

# A backward glance.....

December 31, 1989 will mark the end of a year-and the end of a decade. While the homeless, pollution, the war in Panama, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of many communist-led countries will affect us on a global scale for years to come, local events of the past year touch our lives no less.

**January 1989** - Teacher negotiations reach strike stage; Dot Halvorsen and Bill Kuhn are named citizens of the year by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce; Cara Costa is citizen educator of the year; Nancy Bailey is crowned queen of the 1989 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo; over 120 teachers march at the Morrow County School Board meeting.

**February 1989** - Residents begin moving into the St. Patrick's Senior Center; The Heppner Fillies clinch first place in the Columbia Basin Conference; J.J. Shaw, Angie Rudisill, Benji Pearson, Barney Lindsay, Sean Warren and Jill Conklin named Elks Most Valuable Students; Meg Murray attends President George Bush's inauguration; Craig Angell named to East-West Shrine game; Morrow County teacher strike vote set for Feb. 15; Ann Spicer elected chairman of Heppner Economic Development Committee; Body of infant found in Heppner apartment.

**March 1989** - Teachers clear out desks in preparation for strike; Heppner Fillies advance to regional tournament; fall to Grant Union; schools kept open with replacement teachers; enrollment at 83 percent; Gordon O'Brien selected grand marshal for Heppner St. Patrick's Day celebration; Brede O'Brien Lyons of County Lietram, Ireland, chosen queen of St. Pat's celebration; body of second infant found in lone; 22-year-old mother indicted by grand jury; Easter bunny comes to town; Morrow County operating levy, medical fund levy, Port of Morrow bond issues pass; Scott Bauska elected to school board.

**April 1989** - Marlene Currin named Morrow County Homemaker of the Year; Dale Conklin selected Class AAA-AA-AB track coach of the year; Heppner Chief of Police Doug Rathbun suffers heart attack.

**May 1989** - Mabel French celebrates 99th birthday; Heppner High School boys advance to state track meet; the Rauch family is chosen Morrow County Conservation Family of the Year; J.J. Shaw receives Eagle Scout award; the McElligott family hosts the Pioneer Picnic; Bryan Padberg wins 1,500 and 300 meter runs at state for his third and fourth state championships; Sixty graduate from Riverside High School, 11 from Lone High School and 32 from Heppner High; Wright ranch wins century status; Bryan Padberg is National Scholar Athlete.

**June 1989** - Phyllis Payne is Health Educator of the Year; Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court to ride in Portland Rose Parade; former State Representative for District 59 Raymond French, Heppner, injured in tractor accident; Morrow County School District Assistant Superintendent Chuck Starr submits resignation; Jim Bier resigns as Heppner High School principal; Petitions circulated to recall Morrow County School Board members Jerry McElligott, Bill Doherty, Bob Mahoney and Marcia Kemp; Gladys Drake chosen grand marshal of lone's Fourth of July celebration; Mike Mahoney is third child of Bob and Sherree Mahoney to win Oregon State High School Rodeo all around; Morrow County School District operating levy passes, 895 to 796; city of Irrigon three-year serial levy fails, 103-94.

**July 1989** - Longtime Heppner physician Dr. Wallace Wolff passes away June 30 at the age of 72; a lawsuit is filed against Morrow County School Board over the hiring of replacement teachers; Terrie Cutsforth is elected assistant vice president of Benjamin Franklin Savings & Loan; Dick Devin selected to play on Shrine team.

**August 1989** - Steve Dickenson hired as Heppner High School principal; Michael Wsiaki hired as Morrow County School District director of curriculum instruction; Danny Coiner, Jerid Ployhar, Pat Birkby and Derek Gunderson receive first place trophy in Young American Bowling Association championship at Milwaukie; Luke Swanson takes 10th in high jump in National Junior Olympics competition; petitions turned into courthouse for recall of school board members Marcia Kemp and Bill Doherty; Paula Anderson enters "no contest" in deaths of two babies; Jim Lunders wins Kinzua Morrow County calf roping saddle; Bank of EO wins parade sweepstakes with King Kong float; new teachers welcomed to district; Cancer Society Jail and Bail fund raiser brings over \$5 thousand; School starts on Aug. 29.

**September 1989** - Memorial dedicated at Irrigon Park to Sharon Weber and Reynold Bovent; Jim Farley of Farley Motor Co. sells last Ford; Farley visits Ireland; Huston and Marie Lesley celebrate 70th anniversary; Paula Anderson sentenced on two counts of criminally negligent homicide in deaths of babies.

**October 1989** - Opposition to state prison location in Boardman surfaces at Chamber of Commerce meeting; Employment Relations Board rules in favor of Morrow County Education Association; Shaun Hisler wins third place in Oregon State Fair drawing contest; Ontario named number one site for state prison; Ducks Unlimited banquet grosses over \$10 thousand; Melanie Gates wins big buck contest; Pro and anti prison picketers greet Governor Neil Goldschmidt at Boardman; Judy Jepsen is 1990 Fair and Rodeo queen; the state rejects Morrow County prison conditions.

**November 1989** - Jodee Ashbeck is Heppner High School homecoming queen; Tom Kenny is king; Riverside High School Pirates claim Columbia Basin Conference title; Lone Cardinals volleyball advance to state; Jered and Tom Wicklund each bag a six-point elk; Riverside High School moves up to the AA League; Morrow County voters vote 1210 to 1056 against Boardman prison siting; Lone High School takes second in Class B tournament; Christmas tree erected in downtown Heppner; Kathy Tellechea is new day care director; Mary Jean McCabe retires as city treasurer; Three hundred sheep, owned by William Rill, Heppner, die in Walla Walla, Co.; Santa visits Heppner.

**December 1989** - Man dies from self inflicted wound; Pat Wright wins \$1000 in lottery; First Interstate Bank honored by Livestock Growers; Log truck loses brakes, hits auto in downtown Heppner; Deaths of three horses in Irrigon remains a mystery; Ernie and Mary Jean McCabe, Seth and Vofean Forquer and Gardner's Men's Wear win Christmas lighting contest; Riverside High coach named Shrine Game coach; Bill Lowe celebrates 90th birthday; Five Morrow County officials elected presidents of their state professional organizations.

And this was 1988....  
Dr. Wallace Wolff is 1988 man of the year, Justine Weatherford is woman of the year; construction begins on St. Patrick's Senior Center; Harry Kennison retires as Kinzua general manager; Jim Farley and Kathleen Monahan Hisler are St. Patrick's celebration grand marshals; Drs. Jeanne and Ed Berretta arrive in Heppner; Bob and Josie Kindsfather are conservationists of the year; Maders are OWGL conservation farm of the year; Mayko Buchanan is homemaker of the year; Dr. Wolff retires; Heppner High boys win Class A state track meet; Dot and Lewis Halvorsen are lone Fourth of July grand marshals; Bethal Heinrichs retires as city librarian; Rachel Harnett retires as Morrow County Museum director; Willow Creek Dam claimed unsafe; Dam event held-people pose for photo on top to show confidence; Nancy Bailey 1989 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo queen; Medical Board members resign in wake of Morrow County-St. Anthony's Hospital controversy; lone girls take second in state volleyball tournament; Mustangs are second in state football tourney; teacher negotiations at an impasse.



**International Climbers To Attempt Everest In Name Of Peace**  
by Mark Baggett

Expert climbers from the United States, China, and the Soviet Union are preparing for a joint assault on 29,028-foot-high Mt. Everest early this spring, according to information from the L.L. Bean Company, a major sponsor and outfitter for the climb. The expedition, led by Seattle, Washington, mountaineer Jim Whitaker, the first American to conquer the summit of Everest, is dubbed the "1990 Mt. Everest Earth Day 20 International Peace Climb." The quest has been carefully planned so that the climax of the journey—the summit attempt of the world's highest peak—can take place on April 22, 1990, the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, to symbolize world peace and a clean environment.

"There have never before been climbers from The Soviet Union, China and the U.S. that have roped up together to climb Everest," said Beth Chase, spokesperson for the L.L. Bean Company. Chase said five three-man climbing teams will ascend Everest, offering the possibility of five separate summit attempts. "One team of a Russian, a Chinese and an American climber will make an attempt (on Everest's summit), and if they don't succeed, then the next team will go. "And if, for example, one climber in the team of three can't go on, then the entire team will turn back," Chase continued. "They won't let, say, just the American and the Chinese (climbers) go."

The American and Soviet Union expeditioners are to depart Seattle this February 24 for Beijing, China, where they will meet the Chinese climbers and travel to the 17,100-foot Everest Base Camp in Tibet. Also departing Seattle for China, according to Chase, are 25.2 tons of supplies needed for the three-month adventure, including the 20,000 pounds of food and 4,000 pounds of propane (for cooking) required to sustain the 15 climbers and some 35 support personnel.

After arriving at Base Camp from China via army-style trucks, more than half of the gear is to be hauled by 60 yaks to Advance Base Camp at 21,000 feet. More than 20 yak packers will load and lead the Asian oxen on the week-long, 24-mile round trip between the two camps, resulting in 240 individual yak trips—a feat which should give our own eastern Oregon outfitters and packers plenty to yak about. Although the physical exertion, high altitude and bitterly cold temperatures often require climbers to consume three times their normal amounts of food each day, a weight loss of 15 to 30 pounds per person is expected before the expedition ends. Since the venture is, in part, an appeal for improving global environment, Chase said a special, aggressive effort will be made to remove all signs of the Peace Climb's ascent, as well as the decades of gear remnant of previous assaults.

"There are teams of support climbers that are going along with the Peace Climb, and their major function is to clean up the mountain. They've added about two extra weeks to the expedition solely just to clean up everything." While this column traditionally deals with outdoor topics relative to eastern Oregon rather than those quite literally halfway around the world, it seems as good a time as any to announce such a refreshing show of international teamwork. This, especially at a time when the buzz is "Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men" as well as about the recent activity in Panama which, hopefully, is also working toward that end. Says Beth Chase, "Sending a message of peace is certainly appropriate at this time."

**The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem**  
(After Hours)  
5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

*Clem observed, "I see where Dave Zachry won the big Christmas ham down at Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron."*  
*Grazelda grumped, "Darn it Clem, I was hoping I would win that ham. I never can get lucky."*  
*Clem soothed, "Grazelda, I think you should consider yourself the luckiest woman alive."*  
*Grazelda quizzed, "Why is that Clem?"*  
*Clem gushed, "Because you have me, my love." At that moment, a lucky thing happened to Grazelda. She made it to the bathroom before she threw up!!*

**Scouts say 'thanks'**

The Cub Scouts took time to sing Christmas carols and deliver their homemade gingerbread houses 'in appreciation' to people in the community that have supported them this past year.

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**BMCC winter registration**

Winter term registration for classes at Blue Mountain Community College will be held January 3 and 4. Evening classes will start Thursday, January 4 with day classes beginning Friday, January 5. BMCC is continuing to expand its course offerings to accommodate the needs of the public. One change to this end has been the addition of a variety of Saturday classes. Two Saturday classes to note include Desktop Publishing, offered from 9 to 11 a.m., taught by business instructor Lucy Smith; and Introduction to Imaginative Writing, offered 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., taught by English instructor Grey Elliot. These classes will be offered January 6, 13, 27 and February 3. For more information on winter term course offerings, contact the BMCC Admissions Office at 276-1260, ext. 291 for Pendleton residents, or 1-800-526-5401 for Oregon or Washington residents.

**Vietnam-era GI benefits to end Dec. 31**

The nation's most widely used GI Bill education benefits are coming to an end. After nearly 24 years of helping some 8.2 million Vietnam era veterans, including over 1,000 veterans at Blue Mountain Community College, with school and training expenses, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will be mailing the program's final checks at the end of December. Seven of thirty-one Blue Mountain Community College students currently receiving VA assistance have been notified that their payments will be stopped when the Vietnam Era Veterans GI Bill expires on December 31, 1989. The program's termination date was mandated through legislation passed in 1976. Educational benefits for Post-Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era veterans were earned by serving active duty between January 31, 1955, and January 1, 1977. The benefits were available for 10 years after discharge, but no later than December, 1989. However, many of these veterans will be eligible to begin receiving benefits starting January 1, 1990, under the Montgomery GI Bill. Those qualifying are veterans who served until June 30, 1988. Also eligible are veterans who were discharged under qualifying circumstances before June 30, 1988, but after June 30, 1985. Veteran's who would like more information on how these changes will affect their pursuit of education at BMCC, should contact the BMCC Financial Aid Office at 276-1260, ext. 289 for Pendleton residents or 1-800-256-5401 for anyone living outside the Pendleton area.

**Alumni tourney gets underway**

The Morrow Co. Alumni Basketball tournament will get underway this Friday night. Games and other events are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday (See ad for game times). Team members are coming from as far away as Alaska and San Diego. Team pictures will also be taken Friday night before the games and Saturday morning. Cost of the 5 x 7 is \$7 and will be passed out Sunday during the championship game.

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