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Epitaph for Heppner?

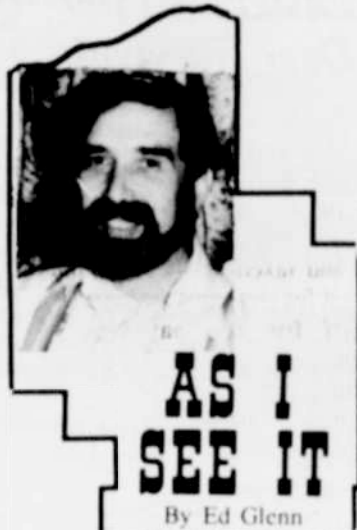
To the Editor:
After a successful hunt in the lowlands near Heppner, I was asked by a friend to take a ride into the mountains. What started out as a pleasant drive, ended with a startled realization. The forest was shrinking. Clear cuts were evident throughout the area. It did not appear that any replanting had or was taking place. Since it takes between 35 and 50 years for a tree to become marketable in Eastern Oregon, I had to wonder what the Forest Service and private enterprise had in mind for our future. When the forest is depleted where will the people, that now make their living from it, go? How will they provide for their families, schools, communities?
Most large businesses are diversified, so that if one entity is lost or becomes less profitable, they can move on, with very little loss.
Heppner as I see it has two employers, lumber and farming. If

we take lumber out of the picture you also take 300 jobs. I do not think farming can absorb that many jobs or provide the monetary loss to the community that would take place.
Everyone I talked to, agreed. The forest under the present pressure appeared to be doomed within 10 to 15 years. The general consensus seemed to be, if I can make it for a few more years I'll be able to retire. Let someone else worry about it. Is this an epitaph for the future?
(s) Dave Jones
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Enter Fair theme contest
The Morrow County fair committee is holding a contest for the 1990 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo theme. Entries should be mailed to Lorraine Ladd, Box 197, Ione, 97843 by December 10. The winner will receive prizes which will be announced later.

The Regional Strategy

Oregon's lottery profits have been earmarked for economic development. Somehow much of the money has been funneled off to finance other things such as prisons and convention centers around the state. My imagination needs a pretty big stretch to reach that far, but that's the way it is.
Fortunately, not all the money has gone to build more governmental infrastructure. A sizable chunk has been assigned to "Regional Economic Development Strategies." That's a program whereby lottery money is allocated to groups of counties (the Region) to fund projects within a locally determined strategy.
Morrow and Umatilla Counties have formed a region and have adopted a development strategy that targets the agriculture industry with emphasis on those industries that add value to our own agricultural products.
We are now in the second biennium of this program. The first time around the region funded a research program at the Experiment Station directed toward high-value fruit and vegetable production, a fruit and vegetable packing and cold storage plant to be built near the I-84, I-82 interchange and an agricultural marketing grant program. Those projects total more than \$1 million.
The marketing grant program (funded with \$300,000) is just now receiving applications. Lisa Mittlesdorf at the Port of Morrow (481-7678) is the person to contact.
The plan for the second biennium is now being drafted and the committee is looking for projects to consider. Jim Rowan at ECOAC (276-6732) is the staff person collecting projects for the committee.
As I see it, those efforts are important in the area's future economic development. But there is something else that might be more important. I recently closed the little winery I opened in 1982. It was a first for Eastern Oregon, a first that just could not survive. I'm happy to report that there's a new little winery in Milton-Freewater so Eastern Oregon still has one of the nearly 100 wineries in the state.
The closure of my winery was because of the overburdening governmental regulation and taxation.
We held permits from the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, the Corporation Commission, the Internal Revenue Service, the State Department of Revenue, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Agriculture, the Building Codes Division, the Morrow County Planning Department, the Employment Division and the State Accident Insurance Fund. We made reports bi-monthly, monthly, quarterly, and annually to most of these agencies. We were required to be two of these agencies, had advance deposits with two more and were taxed by or paid annual license fees to several of them.
And we are doubtful that this list covers them all, since every year another agency or two shows up demanding a license application, fee and imposing some kind of rules and regulations.
And in all that regulation, nobody ever tasted or tested the wine. We could have been selling kerosene in wine bottles for all they knew.
I can't help but think that economic growth would take care of itself if government would just get out of the way.



Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:
Allan Dwight Settlemire, 46, Springfield-Failure to Secure Pole Trailer, \$57 bail forfeited;
Donald E. Walker, 39, Clackamas-Failure to Properly Validate Deer Tag, \$49 fine;
Arthur Victor Townsend, 30, Portland-Shooting from Public Roadway, \$53 fine;
David Glenn Estes, 31, Umatilla-Hunting Pheasant in Prohibited Area-from roadway, \$53 fine;
Gary Charles Killens, 32, St. Helens-Hunting Without Valid Elk Tag, \$43 fine;
Alice Irma Forester, 55, Terrebonne-Hunting Without Valid Elk Tag, \$43 fine;
Rocky John Rodriguez, 22, Heppner-Failure to Tag Big Game Mammal-Elk, \$49 fine;
Nico Geerling, 23, Hillsboro-Failure to Properly Validate Tag-Controlled Deer Hunt, \$49 fine;
Michael D. Gallaway, 30, Milwaukie-Failure to Validate Deer Tag, \$49 fine;
Ronald G. Gainer, 37, Sherwood-No Game Mammal Transfer Slip-Deer, \$36 fine;
Russel Lee Rollis, 37, Heppner-Failure to Secure Pole Trailer to Secure Pole Trailer, \$43 fine;
Brian James Sipp, 23, Baker-Failure to Drive on Right Side of Highway, \$20 fine;
Kenneth Charles Lindsay, 46, Lexington-Failure to Secure Pole Trailer, \$43 fine;
Timothy John Hays, 19, Echo-Vehicle License Expired, \$20 fine;
Minor in Possession, \$122 fine;
Elroy A. Ashmore, 29, Portland-Exceeding Bag Limit-deer, \$172 fine;
Scott Allen Rufener, 28, Madras-Overlength on a Group I Highway, \$122 fine; Combination Overload, \$2,565.

Births

Sarah Marie Dunning-a daughter Sarah Marie was born November 13, 1989, to Sergeant David and Mary Dunning of 29 Palms, California, at the Naval Hospital. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs.
Grandparents are Richard and Rosie Graham of Heppner and Jon and Loraine Dunning of Salem.
Sarah joins a brother, David Jr., 1 1/2 years, at home.
Joseph Jay Rupe-a son Joseph Jay was born to Joseph and Deena Rupe of Boardman on Nov. 15, 1989 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs.
Aaron Arthur Gomez-a son Aaron Arthur was born to Albert and Maria Gomez of Irrigon on Nov. 18, 1989 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs.

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Boardman bazaar Friday

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