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Letters to the Editor

Hats off to Jim Farley

To the Editor:
 A big tip of the green hat and congratulations to Jim Farley for his being responsible for the first Heppner St. Pat's Day eight years ago. Also a pat on the back for all of the ambitious hard working persons who have supported and made this fun time such a successful get together. The larger than ever tremendous crowds who gather here certainly prove this is the best time of the year

to renew old friendships and create new ones.
 St. Patrick's Days are good clean fun for all ages and a real way to put Heppner on the map for something rather than an unsafe leaky (first time in the U.S.) type experimental dam.
 Blessings to the St. Patrick's celebrations. May they continue forever.

Kind Regards,
 (s) Lois Winchester

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:
 David Scott Rieb, 28, Heppner-No Operator's License, \$16 fine; No Vehicle License, \$16 fine.

Daylight savings starts Sunday

Daylight Saving's Time will begin this Sunday. Don't forget to spring ahead and turn your clocks ahead one hour.

Obituary

Edith E. Nicholson
 Edith E. Nicholson, 97, of Ione, died Wednesday, March 21, 1990, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

The funeral will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the United Church of Christ in Ione. Interment will be at the Petteys Cemetery.
 She was born April 10, 1892 at Petteysville Homestead Ranch near Ione to Ammanuel and Catherine Gienger Petteys. She attended school at Ione. On March 4, 1925, she married Fred J. Nicholson in Heppner. The couple spent their entire married life on the Petteys Ranch or at their home in Ione. Her husband died in 1948. Mrs. Nicholson moved to Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in 1988.

She was a charter member of the Ione Garden Club and its first secretary; was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 95; member of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers and the Ione United Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Alice K (Mrs. John H.) Newell of San Francisco, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Morrow County Historical Society Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 134, Ione, Ore. 97843. Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

Births

Ethan Lee Parks-a son, Ethan Lee, was born March 21 at the University of Oregon Health Science in Portland, to Craig and Debora Parks of Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 in.

Grandparents are Lee and Mary Ann Palmer, Ione; Fred and Joyce Parks, North Bend. Great grandparents are Geneva Palmer, Ione; Bernice Nash, Heppner; and Frances Pope, Albany.

The baby joins one brother, Brent, 21 months at home.

Family business seminar planned

A seminar dealing with the problems of family business, "Critical Issues in Family Business," will be held on April 5 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Red Lion Inn, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton.

The seminar is sponsored by the OSU College of Business Family Business Program, the Oregon Small Business Development Center Network, First Interstate Bank, Davis-Wright-Tremaine, Lawyers and Standard Insurance Co.

Topics will include planning, managing relationships, balancing family and business needs, ownership transfer and succession.

Cost for the program is \$40 per participant. For registration or more information, call 1-737-3326 or write Family Business Program, College of Business, Oregon State University, Box 205, Corvallis, Oregon 97331-2603. Pre-registration is advised and registration at the door will be only as space permits. Anyone not sure of attending may call for a preview tape.

Sheriff's Report

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

March 20: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to I-84 east bound mile post 117 for a vehicle on fire;

Morrow County deputy investigated a strange car driving by Miller and Kunze road.

March 21: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a residence in Arlington for a six year old boy with an unknown illness. The boy was transported to The Dalles hospital;

Morrow County deputies responded to a residence in Irrigon for a complaint of a family disturbance. No action was taken;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lexington fire department for a report of a vacuum and chicken coop on fire;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Mitchell ambulance to Twickenham for a 13 year old boy with unknown injuries. Boy was transported to Bend;

Morrow County deputy responded to a hit and run in Irrigon at Paul's. When the officer arrived there was no one around.

March 22: Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a possible hit and run in the Irrigon area. Call was unfounded.

March 23: Morrow County deputy and Boardman Police department responded to investigate a one vehicle rollover accident on I-84, just east of the Port of Morrow in Boardman. There were no injuries and no further action was taken;

Morrow County deputy responded to Boardman for a Criminal Trespass.

March 24: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a complaint of a neighborhood disturbance;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon to check out a backyard to see if parts to a vehicle were missing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to the Village Inn for a male with an unknown illness. Subject was transported to Mid Valley Hospital in The Dalles.

March 25: Morrow County deputy reported arcing of pump in vineyard in Irrigon area. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence in Boardman. One male, 58, was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown injury;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a family disturbance. No further action was taken.

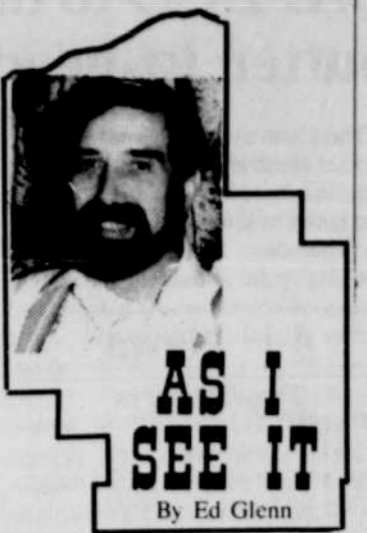
March 26: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence in Boardman. A two year old female with an injury was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office began investigation of a complaint into circumstances around a break-in at a cabin on Kinzua Road 21 that happened sometime over the winter;

Morrow County deputy made contact with party reporting an accident on private property which occurred last Thursday. There were no injuries;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a one car motor vehicle accident on Hwy 19, seven miles south of Arlington. Subject was gone upon ambulance's arrival. There was no transport.

Set Up



AS I SEE IT
 By Ed Glenn

They didn't see it coming, though it was as big as a freight train. Its light could be seen two weeks ago at the advisory committee meeting and its whistle was loud and clear when the entourage filed in to the meeting room Monday night.

But the school board still couldn't see the oncoming locomotive and it now looks like we're all about to be run over.

Heather Ennis doesn't look like a steam locomotive. She's a very pleasant young teenager, an articulate speaker, well organized and determined.

And she wants to wear a hat. School board policy prohibits the wearing of hats in school, period. Heather asked to have that changed and they said 'no.'

Heather's appeal started when she actually did wear a hat and was told by her teacher to remove it. She appealed to the building principal who said 'no.' Her case was considered by the advisory committee who said 'no.' And Monday night the school board said 'no.'

It's called exhaustion of remedies. You see, Heather is no dummy. Because of her education, not all of which she got in Morrow County Schools, Heather was smart enough to pursue the issue as far as she could within the school system. And she did a good job of that too—she was supported by a petition signed by 113 of her 174 classmates and a survey of parents.

But best of all she couched her appeal on constitutional grounds. She argued that a person's wearing of hats is a matter of self-expression, a form of communication that is protected by the First Amendment. Heather knows that freedom of speech is not limited to "speech" as one board member retorted. It includes all manner of nonverbal communication including the burning of an American flag. If you don't think hats "communicate" just check out all the baseball caps on men's heads. One board member wanted to know if her hat had any "function" like "covering a bald spot," and another was of the opinion that hats shouldn't be worn indoors, Emily Post, Amy Vanderbilt and Miss Manners notwithstanding.

No one seriously considered the constitutional issue. Now that Heather's administrative remedies are exhausted, she could let the matter drop. She tried and no one seriously considered the issue, but that's all she can do within the school system.

However, Stevie Remington, the soft spoken grandmother type who heads the Oregon Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has lectured many times on the repressive nature of school dress codes and how many of them are infirm by constitutional standards.

The Morrow County School District may well hear from the ACLU. And then they will realize they've been set up. They put off who they thought was mere 8th grader. But they didn't have equal benefit of counsel and, if they don't promptly reconsider, our money will go to a legal defense firm, all for naught. I think she will prevail.

I don't think wearing hats in school is any different than other kind of wearing apparel. Slashed jeans and printed tee-shirts are permitted. Short skirts and low cut blouses are permitted. All within reason. Really badly slashed jeans and printed tee-shirts that advertise beer are not. Skirts that are too short and blouses that are too low are not. The standard is not whether a particular kind of clothing has the potential to disrupt classes, but whether a particular item does, in fact, disrupt classes.

Teachers and administrators deal with that every day. And constitutional law supports them.

Norenes attend WSU conference

Dr. Jim Norene and his wife, Cork, attended the annual conference of veterinarians, sponsored by the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine at

Pullman, Washington, March 22-24. During the three-day conference Dr. Norene attended laboratory sessions and lectures concerning small animal cardiology.

Country Western Music featuring **Marty White** Friday & Saturday, March 30 & 31 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Cal's Lounge Heppner, OR.

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