to increase the percentage of participation. "Get out the vote," is the buzzword of the day.

And these mail ballots are the ultimate in the effort to increase voter participation. It is no longer necessary to be present on election day, go to your polling place and mark a ballot. With the mail ballot, you have to do very little. Just wait until it's delivered to your door, mark it at your leisure right in your own home any time over a week or ten days and then drop it in the mail.

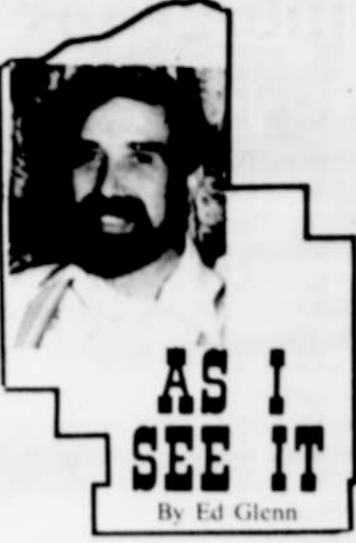
And it seems that the mail ballot has increased the percentage of voter participation.

But has it improved the quality of the results? No. Probably the quality of the results has declined.

If 500 voters would go to the polls to vote and if 700 would cast mail ballots shouldn't we ask ourselves why? Some, of course, would be out of town on election day, some are physically infirm, some would have a number of other reasons why they simply could not make it to the polls on that particular day.

Most, however, would be those folks who cared so little about the issue or candidate that they would not expend the little bit of effort required to go to the polls, but since it was so easy they will cast a mail ballot. And on what basis do they make their decision? Whim, emotion, misinformation or perhaps just one little bit of information. "I like this guy, his first name is the same as my old uncle." "I always vote 'no'." "I don't know this fellow." "My (income) taxes are too high." You know the stuff that prompts the uninformed, disinterested, casual voter.

It does not appear to me that good government comes from enticing maximum numbers of voters to vote based on their casual whim. If they do not have the incentive to go to the polls, their mail in votes may well result in more bad government than we can stand.



Letters to the Editor

Attend dog control meeting

To the Editor:

I am writing concerning the problem of dogs in the Heppner area. Dogs are running around unsupervised by their owners and are infringing upon the rights of other citizens. If you are concerned about the dog problem and would like to see something done about it, please

attend the meeting at 6:45 p.m. at Kate's Pizza and Pastry on Nov. 6. The more support there is for dog control, the more action we hope to receive.

Sincerely,
(s) Sandra Van Liew
Heppner

Support Pioneer Humane Society

To the Editor:

Thanks to newspaper coverage and letters to the editor, the perilous condition of Pioneer Humane Society finances this summer has finally come to the attention of the public. The response has been gratifying; our membership has risen from 200 to about 265. Those memberships and contributions from certain individuals in larger amounts, will enable us to continue humane work through January.

Our goal is a stable, annually renewing membership of at least 600 individuals...a base budget of \$500 per month. To that end we shall continue our membership drive.

At the time we nearly closed for lack of funds, this summer, we had 44 members who could be counted upon to renew, \$9 in the checking account and \$500 in the emergency

account.

The support we have received, the letters of encouragement, and the increase in membership give us hope that our volunteers will indeed be able to continue to serve the public throughout 1990.

For those who are supporting our work thank you. For those who are postponing or neglecting sending their membership contribution, we are not tax supported. Your donation is tax deductible. All involved in the society's work are volunteers. Less than five percent of the thousands of people who ask us to help them, support us. Don't you believe you should, just in case you need to call us?

(s) Rose Hoosier
President Pioneer Humane Society
Box 361
Hermiston, OR 97838

Heppner Police Report

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

Oct. 23: 1:11 a.m.-Welfare Check; 10 p.m.-Request officer for Security Check.

Oct. 24: 3:30 p.m.-Dog Complaint; 10:40 p.m.-Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.

Oct. 25: 7:35 p.m.-assist City Crew; 8:53 p.m.-citation issued for Dog Complaint; 11:15 p.m.-Request officer for Security Check.

Oct. 26: 8:15 p.m.-Request officer for Security Check; 8:28 p.m.-Courteous Driver Award given to Jennifer Martin; 12:03 p.m.-citation issued for Dog Complaint; 4:49 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's office; 7:58 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

Oct. 27: 10:39 a.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's office.

Oct. 28: 12:16 a.m.-false alarm; 3:26 a.m.-report of Fight; 7:58 p.m.-citation issued for Defective Equipment.

Oct. 29: 9:54 a.m.-False Alarm; 5:23 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 7:34 p.m.-Welfare Check.

Births

Kelsey Marie Wolff-a daughter, Kelsey Marie was born to Tom and Karen Wolff in Salem on October 30, 1989. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs.

Grand parents are: Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gorham, LaGrande and the late Dr. Wolff, Heppner.

Kelsey joins a sister Lindsay Kay, 10, of Pampa, Texas.

Cody Robert Michael Jaques-a son, Cody was born to Kellie Sims and Paul Jaques of Pendleton at St. Anthony Hospital on October 26, 1989. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs.

Grandparents are Ray and Barbara Sims of Pendleton; I.C. Jaques of New Mexico and Alberta Baker, Heppner.

Colton Duane Dyer-a son, Colton Duane, was born Oct. 17, 1989 to Duane and Brenda Dyer of Boardman at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 12 1/2 ozs.

Megan Ann Orr-a daughter, Megan Ann was born Oct. 22, 1989 to Jeff and Lana Orr of Heppner at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs.

Grandparents are Raymond and Deena Reid, Heppner; and Gordon Orr, Prairie City.

Kadi Elizabeth McKinley-a daughter, Kadi Elizabeth was born Oct. 22, 1989 to Ross and Brenda McKinley of Boardman at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs.

Morrow County Wheat League FALL MEETING
Tuesday, November 7, 1989
Heppner Elks Lodge

***Business Meeting - 2PM till 4PM**
***Happy Hour - 5 PM**

Compliments of Morrow County Grain Growers

***Prime Rib Dinner- 6PM -\$6⁰⁰ each**
(This is a \$10 dinner subsidized by OWGL)

***Guest Speaker- Paulette Pyle,**
Oregonians for Food & Shelter

RSVP - Extension Office - 676-9642

Halloween party held

The Zeta Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and Boardman City Council sponsored a Halloween party with games and prizes for area children on Oct. 31.

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Carrots	99¢ ea.	Squirt - Diet Squirt	\$1.⁰⁰ +dep.
Fresh		Starkist Chunk Lite oil-water pack 6.5oz	
Broccoli	49¢ lb.	Reg. 1.29	
Baker		Tuna	69¢ ea.
Potatoes	25¢ lb.	Liquid Detergent 22oz. Reg. 2.09	
Comice		Ivory	1st 4 \$1.²⁰ ea.
Pears	29¢ lb.	Western Family 3oz	
Boneless		Ramen Noodle	6/\$1.⁰⁰
Pork Chops	\$2.³⁰ lb.	12oz. 12 pack cans	
Bottom Round		Assorted Coke Products	\$3.⁵⁰ +dep.
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