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Mills joins Kuhn and Spicer law firm



Left to right: Bill Kuhn, Mike Mills and Ann Spicer

Attorney Mike Mills has been hired by the law firm of Kuhn and Spicer in Heppner. Mills began practice as an associate May 7.

Mills, 32, the son of Larry and Betty Mills of Heppner, graduated

from Heppner High School in 1975. He received a degree in business administration in 1980 and his jurisdoctor degree from the University of Utah College of Law in 1985. Mills was previously employed

with a management consulting firm in Salt Lake City and an insurance company in Oregon.

"It's really nice to be home," said Mills of his return to Heppner.

Scenic byway dedication May 12

The Umatilla National Forest will dedicate the Blue Mountain Scenic Byway beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. The dedication ceremony will be held on the steps of the historic Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner.

The Blue Mountain Scenic Byway, designated in 1989 under the National Scenic Byway Program, allows east-west travelers an alternate route between the Columbia River near Arlington and Baker City. This Scenic Byway covers 130 miles of paved, two-lane road, crossing Morrow and Umatilla Counties in northeast Oregon, with a long segment traversing the Umatilla National Forest.

This National Forest Scenic Byway offers a variety of breathtaking sceneries along with historical sites and numerous recreational op-

portunities. Several sites are of national or state significance and include a national historic district, a crossing of the Oregon Trail, a wild and scenic river, and a wilderness. Also located along this route are a state-managed wildlife area and remnants of historic mining activities and settlements. The area surrounding this scenic route supports a portion of one of the largest Rocky Mountain elk herds in the nation.

The Pacific Northwest Region is proud of this route's designation as a National Forest Scenic Byway and the Umatilla National Forest is developing a number of events to publicize and promote it, said a forester. With each event, they hope to increase the number of travelers visiting the small towns and forests of northeastern Oregon. The Blue

Mountain Scenic Byway dedication ceremony is the first activity planned to inform the public about a relaxed and scenic alternative to I-84 between Heppner Junction and Baker City.

The day's festivities will include a brief ceremony with speakers addressing the local, regional, and national benefits of the Scenic Byway program awards' presentations, and a symbolic ribbon cutting. The Blue Mountain Scenic Byway route will be displayed in the courthouse lobby. The "first edition" brochure on the byway as well as other local and forest brochures will be available. Regional Forester John Butruille will visit with folks at the Heppner Ranger District open house at 2 p.m.

Briggs suit against city settled for \$37,500

Robert and Stacie Briggs, whose son, Robbie, died in the Heppner swimming pool Aug. 1987, have received \$23,513 of \$37,500 awarded in a settlement against the city of Heppner. Their attorney, J. Randolph Pickett of Portland received the remaining amount.

The Briggs' suit against the city, filed July 21, 1989, charged wrongful death and negligence against the city. The trial, set May 4, was dropped when the Briggs and the city reached an out-of-court settlement.

The Briggs asked for \$200,000 for a "reasonable compensation," in ad-

dition to money for loss of the "decendent's society, companionship and services," and money for the "decendent's medical, hospital and burial expenses."

The Briggs, who lived in Heppner at the time of their son's death, are now living in Waldport.

Museum commission to meet May 15

The Morrow County Museum Commission will meet Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Museum.

Voters go to polls May 15

Featured in this week's Gazette-Times is a special election section which includes sample ballots for the upcoming May 15 primary election.

Polls will be open May 15 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voters to cast their ballots.

Polling places are as follows: Boardman 1-Greenfield Grange; Boardman 2-Morrow County Ambulance Building; Hardman 3-Morrow County Courthouse; Ione 4-Ione City Hall; Irrigon 5-North Morrow Annex; Irrigon 6-Irrigon City Hall; Lexington 7-Mormon Church; Heppner 8-Old City Hall; Heppner 9-Pettyjohn Building; Heppner 10 and 11-Morrow County Courthouse.

Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth says that a voter not affiliated with any political party may choose to vote either a non-partisan ballot or a Republican Party ballot,

although they may not choose to vote on a Democratic Party ballot.

Voters will decide whether to approve an increase in the Morrow County School District tax base from \$994,272 to \$8,645,151. If this measure is approved the school district will be subject to the six percent constitutional limitation and cannot exceed this limit unless the voters approve a specific amount above the limit.

Ray French is running unopposed for Morrow County Commissioner Position on the Republican party ballot and Irv Rauch is also running unopposed for Morrow County Commissioner Position No. 1, but on the Democratic ballot. They will face each other in the general election, Nov. 6.

The Irrigon Cemetery Maintenance District is asking for an increase in its tax base from \$5,698

to \$15,000 and the City of Irrigon is asking for an increase in its tax base from \$50,176 to \$100,000.

Boardman voters will decide if the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District may levy \$58,625 over the next five years for the purchase of equipment.

Voters will also choose a candidate for superintendent of public instruction, United States senator, representative in congress and governor, state representative, and precinct committee persons. Voters

will also decide the fate of four measures concerning school funding, income tax, property taxes and sales tax. Other measures include using vehicle taxes for transit and allowing use of pollution and waste control bond proceeds for related activities.

Klinger charge refiled in district court

A complaint charging Victor Klinger of Lexington with criminal trespass as a result of an April incident on Devin Oil Company property in Heppner has been refiled in

Morrow County District Court.

According to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace, Klinger has been mailed notice to appear in district court in Heppner on

Friday, May 11 for arraignment.

The complaint currently pending in Heppner Justice Court will be dismissed as a result of the new filing.

SWCD tours District Attorney holds meeting concerning cardlocks

The annual Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, Weed District and Morrow County Livestock Growers Tour will be held on May 11. Departure time will be 1 p.m. from the Ione City Park. A bus will be provided or you can join enroute.

The first stop will be at 1:15 p.m. at Bill Nichols farm north of Lexington, where the topic will be weed control with chemical, mechanical and burning methods.

The second stop will be at 2:15 p.m. at the Lexington cemetery for the identification and control of Dalmation Toadflax.

The third and fourth stop will be at the Hoskins Ranch on Rhea Creek at 3 p.m. The topics there will be the Rhea Creek riparian rehabilitation project and weed control in spring wheat.

The fifth stop will be at Harold Sniders at 4:30 p.m. to observe weed control in winter wheat.

The tour will conclude with a barbecue at 5 p.m. at the Ione City Park.

Pre-school screening set for May 24

Pre-school screening for next year's kindergarteners will be held on Thurs., May 24.

Morrow County School and ESD personnel, local health care providers and community volunteers will conduct the annual pre-school screening for children from the Heppner, Lexington and Ione areas who will be five years old before the end of August. Anyone interested in having your child attend, please call the school, 676-9128, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for an appointment. The clinic will help parents evaluate their child's readiness to enter school next fall.

A meeting was held between Morrow Co. District Attorney Jeff Wallace and parties interested in the gasoline card-lock issue on Monday, May 7, at the courthouse in Heppner.

"The meeting was prompted by a March attorney general's opinion which clarified some of the issues regarding card locks, and a proposed administrative rule by the state fire marshal," says Wallace.

"The AG's opinion clarified some, but not all of the issues," said Wallace. "For example, it held that card locks could not serve the 'general public,' but could serve 'some distinctly smaller group of customers.'"

According to Wallace, these groups could include commercial, industrial, governmental and similarly restricted accounts. It also provided that membership in an agricultural cooperative, in and of itself, because of the relative ease with which membership can be obtained, does not constitute such a restricted account.

The use to which the gas is put is also not relevant. "In other words, the opinion states that if someone within a legally qualified group uses the gas for personal use, such as in

a camper or boat, that is not a violation of the statute," says Wallace. "It is whether the station serves the general public, and not the use to which customers put the gas, that determines whether the station is retail or non-retail," Wallace added.

The opinion also held that a minimum gallonage amount is not a relevant criterion. That is, cardlocks do not have to require that customers agree to purchase a minimum amount of gas each month or annually, as in some past cardlock agreements which customers were required to sign.

"A letter will be mailed to all interested parties in the near future outlining my reading of the AG's opinion," says Wallace. He also added that a meeting will be held of the adhoc committee of the state fire marshal, which is drafting the proposed regulations on card locks. That meeting is scheduled for May 15 in Salem. Hearings were held earlier on the proposed regulations in Pendleton and the Willamette Valley.

"Now that the attorney general has clarified at least some of the issues," says Wallace, "I envision some type of ongoing dialogue with the card lock operators in an attempt to resolve this issue."

Bike-a-thon held in Ione



Bike-a-thon riders (L-R) Melissa McElligott, Dan Burnside and Luke Swanson

By Anne Morter

The St. Jude's Bike-a-thon held Sunday, May 6, in Ione was a success, according to event coordinator, Loa McElligott. She reports that 17 people completed the course within the city limits of Ione and 29 people rode from Ruggs to Ione.

Melissa McElligott, Luke Swanson and Daniel Burnside were the first arrivals from Ruggs. Tom and Jim McElligott managed to transport the most people on one bike, all the way from Ruggs. They rode a tandem bicycle pulling a cart occupied by two of their sons, Robert and Taylor.

The youngsters in town were led

around their course by June Crowell, dressed as a clown. Numerous other volunteers patrolled both courses, on foot or in vehicles.

Highlights of the day were several sightings of snakes along Rhea Creek, including a rattlesnake or two, and a good supply of lemonade and cookies for all participants.

"Everyone should be congratulated," says Loa. "The chilly, windy weather didn't make it the best day for a bike ride but everyone pulled through."

The deadline for pledges and donations to be turned in has been extended to May 20. Money should be turned into the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione or Beecher's Cafe.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

May 1 - 7, 1990			
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	73	46	.0
Weds.	70	42	.0
Thurs.	76	47	.0
Fri.	84	50	.0
Sat.	87	40	.0
Sun.	58	40	.0
Mon.	52	32	.06

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, May 8	
Soft White	
May	\$3.65
June	\$3.66
July	\$3.67
Aug.	\$3.38
Sept.	\$3.70
Barley	
May	\$111 T
June	\$111 T
July	\$108 T
Aug.	\$108 T
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Measles clinics scheduled

Special clinics for measles vaccinations for Morrow County residents will be held at the following sites:

May 11 and 184 to 7 p.m. Health dept. Heppner;

May 15, 4 to 7 p.m. Boardman City Hall;

May 22, 4 to 7 p.m. Irrigon County Office.

Cost for the vaccination is \$20. Those planning on being vaccinated should bring shot records and must be 15 years of age or older to sign or be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Pardon our dust. We are remodeling to more efficiently serve you. Watch for our open house in the weeks to come.

Thank you
for your patience.

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