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Letters to the Editor

Students need to respect authority

To the Editor:

A recent article in the Gazette-Times stated that some students of Heppner High School, while on a school activity, attacked and damaged private property, in the form of a car.

A most appalling happening. It could mean these young people are lost to society, unless they are made and are willing to admit fault and give full restitution for the damages

they have caused.

Does this mean that our young people have no idea about authority, and that they don't realize that teachers, liked or not, are in charge? Our community needs to support its institutions and those who are in positions of responsibility.

Sincerely,
 (s) Don Peterson
 Box H
 Ione, OR 97843

TV not a babysitter

To the Editor:

Heppner Day Care Board of Directors would like to congratulate Paula and Philip Spicer-Kuhn on winning their "no television for a year" bet. We would also like to thank the staff of Heppner Day Care for assisting them.

Contrary to popular belief, very little television is available at Heppner Day Care. In the Gazette-Times news article about Paula and Philip a quote stated that the children's most difficult time was at day care. This insinuates that too much TV is watched at Heppner Day Care. This is not true.

Being licensed by the state of Oregon, a strict schedule is followed. This schedule allows for only two hours of TV during the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. From opening at 6:30 a.m. til 9 a.m. television is available if the children wish (most

are too busy playing to want TV.) At 10:30 a.m. a program on Disney called "You and Me Kid" was scheduled. And, at 4 p.m. Sesame Street is available. Director, Kathy Tellechea, assisted Paula and Philip by turning off TV at 8:30 a.m. when they arrived. She also eliminated the 10:30 a.m. Disney program.

Heppner Day Care is a professional child care facility dedicated to providing quality, loving, and most importantly educational care. Many different resources are used, including the television. But, the TV is not used as a babysitter.

Good job Paula and Philip. Thank you Kathy and staff for helping them and all the work you do to help all the children.

Sincerely,
 (s) John Murray
 Heppner Day Care Board of Directors

For Frohnmayer

To the Editor:

A great dilemma of our times is "Why won't people of exceptional ability and integrity serve in political office?"

The war of harassment by the media into every detail of a person's private and business life, biased or thoughtless publicity or inconsequential trivia, and demands upon the person's private life are just a few of the reasons.

Most fortunately for us we have a courageous candidate for governor in Dave Frohnmayer. Because of his devotion to his state he is willing to go into the battle.

While we may not agree with each one of his views we need to look at his overall accomplishments and

recognize his potential.

Dave Frohnmayer is a man of courage and honor.

Dave Frohnmayer will not disappoint us.

Sincerely,
 (s) Bob and Suzanne Jepsen
 Box 36
 Heppner

Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses to John Parker Romano and Grace Marie McElligott on April 17.

Sheriff's Report

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

April 17: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a vehicle that had ran through bus lights while the bus was unloading children;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a dog problem. Investigations are continuing.

April 18: Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of a possible attempted abduction in Irrigon. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon fire department to Hwy 19, six miles S. Condon for a brush fire. Call was a controlled burn under control.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a report of found property. Owner was contacted;

Morrow County deputy responded to Pauls in Irrigon for an animal problem.

April 19: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to a residence for a 70 year old male with an unknown illness. There was no transport;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a missing five year old. Child was later located;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the EMT's to a business in Ione. Subject was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital by a private vehicle;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of harrasment.

April 20: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to attempt to locate a male subject on the Columbia River to deliver an emergency message. Subject was located and message relayed;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist Heppner Police department investigate an alarm sounding in the Heppner area.

April 21: Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Dallas Dwaine Senn, on a Umatilla Police department warrant for Contempt of Court/Careless. Senn posted bail and was released;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to the Arlington area for a male who had fallen. There was no transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Ambulance for a female with unknown injuries. Female was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a complaint of trespassing. Deputies were unable to locate subjects.

April 22: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded from the Boardman area to 3 mile canyon to investigate the report of a one car rollover. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County Sheriff's Marine Deputy responded to Boardman marina to investigate vandalism on a 28' cabin cruiser owned by Jay Robinson. Amount of damage was unknown;

Morrow County deputy arrested Dennis Allen Winters, 37, of Irrigon, for Assault IV. Winters posted bail and was released.

During the week of April 16 through 22 Morrow County Sheriff's office didn't have any disabled motorists assists.

April 23: Morrow County deputy assisted Boardman Police department with an arrest for Burglary I, Menacing, and Theft;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon for report of vandalism. Wires were cut on a sprinkler system. Amount of damage was unknown;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Port of Morrow container yard and began investigation of reported vandalism/criminal mischief. Amount of damage was unknown at this time.

Obituary

Floyd Dean Smith
 Floyd Dean Smith, 67, of Irrigon, died Saturday, April 21, 1990 at the Sunnyside, Wash., Community Hospital.

The funeral was April 24 in the chapel at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston. Burial followed at the Irrigon Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born Nov. 4, 1922, in Nebraska City, Neb.

He came to Irrigon 18 years ago. Mr. Smith was the owner/operator of Smith Plumbing in Irrigon.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Smith enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He married JoAn Breeding on Jan. 8, 1955 at Lexington.

Survivors include his wife, at the home; a son, Oscar of Irrigon; a daughter Lola Humphreys of Irrigon; brothers, Delbert, Fred and Robert, all of Glide, and Jerry of Mount Lake Terrace, Wash.; sisters, Betty Jackson in Texas and Eleanor Meagher of Brownsville, and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice directly or through Burns Mortuary in Hermiston.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

"Do you get bored working for Chamber?" someone recently asked. Get bored. I can't think of many jobs with such variety and challenge. There never seems to be enough hours in my day. For instance, currently I'm trying to get mailings off to Big Lake, Alaska; Alpine, California; Yellow Pine, Idaho; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and tourist centers of Portland, Bend, Grant County, Klamath Falls, Portland, Eugene, Corvallis, and Bay area Chamber of Commerce. Many of the above want brochures, others want to know everything I can tell them about Heppner, as they would like to move here; and one is looking for harmonica players. (If there are any harmonica players who would like to participate in a harmonica contest in Yellow Pine, Idaho, stop by the Chamber office for information.)

What else? Welcome packets need to be put together, Blue Mt. Scenic Byway display needs to be assembled for the May 12 dedication, membership plaques, welcome signs, State Fair booth, and a brochure rack are on the drawing board; Cycle Oregon III coordinator meeting is set for Sisters in May; it's time for the Chamber membership drive; St. Patrick's meeting; programs need to be scheduled, etc. Bored....not in this life.

Mark your calendars: May 1-Chamber board and business meeting; 8-Bob Mahoney and Don Cole on our school funding; 15-Port of Morrow-Gary Neal; and more "Downunder" with Cliff Green on the 22nd.

Thought for the week: "Difficulties in life are intended to make us better not bitter."

Justice Court Report

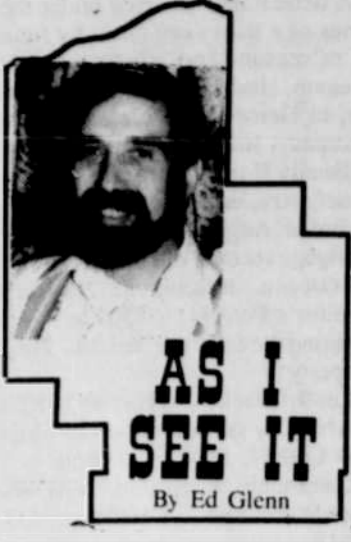
The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Robert Joseph Talley, 22, Heppner-No Operator's License, \$63 fine;

Ron Schwarz, Heppner-Unlawful Possession of Firearm, \$222 fine;

John W. Moyer, Heppner-two counts of Theft of Services, \$301, 180 days in jail (180 days in jail suspended) no further violation of laws.

Something For Nothing



There's a giant fervor brewing among the potato plant employees over a new piece of legislation that denies them unemployment benefits during a week long plant shut down last Christmas. It seems the legislature decided that an employee should not receive unemployment benefits when they were also receiving vacation pay.

"Double dippers" they called them. When the Employment Division read the legislation, they thought it said "no benefits if vacation pay is due." Potential double dippers. So if an employee had accrued vacation pay when the plant went down for a week, he didn't get unemployment benefits whether he took that vacation pay or not.

And that's what's got the dippers, single and double alike, in an uproar.

There really is some kind of disruption to a wage earner's life style when he finds himself out of work. The whole idea of unemployment insurance was to soften the financial hardship while the employee finds a new job. It is just too much to expect a person to save a little nest egg against that possibility.

But then the idea has reached, like the tentacles of an octopus, to workers in occupations that, by their very nature, do not extend the year around. Some jobs are simply not 52-week-a-year jobs.

Sheepshearers, for example, work pretty hard beginning in January in Texas and migrating north to Canada by June. Then they have a long, leisurely and unemployed trip back for the next year. That's not unemployment, just the nature of the job.

School teachers sign a 190 day contract with a week off at Christmas, spring vacation and a long summer. Many elect to draw their pay over 12 months but, they too do not have a 52-week-a-year job.

Many other kinds of workers don't work year around. Nearly all of them recognize that fact when the pay rate is set. Hourly rates for heavy construction labor seem high when compared with similar steady work but at the year end, when periods between jobs are figured, the annual pay is about the same.

So what's the flap over anyway?

As I see it, its the spread of disease. The "something for nothing" disease that promises to entirely engulf our economic system. The folks who won't buy at all unless it's on sale have some early symptoms. The farmer who gets paid for not growing anything has it bad.

Hired workers are getting it all over the country. In addition to a paycheck, they're demanding vacation pay, sick leave, floating holidays, health insurance, life insurance, babysitting service and the list goes on and on. Nobody wants to simply take care of themselves anymore.

I wonder how the readers of this newspaper would react to an increase in subscription rates to cover the news that isn't printed. Maybe a little break could be made for the advertisers whose ads are not published. Maybe the boss would pay me not to write this little column. How about that, next week this space will just be blank and the check will keep on coming.

I like to think that what I do sometimes has value. Conversely, what I don't do isn't worth a thing. I should get paid for what I do. And I honestly can't think of a single reason that would justify anybody paying me for what I don't do. Not even once.

I'd be plumb ashamed to ask for "benefits" when the plant is down and then take "pay" when it's up and running and I wasn't even there.

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