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Sheriff's Report

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

July 10: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a fire within a residence in Arlington.

July 11: Morrow County deputy investigated a visible fire east of Bombing Range Road. No action was taken, turned out to be a controlled burn.

Morrow County deputy responded to Kinzua Mill to investigate a report of an audible alarm. Problem had been resolved upon arrival.

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 westbound, mile post 183 for a disabled vehicle.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire department to a fire at the Man Camp in the Boardman area.

Morrow County deputy responded to an alarm going off at the First Interstate Bank in Heppner. Problem was solved.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to Cal's. One male was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with unknown injuries.

July 12: Morrow County deputy responded to investigate an animal problem in the Boardman area. Investigation is continuing.

Morrow County deputy responded to an alarm at Irrigon Market. Turned out to be false.

Morrow County deputy cited and released Artemio Torres Lomas, 24, Stanfield, of Driving While Suspended.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Riverview Motel for a female with an illness. No transport was made; Morrow County deputy cited Jesse R. Perez, 36, Boardman, for Maintaining Dog as a Public Nuisance.

July 13: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire and ambulance to a one vehicle rollover on I-84, mile post 129. One 39 year old male was transported to Columbia Center in The Dalles with unknown injuries. Morrow County Sheriff's office responded for assistance due to traffic problems and four lane blockage.

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to investigate a juvenile neighborhood disturbance.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire department to I-84 for a semi truck with its brakes on fire. Deputy was unable to locate truck.

Morrow County deputy and Heppner ambulance responded to a two car motor vehicle accident near Blake Ranch. Two juvenile males were transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with unknown injuries.

Morrow County deputy responded to Blake Ranch to investigate a report of suspicious persons. Call was unfounded.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a female with an unknown illness. Female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Morrow County deputy responded to a neighborhood disturbance involving juveniles. Problem was resolved.

July 14: Morrow County deputy responded to Boardman to investigate a dispute concerning juveniles. Turned out to be a civil matter.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a female with unknown illness. Female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Morrow County deputy cited and released Cindi Meacham-White, 31, for Driving While Suspended infraction.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance and fire department to an unconscious female. She was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Morrow County Sheriff's office paged out the Condon ambulance to respond to a patient with an unknown illness.

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence on Ordinance road.

Ronald Ford reported that various articles of unknown value were stolen. Investigation is continuing.

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to investigate a report of missing children. Children were located.

July 15: Morrow County deputy responded to a Heppner area residence to investigate suspicious circumstances. Investigation is continuing.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman Marina to deliver an emergency message.

Morrow County deputy responded by boat to the Crow Butte area on the Washington side of the Columbia to assist Benton County with an incident on the water.

Morrow County deputy responded to Boardman to investigate an animal problem. Problem was solved.

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to assist Boardman Police department investigate a neighborhood disturbance. Problem was resolved.

July 16: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to assist Boardman Police department investigate a neighborhood disturbance. Problem was resolved.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire chief to investigate a report of a small grass fire by a passing train on I-84, mile post 160.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to investigate a report of a train car on fire at the Arlington interchange. Call was unfounded. The fire department then responded to mile post 149 to extinguish a small grass fire apparently set from passing train also.

Morrow County deputy responded to a motor vehicle accident in the Lexington area. Heppner ambulance was also dispatched. There were no transports.

Morrow County deputy arrested Charles Stork, 35 of Pasco, WA., for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

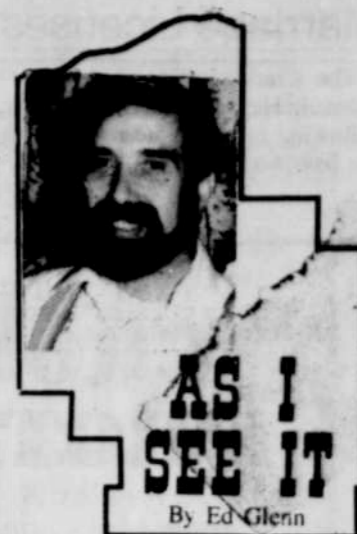
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a brush fire on I-84 near Willow Creek.

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to investigate a report of suspicious activity. Call was unfounded.

During the week of July 9 through 15, Morrow County assisted four disabled motor vehicles.

July 17: Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon to investigate a family disturbance complaint. Investigation is continuing.

We Need A Policy



Summer is the season for refilling the vacancies in the schools' teaching staff in Morrow County. Several new teachers were hired at Monday night's School Board meeting. Several others were hired last month.

There's a fair number of turnovers every year, thus several new teachers are hired every summer.

The process goes like this: A vacancy is generally communicated to some colleges around that have a placement service. Teachers who have attended those colleges periodically check for announcements of vacancies and apply for those that seem promising. In the application process, an applicant discloses educational background and teaching experience.

Applications are forwarded to the Principal of the school where the vacancy exists and are screened based on the application and other documentary evidence, including a check of references. Then the top three or four are interviewed by the Principal and others and one single candidate is recommended to the Board.

The Board approves or disapproves of the hiring based on the Principal's recommendation and a very brief summary of the applicant's qualifications. The Board knows nothing about the other applicants.

As I see it, the potential for break-down in the whole process is that the Board is given very little real direction to the building Principal about what kind of teachers are the most desirable. There simply is no policy statement defining the district's goal in developing a teaching staff.

Do we want a staff loaded with young, inexperienced fresh graduates who draw lower salaries? Do we want more mature, experienced teachers who may require a higher salary? Do we want teachers with just enough education to qualify for a basic certificate or would we like teachers with advanced education, perhaps advanced degrees?

Are we looking for a staff that is highly specialized in their subject areas even at the expense of being broadly qualified in teaching skills, discipline or student activities? If a balance is desirable, then what are the priorities if balance cannot always be achieved? No wonder there is no policy giving guidance on these matters, it will require some hard work and some straight thinking. It will also require some give and take and eventual agreement. One board member, who may resist a formal statement of policy, has said the most desirable staff is one in which every teacher is hired fresh out of school, teaches three years and then moves on to be replaced by another fresh graduate.

In the absence of a policy, the Board has no idea whether a teacher recommended for employment meets the needs of the district or not. There is simply no rational way to decide whether to approve or reject a Principal's recommendation without having decided what kind of staff should be teaching in our schools.

That very point came to light Monday night. The School Board approved hiring a new teacher recommended by the building Principal. But they did so on a split vote 4 to 3. I am not at liberty to disclose why the three dissenters voted to reject the applicant and they did not choose to reveal their reasons in public. They should disclose why, so that you can know what's really important to them in selecting replacement teachers for this district.

Letters to the Editor

It is time

To the Editor:

In the past few months, I have had the opportunity to attend a few Timber People rallies. I have noticed a spark of determination glowing at each one. This spark is something to be cherished and protected, for it is the same spark that brought the pioneers across the Mississippi and across the Great Plains.

This same spark of determination drove them, with their wagons, their oxen, and their families, up and over the Rocky Mountains. It got them through the sweltering heat of the desert to the home they later built in Oregon. This same spark was fanned into a flame by the winds of tyranny, giving birth to this nation.

This spark of determination needs great care and must be tended to daily. As anyone can attest who has ever been caught outside on a cold and wet autumn evening, it is easier to start a fire than it is to keep it fed throughout the night.

It is time for those freedom-loving people of the wood products industry to see that this spark grows. It is time for each one of us to make this a personal fight. Now the hard work begins. Far too often, worthwhile causes are started with a large, noisy

fanfare, and then abandoned for an easier path.

It is time for those of you who believe that the industry is still viable, and that we as its workers are the caretakers of a renewable resource, to join the fray. It is time to let those who would dictate how you live your life know that you are not going to stand for this interference. It is time to tell those outsiders who point the finger of accusation at the people of the Northwest that their hearts should grieve for what goes on in their own backyard.

It is time to let this nation know how important the wood products industry and its workers are...to let them see that it will not be just the people of the Northwest who suffer if this industry falls prey to the preservationists.

It is time to raise your voices and to stand side-by-side...not only to be heard, but to be dealt with. It is time to let these usurpers know that your cry will not be extinguished, but will only grow larger and louder if left unanswered.

(s) David Rose
Dora, Oregon

OCA candidate produces no gains

To the Editor:

There is some interest in seeing OCA's candidate, Alvin Mobley run for governor.

There are four misconceptions about this candidacy that need to be cleared up. First of all, Mobley is not really an Oregonian. He is a recent transplant from Mississippi.

Second, he is not an independent. He only changed his party registration last February and that for the sole purpose of running for governor without having to face a primary election. This is nothing new. Only shortly before that, he changed from Democrat to Republican. I think that's rather unstable.

Third, he is not a candidate. He is only a potential candidate. Legally, he can not file to run until about the middle of August, because of his late registration.

Fourth, he has not established any qualifications for himself. He has no education or experience in service that commends him for high public office.

He is a candidate of convenience-ideologically pure (because he is untested), and appears sincere and well-meaning. But do we not require more stringent requirements of public office-holders?

Given these factors, and the fact that he holds no record of service to Oregon (either in or out of elective office) what reason do we have to believe that he would be a good public servant? None. Any politician can talk a good game. Rhetoric is cheap.

Of course, it is wild conjecture that asserts that the OCA candidate could win anyway. This is believed by nobody, except the strictest sect of OCA devotees.

The OCA candidacy serves no real purpose, except to elect the most liberal of the major party candidates, Barbara Roberts, and to support OCA. If their candidate were to have a fair showing, I believe that both major parties would then be subject to further blackmail by OCA, who would try to run their own candidates in '92, '94, and so on until the public grows tired of it.

I would encourage Oregonians not to throw away their votes by supporting a candidacy that will produce no gains for family values and may even cause us to lose ground.

Sincerely,
(s) Craig R. DeMo
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