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**Sheriff's Report**

The Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

Dec. 25: Morrow County deputy investigated an animal problem in Boardman.

Dec. 26: Morrow County deputy investigated a burglary in Irrigon. A 10 speed bike, VCR movie and a clock radio was reported taken;

Morrow County deputy recovered a stolen vehicle out of The Dalles.

Dec. 27: Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated a Motor Vehicle Accident with injuries at Hwy 730 junction on I-84 westbound. One male patient was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital by a private car.

Morrow County deputy investigated a theft at S & K Farms. A tool box, tires, handyman jack, etc. and \$2,000 was taken;

Morrow County deputy investigated a break-in at the Lyons Club in Irrigon. Taken were several bottles of whiskey and several cases of pop and beer;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested William Ammons, 18, Boardman, on Forgery I, 10 counts. Ammons was transported to Benton Co. jail and lodged;

Morrow County deputy responded to a domestic dispute in Irrigon. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputies responded to an animal disturbance in Boardman.

Dec. 28: Morrow County deputy arrested Otis William Root, 28, Weston, on warrant arrests for Failure to Pay Fine/No Operators License;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to a motor vehicle accident on Antelope road. No transport was made, subject was transported in private vehicle;

Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated an animal problem on the North side of Hwy 730 on 8th Street West in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy assisted Boardman Police Department on an assault that occurred in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy is investigating a theft in the Boardman area. Items taken were a Homelite saw valued at \$350 and Truxex speakers valued at \$289;

Morrow County deputy assisted Heppner Police department on an assault that occurred in Heppner;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance for a female subject.

Dec. 29: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a one car motor vehicle accident on Hwy 207. One male with unknown injuries was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Dec. 30: Morrow County dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a person with unknown illness in Boardman. One transport was made to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Morrow County issued a citation to a Tammy G. Johnson, 31, for maintaining dog as a public nuisance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Nugget Motel for a 44 year old with an unknown illness;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance for a person with an unknown illness.

Dec. 31: Morrow County deputy responded to Boardman area to investigate possible theft. Turned out to be a civil problem;

Morrow County deputy arrested Edward Keith Wood, 29, Ellensburg, WA, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

Jan. 1: Morrow County Sheriff's office patrol deputies assisted one disabled motorist during the week of December 25 - January 1, 1990.

Morrow County deputy investigated an animal problem in Boardman.

**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Happy New Year. Chamber started the new year with election of 1990 chamber board members, an enthusiastic group eager to try some new ideas for the Heppner Chamber. Their first board meeting will be next Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Heppner Elks.

Chamber encourages all those interested in the progress and growth of Heppner to join the organization. There's a spot for you no matter where your talents lie...economic development, merchants, tourism, intergovernmental coalition representative, cultural events, community events, agriculture, etc. Plan to attend the Heppner Chamber annual luncheon on Tuesday, January 16, noon, Elks, to learn a bit more about the Chamber, enjoy a ham dinner, speaker Joe Burns, and some good visiting. (RSVP 676-9220, Tuesday, Jan. 9.)

A new idea for the Chamber monthly agenda is to have round table discussions one Tuesday per month. Round tables would be identified and committee members and interested persons would lunch together at that table to share ideas and current projects. For instance, one week tables might include: Merchants, Economic Development and Beautification. Remember, it's your chamber and we're always open for suggestions for the growth of the community. It's your town.

**Correction**

(Editor's note: following is a correction of errors in the Dec. 27 story "Bill Lowe celebrates 90th birthday.")

Lowe, who turned 90 Dec. 20, was born in 1899. His mother's name was Jenny Cook Hynd. His sister, Minnie Lehman, is not deceased.

**Heppner Police Report**

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

December 28: 9:36 p.m. -one person arrested for Assault IV.

December 29: 7:13 a.m. -one person arrested on warrant, 10:03 a.m. -assist Morrow County Sheriff's office, 3:41 p.m. -assist Morrow County Sheriff's office, 6:12 p.m. -assist Juvenile Department, 10:45 p.m. -assist Oregon State Police with prisoner, 11:26 p.m. -report of Speeding Vehicle.

December 30: 1:41 p.m. -Dog Complaint, 6:45 p.m. -Citizen Assist, 8:10 p.m. -assist Morrow County Sheriff's office.

**Justice Court Report**

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

William Keith Cazier, 15, Heppner-Driving Uninsured, \$16 fine;

Jacque Ann Mallory, 19, Heppner-Illegal Backing, \$20 fine; Ralph T. Marlatt, 53, Heppner-Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, \$1,080 fine; 185 days in jail, 180 suspended; attend alcohol rehabilitation as required by M.C. Mental Health.

Matthew Shane Howard-Criminal Mischief II, \$590 fine; 60 days in jail, \$250 and 60 days in jail suspended, must contact victim and make restitution, 1 year probation with no further violations.

**4-H News**

**Two-Trackers**

The horse bowl is coming March 10. The Two Trackers 4-H Horse Club will begin their training this Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the 4-H annex. Everyone please plan to attend and bring your project books. There are only nine weeks to practice and choose teams. "It is very important to get as much practice as possible," said a club spokesperson. "So, I'll see you Sunday. Let's have some fun and learn a bunch."

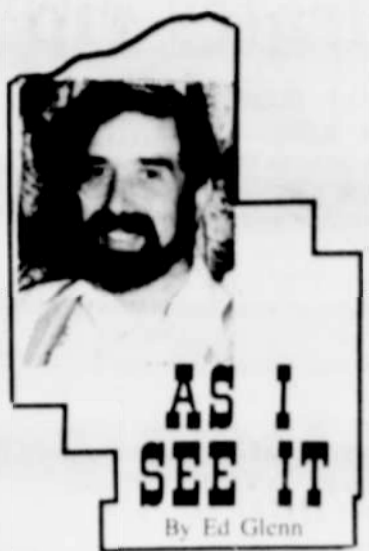
**Marriage Licenses**

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

Dec. 22: marriage license issued to Lavern Baker and Starla K. McKim, both of Irrigon;

Dec. 26: marriage license issued to Bobby Lee Hamilton and Shawna Marie Cash, both of Boardman.

**Reform Means Increase**



By Ed Glenn

All this talk about property tax reform scares me to death. I concluded a long time ago that tax reform really means tax increase. That's what happened with the so-called Reform Act of 1986. It was said to be revenue neutral but it turned out to be a pretty hefty increase. One of the chief advocates, Senator Mark Hatfield, admitted that they might miss the neutral mark by \$10 or \$20 billion. And sure enough they did.

Now folks in Oregon are hell bent to "reform" the property tax.

We all know that the property tax finances a good part of local government; schools, counties (roads), and cities (police and fire). But the thing that sticks in most politicians' craw is that in most places and for most taxing districts, the property tax is subject to voter approval.

Can you imagine how the federal government would fare if the income tax were up for vote? And in Oregon, the second highest tax state in the nation, would a vote on the state income tax pass?

That's what the politicians figure is broke about the property tax system and that's what needs fixin'. The very folks that pay the tax have an opportunity to say just how much. And politicians don't like that. They figure they should have a chance to decide how much to collect and how to spend it.

One of the arguments in favor of the reform is the heavy reliance our schools must place on property taxes. Well now, if our legislators were really worried about that, with a mere stroke of the pen they could solve the problem. You see, the legislature has allocated a bit of the state income tax money to support schools. And they have been allocating less and less for the past twenty years or so. Seems to me that the very folks who are hollerin' most about the problem are the very ones who have been most of the cause.

Another argument I hear and read is that because some taxing districts are a lot "richer" than others, the tax burden is different. The argument goes on: because one school district spends more per student than the next or because the tax rate in one district is higher than the next, the state is at fault for not providing a "uniform system of common education."

That's a nice right socialist attitude, all right. Socialists want us all to be the same, you know. The same house, the same job and the same amount of hope-zero. It's because the fellow down the road is doing better that makes me strive to do better. That's the capitalist way.

And it's the democratic way to go to the polls and vote on the school budget rather than lose control of it all together like the federal and state budgets.

Well, I have no illusions that the property tax won't get reformed. After all, with both candidates for governor, the leadership in the legislature and most of the newspaper editors across the state pushing for it, it will happen. The most likely reform package will include a cap on property tax rates at about what we pay now, or a little more. That will mean a big reduction for most folks across the state because their taxes are a lot higher than ours.

Then we'll all pay a sales tax too, that will be dedicated to schools at first. But the fellows will begin to steal from that to pay for some other things. Remember how the lottery profits were supposed to be earmarked for economic development? Well, they're using the money to build prisons and pay some more state employees to run 'em. That's not what anybody meant by economic development when we decided it was ok to gamble.

And then pretty soon we'll have to "reform" the income tax or the sales tax in order to keep up with the government's insatiable appetite to spend us all right into the poor house. The scary part is, I can see the end to all that and it ain't a pretty sight.

**Aerobics classes to begin**

Aerobics classes with Joyce Hughes, instructor, will begin Monday, Jan. 8 at the Heppner Elementary School multi-purpose room.

Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for advanced students and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for beginners. If there are not enough students for two classes, says Hughes, classes will be combined into one class from 7 to 8 p.m.

**Medical Board to meet Monday**

The Morrow County Medical Board will meet Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at lone City Hall. The agenda will cover general business matters. The public is invited to attend.

**The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem**  
(After Hours)  
5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Grazelda inquired, "Say Clem, did you make a New Year's resolution?"  
Clem chirped, "I sure did. From now on I'm gonna buy all my stuff at Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron."  
Grazelda quizzed, "Why in the world would you do that?"  
Clem explained, "Cause those fellers down there told me that's what I should do."  
Grazelda groaned under her breath, "Oh oh, the brain is almost completely gone."

**Weddings**



**Bartlett — Kenny**

Karen Rose Kenny and Jeffrey Albert Bartlett were united in marriage on September 23, 1989, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic church in Lake Oswego. The Reverend John Schmidt and Pastor John Mason officiated at the ceremony.

Karen is the daughter of William and Marjorie Kenny, Heppner. Jeff is the son of Albert and Virginia Bartlett, Snohomish, WA.

Matron of honor was Kathy Fisher, sister of the bride, Pendleton. Bridesmaids were Vickie Kenny, sister-in-law of the bride, Erin Holzmagel and Heather Van Diest, friends of the bride.

Best man was Tom Bartlett, brother of the groom, Seattle, Wa. Groomsmen were Steve Bartlett, brother of the groom; Randy Fay, brother-in-law of the groom and Mike Schatz, friend of the groom. Ushers were Don Cachrane, Bruce De Roos and Dave Van Diest, friends of the groom.

Flower girls were Katie and Christy Kenny, nieces of the bride. The ring bearer was Jeremy Bartlett, nephew of the groom.

The bride wore a taffeta gown with dropped basque bodice, a rounded V-shaped neckline and ruffled sleeves. The gown had a semi-cathedral train with lace detail. The crescent shaped headpiece held the finger-tip veil that was accented with pearls and flower wisps.

Soloists were Pam Fay, sister of the groom, and Karl Marks, friend of the groom. Organist were the bride's brother and his wife, Bill and Amy Kenny. A special selection, "The Lord's Prayer," was sung by the bride's father.

A buffet luncheon was held at the Cal's Restaurant at John's Landing. The bride graduated from Central Oregon Community College in Bend, and is employed by Oregon Medical Professional Review Organization, in Portland. The groom graduated from Edmonds Community College in Edmonds, WA. He is employed by Microfilm Service Company in sales and marketing.

For their wedding trip the couple took a cruise in the Bahamas. They are now at home in Lake Oswego.

**Where does the money go?**

"Have you ever wondered where the money goes, how to make a budget, or how you are doing financially? If the answer to this is yes, but you can't seem to find time to get organized, the Oregon State University Extension Service in Morrow County has a publication for you," reports Carol Bennett, Extension home economist.

It's called "Your Money Matter\$." It is written especially for couples and parents between the ages of 18 and 34.

Your Money Matter\$, available without charge, covers budgeting,

use of credit, protecting against financial risk, and savings. Worksheets are included to help readers analyze their own situations, in the privacy and convenience of the home.

Your Money Matter\$ is available from your county office of the OSU Extension Service. Order your copy by writing to Oregon State University, Morrow County Extension, PO Box 397, Heppner, OR 97836 or by calling 676-9642.

The series of four free lessons will be mailed to interested families in early February.

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