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Suit against school board dismissed

A suit filed June 29, 1989, in the wake of the teachers' strike against the Morrow County School District board members Dwayne Carroll, Bill Doherty, Jerry McElligott, Marcia Kemp, Bob Mahoney and Julie Ashbeck, by seven Morrow County residents has been dismissed in part, according to the Morrow County Superintendent Doyle McCaslin.

County residents, David Alldritt, Ralph DeBoer, Ed Glenn, Glenna Greer, John Dawson, Kelly Wright and Richard Wright, claimed the board violated legal duties through misappropriation of funds when the board hired "at least three illegal professional strike breakers," committed fraud by misrepresentation to parents of students the qualification of replacement teachers; and violated state election laws following the resignation of school board

member Joe Stevens on Feb. 21, 1989.

In a telephone hearing on Dec. 28 the charge of fraud was dismissed. Still pending are the questions of employment of strike breakers and violation of election laws.

Although the suit did not mention a dollar amount, it did indicate that the group was going after board members' personal assets, and not district money.

The suit asked that individual board members be ordered to repay to the district all money spent to "recruit, solicit, and advertise for strike breakers and to pay professional strike breakers for their illegal services," during the strike. The suit also asked that board members pay plaintiffs attorney's fees.

The suit said the board conducted a "fraudulent campaign" to parents

of district students that the replacement teachers had been properly recruited and hired, when in fact they had not.

Although once again the suit did not name an exact amount, it did say the board members should be made to pay "substantial general and special damages," for pain, anger, embarrassment and other emotional distress caused by hiring the replacement teachers.

The suit further stated that as a result of the failure by the board to declare Stevens seat vacant, "the voters of the district were deprived of the right to have a timely vote on a replacement board member."

The seven county residents who filed the lawsuit are being represented by a Portland attorney Ralph Wiser, a member of the law firm of Durham, Drummonds, Smith and Wiser of Portland.

Hughes earns 'Hats Off' award - installation tops of 'Town and Country'

Claudia Hughes, Heppner, received the "Hats Off" award at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce luncheon and installation Tues., Jan. 16.

Hughes was honored for her "service to the chamber and the community." Hughes is the Chamber of Commerce manager.

Cliff Green was installed as chamber president; Bob Kahl as first vice president; LoRayne Bowman, second vice president; April Hilton-Sykes, secretary; and Harley Sager, treasurer.

Also honored were Fred Lundin, retiring board member, and Mary Goheen, acting secretary and past presidents, George Koffler, Harley Sager, David Sykes, Birdine Tullis, Bill Kuhn, Fred Lundin and Larry Mills. 1989 President Forrie Burkenbine received a plaque for his past year's service.

Joe Burns of Burns Mortuary of Hermiston spoke on economic development in the Hermiston area.

Boardmembers are Doug Dubuque, Hank Dennis, Meg Murray, Larry Mills, Doyle McCaslin and Bill Kuhn.



Claudia Hughes receives a "little something" as recipient of the "Hats Off" chamber of commerce award.



George Koffler installs 1990 chamber officers: (l-r) LoRayne Bowman, Bob Kahl, Harley Sager, April-Hilton Sykes.



Joe Burns



George Koffler installs 1990 Chamber of Commerce President Cliff Green.

Power outage caused by vandal shooting pole

A power outage that lasted more than three hours and forced closure of schools was caused by a person shooting insulators on a power pole, according to Fred Toombs, Columbia Basin Electric manager.

Shots fired at seven insulators on a string on a power pole caused a 69-thousand-volt line from Boardman to Baseline Road to go out, said Toombs. Toombs said that the pole was in the desert area about a mile west of Boardman Farms. "It was a very inaccessible area," he said.

Power went out at 9 a.m. and was not restored until around 12:45. The

outage affected Heppner, Ione and Lexington. Schools were closed at 12:30 p.m.

"Someone is going to get killed doing this," said Toombs, explaining that shooting a power pole could cause a power line to fall and seriously endanger or kill someone. "It's a very dangerous practice," he added. Toombs also said that anyone shooting power poles could be prosecuted.

Toombs said that the outage caused a "tremendous loss to ourselves and our customers."

Sign created for Heppner schools



Lance Marvin with elementary-middle school sign.

Dorian Forrar, an employee for the Morrow County School District and Lance Marvin, a student at Heppner High, conceived and designed the entrance sign which represents Heppner Elementary and Middle School facilities.

For the past few years Dorian has enhanced the landscaping for schools in Heppner. He and principal Don Cole felt a need for a sign that would represent the educational facilities and strengthen the landscaping around the school grounds.

Lance Marvin created the graphics for the sign last year and Lance and Derek Osmin managed to complete the majority of the work.

Lance, who was a national art awards winner for two years, used wild life and farming figures in his

project design, these emblems representing the state of Oregon.

This school year the students in Mr. Forrar's vocational education program completed the project with Kevin Scott helping to put the finishing touches on the new landmark.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

Jan 9 - 15, 1990				
	High	Low	Prec	Rn-sn
Tues.	64	31	.04	
Weds.	45	32	.05	
Thurs.	35	31	.01	
Fri.	38	29	.02	
Sat.	45	33	.18	
Sun.	42	33	.01	
Mon.	43	35	.0	

'White wheat' report author to speak

Mike Kruger, author of the "White Wheat Report," a weekly marketing newsletter, will appear at the Wheat League meeting Friday, January 19, at the Elks Club. The meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. in Heppner and will feature Kruger discussing marketing strategies for wheat producers in the Pacific Northwest.

Kruger grew up on a farm in the Colfax area of Washington. After receiving a degree from the University of Washington, he worked twelve years as a grain trader before starting his newsletter for farmers. The "White Wheat Report" focusses on soft white wheat, unlike other marketing newsletters, and is widely read in the PNW.

The Wheat League meeting is part of Town and Country Days, and is

only one of many commodity groups meeting that day. The SWCD has two speakers, one talking on the geology of Morrow County, and the other discussing groundwater. They meet at 10 a.m.

The Livestock Growers have invited Mike Mehren, an animal nutritionist from Hermiston, to speak on beef cow nutrition at their 3 p.m. meeting.

There will be a panel discussion at lunch. This year the theme, "Into the 90's With Pride and Cooperation," will be discussed by each panel member in terms of his economic area. The five panel members, each representing a different economic sector, are Frank Pearson, Kinzua Lumber; Gary Neal, Port of Morrow; Bill Jepsen, wheat farmer; Roger Williams, USFS District Ranger; and George Koffler, banker.

The banquet Friday evening will be preceded by a hosted social hour at 6 p.m. The banquet is at 7 p.m. and the speaker this year is Jon Bowerman, cowboy poet. There will be a dance band afterward at the Elks. Dinner tickets are still available at several businesses in Heppner.

Irrigon man receives 45 years

An Irrigon man was sentenced to 45 years in prison January 9 following his convictions on first degree sodomy charges, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

Lowell Hinton, 55, was convicted in October of first-degree sodomy by a Morrow County Circuit Court jury. He was also later convicted of first-degree sodomy in November following another one-day jury trial. Both convictions involved different incidents with the same eight-year old victim.

Following a pre-sentence investigation, Circuit Judge Robert Abrams imposed a 40-year prison sentence on Hinton for the sodomy convictions. He also ordered that Hinton serve a mandatory minimum 20-year prison sentence before being released on parole.

Judge Abrams also revoked probation which had been imposed on Hinton for a 1985 attempted rape conviction, and ordered that he serve a five-year prison term on that charge, with a 2-1/2 year mandatory minimum sentence. This sentence is also to run consecutively to the 40 years imposed on the sodomy convictions. He further ordered that Hinton pay for the costs of treatment for the victim following his release from prison.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Jan. 16		
Soft White		
Jan.		\$4.45
Feb.	\$4.49/\$4.50	
March	\$4.52/\$4.53	
April	\$4.54/\$4.50	
Barley		
Jan.		\$114.50 T
Feb.		\$115 T
March		\$115 T
Apr		\$94%
New Crop		\$4.05



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(All meetings are open to the public)

- Thursday, Jan. 18**
- 5 p.m. Winetasting, Elks Club
- Friday, Jan. 19**
- All meetings at the Elks Club**
- 10 a.m. Soil Water Conservation District Annual Meeting
- 11 a.m. Small Woodlands Association Meeting
- 12 noon Luncheon and Panel discussion featuring Theresa Taaffe, ECOAC; Frank Pearson Kinzua; Gary Neal, Port of Morrow; Roger Williams, U.S. Forest Service; Bill Jepsen, wheat producer and George Koffler, banker.
- 1:30 p.m. Wheat League meeting
- 3 p.m. Morrow County CattleWomen's Meeting
- Morrow County Livestock Growers Meeting - "Beef Cow Nutrition" - Mike Mehren
- "Tractor Safety for Minors" - Bill Broderick
- 6 p.m. Walco Company presentation
- Social Hour (hosted by major chemical companies)
- 7 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner \$11.
- Gem drawing (donated by Peterson's Jewelers)
- Special awards to include Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Educator Recognition.
- Coronation of Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court and presentation of buckles
- Speaker Jon Bowerman, cowboy poet
- Dance to Shawn Marie Band.
- 9 p.m. Tickets available at Morrow County Grain Growers, Extension office, Kahl Insurance, Murray Drugs and other local businesses.