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Letters to the Editor

Neighborhood Center to close

To the Editor:

The board of directors of the Morrow County Neighborhood Council has been hearing rumors concerning the continuation of funding for operation of the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

The Council regrets to inform the people of this area that the Neighborhood Center will be forced to close as of April 1, 1990, due to lack of funds for the coordinator's salary.

The Morrow County Budget Committee and County Court cut the grant for operating expenses \$2,000 and denied a request for assistance to cover salary for the coordinator. For the past three years no funding for salary has been granted to the center by the budget committee. CAPECO assists with less than half the amount needed. The remainder has been reached by grants, donations, support of the churches and the hard work and tenacity of the chairman and the board members of the council.

The Neighborhood Center is a hub for many different activities. It provides assistance for emergency food, clothing, furniture and household articles, lodging, medical and etc. it provides information and referral. It assists in locating baby sitters, out of town transportation, finding employment and etc. The building is used for the GED classes, LIEAP (heating assistance program), AARP sponsors the Income Tax Preparation program & etc. The Adult Family Services representative uses it twice a month. The Thursday Ladies Social and the Degree of Honor use the building for their

meetings. The coordinator oversees all of this plus keeps the records and all the other duties demanded of an operation this size. The present coordinator is doing an excellent job.

It has been suggested the center open just three days a week or to run entirely on a volunteer basis. If the center is to continue operating in its present capacity it must be open to the public five days a week. (The coordinator and chairman are on call 24-hours a day, weekends and holidays.) If the center is run entirely by volunteers, services would have to be drastically cut.

In order to keep the center open and operating at its present capacity it must have included in its budget funding to guarantee a coordinator's salary for the year. Grants and donations at the present time are not adequate to assure this. Operating on a month to month basis is unfair to all concerned.

The board is taking our problem to you, the citizens of Morrow County. It is with deep concern for the disadvantaged and low income people of our community that we are asking you to help us obtain the funding for this much needed service.

Sincerely,
Morrow County Neighborhood Council Board Chairman: (s) Betty Tanner, members: Mike Vejraska, Pat Brindle, Grace Drake, Jean Forquer, Verna Brinda, Gerry Etchison, Joyce Breeding, Sharon Woodside.

Sheriff's Report

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

Feb. 20: Morrow County deputy cited and released Jay Suiter for Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance.

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon to check on a complaint of an animal neglect/abandonment problem. Call was unfounded.

Morrow County deputy is investigating vandalism done to poles that caused a power outage at Columbia Basin.

Morrow County Sheriff's office paged out the Boardman Fire Department for a car that was engulfed in flames on Junction 730 mile post 168. No one was in the vehicle.

Feb. 21: Morrow County deputy investigated a possible prowler on Boardman Avenue in Boardman. They were unable to locate any individuals.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Lamb-Weston for a female with an unknown illness. She was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a juvenile problem in the Irrigon area.

Morrow County deputy arrested Emilio Alonza Jr., 20, Irrigon on a Yakima Sheriff's Office warrant for Violation of Sentencing Condition. Alonza was lodged at Benton County jail pending extradition.

Morrow County deputy recovered a vehicle stolen out of Pendleton on Hoague-Warner elevator on Patterson Ferry Road in Irrigon.

Feb. 22: Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to investigate an assault complaint. No further action was taken.

Feb. 23: Morrow County dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence on Green Street to an unknown illness. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a burglary that occurred at a rural Heppner residence. Taken was a Hitachi VCR valued at \$200, from Oliver Devin. Investigation is still under way.

Morrow County Sheriff's office paged out Boardman Fire department and Boardman ambulance to a residence on Paul Smith Road. Amount of damage is unknown.

Feb. 24: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a reported injury near the Port of Morrow. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Feb. 25: Morrow County deputy began investigation of a handgun reported missing from an Irrigon residence. Victim was Guy Riddle, amount of value was unknown.

Morrow County deputy handled an animal problem in the Lexington area.

Morrow County deputy investigated a request for an emergency message; waiting for confirmation of circumstances. Message was delivered late in the day.

Morrow County deputy arrested James Elwood Bill, 20, Pendleton for Driving While Suspended. Bill was cited and released.

Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated a traffic hazard on Hwy 207. Vehicle was disabled and well off the road.

Feb. 26: Morrow County Sheriff's office paged out Fossil ambulance and EMTs to Haven House for a possible transport of resident.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a private residence. One female was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with an unknown illness.

Morrow County Sheriff's office began the investigation of an animal problem on Bombing Range Road. Morrow County deputy began investigation of vandalism to a cabin owned by Tom Riehl on Upper Willow Creek. Amount of damage was unknown.

Morrow County deputy began investigation of the theft of a 1985 Honda three wheeler valued at \$2,000 from Mike Nelson in Boardman.

Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated an animal problem in the Heppner area. Investigation is continuing.

Morrow County Sheriff's office began investigation of a careless shooting incident in the Boardman area.

Marriage License

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

Floyd Wayne Papineau and Patricia Louise Richards, both of Lexington.

Obituaries

Jane Flatt

Jane Flatt, 65, of The Dalles, formerly of Heppner, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1990 at Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles.

The funeral was at Spencer Libby & Powell Funeral Home in The Dalles. Interment was also in The Dalles.

Mrs. Flatt was born at The Dalles and attended school there.

In 1950, she married Bob Flatt and the couple moved to Heppner where they lived 13 years before returning to The Dalles.

Survivors include her husband at the home; sons Nels of Vancouver, Wa. and Keith of Wasco; daughter Connie of The Dalles; twin sister Jean Hoskinson of The Dalles and one grandchild.

Myrtle M. Imel

Funeral services for Myrtle M. Imel will be held Friday, March 2 at 11 a.m. at the Lone United Church of Christ. Interment will follow at High View Cemetery in Ione. Family viewing will be held at 10 a.m. before the funeral.

Myrtle Imel died Sunday, Feb. 25 in LaGrande at the age of 84. She was born Sept. 2, 1905 at Kenndale, WA., to Robert and Margaret Knighten.

On Aug. 15, 1924 she married Herbert Imel in Clackamas County. He died May 27, 1979.

The couple were farmers for many years in Terrebonne and took care of foster children. She was a member of the Lone United Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter Minnie LaVerne Civarra of Seattle, WA.; sons Herbert O. of LaGrande and James M. of Portland; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in her name to the Lone United Church of Christ.

Payne Family Mortuary, LaGrande, is in charge of arrangements.

Health Dept.

The Health Department reports its following monthly schedule for the month of March:

Friday, March 2: blood pressure and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, March 5: Oregon Nursing Network Meeting, Portland, office will be closed;

Tuesday, March 6: blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman City Hall, 1:30-4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7: home blood pressures, morning;

Friday, March 9: blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13: blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon County Offices, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, March 16: blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20: blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman City Hall, 1:30-4 p.m.; Wednesday, March 21: blood pressures, Ione, Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 2-3 p.m.;

Thursday, March 22: dept. head meeting courthouse 9 a.m.-noon;

Friday, March 23: blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 27: blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon County offices, 1-4 p.m.;

Friday, March 30: blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Water

Most of the world's surface is covered with water. H₂O is one of the more common elements on earth.

But most of that water is sloshing about in Mother Nature's sewer, contaminated (from man's point of view) with salt. The cycle of rain, runoff, rivers flowing to the ocean. From there pure water evaporates and starts the cycle all over again.

Since evaporation is such a slow process, very little of the water supply seems to be in the "pure" state, somewhere between a cloud and a river mouth. And of course, as the migration back to the sea proceeds, water becomes even more contaminated.

Seems like a pretty inefficient system. Compared to the world water supply, man's waste disposal systems seem to be in pretty good shape no matter what the wild-eyed liberals say.

Given the water supply provided by nature, no wonder then that the Port of Morrow is in a scramble over water. Water (together with land) has long been one of the features that the Port has touted in luring new industry to Morrow County. Two of the Port's major industries use huge quantities of water and its availability was the major attraction.

Now, the Port is sold out of water. Their own supplies are entirely committed. They buy emergency supplies nearly every week from the city of Boardman just to meet present requirements. There simply is no water at the Port for any new industry.

The Port's water supply is mostly from deep water wells. That water is "soft" with only 20 parts per million of mineral content. It works well in the boilers and other water heating equipment used by food processors. To expand the supply, it would be simple to just drill another well or two. And the Port is in the process of doing just that. A drill rig should be set in just a few weeks.

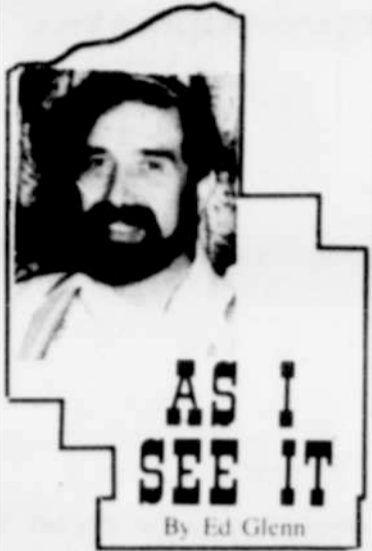
But permits are getting harder and harder to get. Some Port officials think the permit for this new well may be the very last they will ever get. Well permits are issued by a state agency, empowered by the state legislature, encouraged by a group of environmentalists, and the trend will be to stop further use of underground water supplies. In some areas the goal is to stop present use of underground water supplies.

The idea, you see, is that any change, alteration, modification to the natural scheme of things is bad and must be stopped. That's a scary idea, if you think about it. Nearly everything man does changes the natural scene. Man plows up the sagebrush and plants wheat, cuts down the trees to make homes, mines coal and iron and all manner of mineral wealth to make cars and boats and airplanes. He drills for oil to make gasoline and natural gas and plastics and millions of things we use every day.

I don't know what happens to those perfectly reasonable folks we send off to the legislature-only to become puppets of the wild eyed preservationists. But I do think one of the things is that we stop talking to them about what's really important. We don't tell them, so they can understand that trees grow back again, that water in the ground is not nearly so valuable as when it flows in a pipe.

What's more, we don't tell them that we don't want this world to pass on into eternity just like it is. We think we can make it a better place to live on than it is. We want to do that for our children and grandchildren and we need the tools to do it with.

We should all talk to a politician today.



Births

Lindsey Danielle Lankford-a daughter Lindsey Danielle, was born to Craig and Trina Lankford of Boardman on Feb. 16, 1990 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz.

Seth Michael Nielsen-a son Seth

Michael was born to Dana C. Mason of Boardman on Feb. 17, 1990 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz.

Tamra Jo Tovey-a daughter, Tamra Jo was born to Terrel and Melodee Tovey of Irrigon on Feb. 18, 1990 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 12 oz.

The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem

(After Hours)

5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Grazelda exclaimed, "Gee, whiz, bang, Clem, aren't our young athletes great? We're so proud of them. I just wonder where they get all that energy to jump and run and catch and make all them points and stuff?" Clem explained, "That's easy luv, they get all that energy by getting all their Gatorade, milk and Zingers down at Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron".

Grazelda scoffed, "Oh that's just brilliant Clem, and I suppose that's where you get all your energy."

Clem replied thoughtfully, "Well uh, that's real possible hon. Let me ponder that question while I watch this movie and eat these Bama pies." Grazelda smirked, "Oh be careful precious. Don't pull any muscles or sprain your ankle!"



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1 lb. bag		Crm. of mushroom/chicken noodle 10.25 oz.	
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