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## Letters To The Editor

### Support muscular dystrophy assoc.

To the Editor:

Once again it is time for the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon. The MDA is not a federally or state funded organization. All the money for the MDA comes from donations. Where does all the money go that is given to the MDA? Only 12 to 13 percent goes to administration, 20 percent goes to research, and the rest goes to patient services.

Right now is an encouraging time for researchers. An experimental study called myoblast transfer, where genetically normal myoblasts (immature muscle cells) were injected into a big toe muscle of a boy with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, produced dystrophin, the protein whose absence due to a gene defect causes Duchenne dystrophy. Duchenne dystrophy is just one of 40 neuro-muscular diseases the MDA is trying to find a cure for.

There are 645 patients in the Inland Northwest Chapter of the MDA. This chapter covers all of eastern Washington, north Idaho, Boise and north-eastern Oregon. Patient services cover a number of

things: clinics for patients-clinic costs are \$50 to \$85 per person per visit with the doctor; \$50 for physical therapy and \$75 for occupational therapy. Other patient services provided by the MDA are \$6,000 to \$7,000 for a power wheelchair, \$700 to \$800 for A.F.O.s., (leg braces) \$65 to \$130 for a wheelchair tray, \$50 for a transfer board, and \$600 to \$800 for a hydraulic bath lift. MDA also provides a one-week summer camp for children to participate in activities geared to their abilities. It costs \$350 per person at camp for rent, meals and supplies. Each child at camp has his own counselor. These counselors are all volunteers.

These are some of the things that the MDA does for people, but the best thing of all is the support that they give each person and their family. They are there if and when you need them. Please support the local MDA so that these diseases can be wiped out.

(s) Ellen Rollis  
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### Land control lost to LCDC

To the Editor:

I believe there should be fewer land-use restrictions on the private land owner. I have personally had to deal with Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) land-use laws that are enforced by my county—and each time my property has become strangled by "red tape."

I purchased a 40-acre parcel. The zoning for that area was 20 acres.

I was informed by the County Development Department that according to their maps I only had 38.78 acres. I would now have to apply for a land partition due to land-use laws. After approximately eight months of hassle, the hiring of an attorney, and a final cost of over \$3,000, the split finally was approved.

After a two-year lapse, I contacted the county to obtain a permit for a home. However, I was informed that I would have to apply for a conditional use permit since the acreage is "farm-use only."

My second encounter with LCDC

regulations was very recent. I planned to build a pole barn to store hay. I contacted the county. I was told that my property was in a flood plain. I would have to apply for a conditional use permit, but, I would have to hire an engineer to survey the property for elevation.

The professional engineer I contacted looked at the property and stated it was extremely unlikely the property would ever flood. Total cost for me to get "permission" to build this pole barn would be \$700 to \$1,500. According to the county, the flood maps were prepared by the federal government to warn the landowners of an area of possible flooding.

We have lost control of our own property. You buy a piece of land, pay high taxes on that property and still must dance to the tunes of bureaucracy.

(s) Linda Phillips  
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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:

August 13: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire department to a grass fire, 1 1/2 miles west of Arlington;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of an abandoned car in the Boardman area. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy cited and released Laura Mae Powers, 40, Boardman for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and Driving While Suspended;

Morrow County deputy located found property on I-84 Jct. 730.

August 14: Morrow County deputy responded to the fairgrounds in Heppner to deliver a message;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of theft of property. Property was located and returned;

Morrow County deputy arrested Victor Navarro Landeros, 24, Irrigon on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving Under the Influence. Landeros was lodged at Benton County Jail;

Morrow County deputy assisted Washington State Police with subject for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

August 15: Morrow County deputy assisted a motorist on Hwy 730 with a disabled vehicle;

Morrow County deputy arrested Benjamin Hottel, 27, McNary on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Resisting Arrest. Hottel posted bail and was released;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a possible street hazard;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Big River Potato. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown illness;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington area to deliver a message;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a neighborhood disturbance. Deputy was unable to locate disturbance upon his arrival.

August 16: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Boardman RV park and Marina for a male subject with an unknown illness;

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

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for an attempt to locate for a welfare check. Deputy was unable to locate subject;

Morrow County Sheriff's office was advised of a possible animal problem in the Boardman area. Investigations are continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of property damage from a fire. Investigations are continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Heppner area for a report of criminal mischief to vehicle. Investigations are continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a tractor/baler fire on Hwy 19, 13 miles south of Arlington.

August 17: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to assist with a neighborhood dispute. Problem was solved;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a dispute. Problem was solved;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Boardman Pharmacy. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown illness;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a possible prowler. Officers were unable to locate prowlers upon arrival.

August 18: Morrow County deputy arrested Jesus Santiago Salamanca, 23, for Assault IV, domestic. He was lodged at Benton County Jail;

Morrow County deputy made contact with a resident of Irrigon regarding a neighbor dispute. No action was taken;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a report of a motorhome fire on I-84 at mile post 132. Fire was contained;

We would like to thank our timers, bookkeepers, announcer, Kinzua for the log, and everyone who helped with the log bucking contest. Many thanks, especially to our sponsors, and all the contestants who helped us make this a great event.

See you next year.  
Guy & Barbara Van Arsdale  
John & Nella Britt  
Ed Tarnasky, Kinzua

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Kinkade St. There was no transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the lone fire department to a grass fire west of Lone. Fire department was unable to locate fire upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to Greg's Tavern in Irrigon for a disturbance;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Heppner area for a report of mischief.

August 19: Shane Gonzales, 22, of Irrigon was cited and released for furnishing alcohol to minors;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to the rodeo grounds concerning an accident with a horse. Number of patients were unknown and there was no transport made;

Morrow County deputy investigated a harassment incident in the lone area. Problem was solved;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to I-84, Boardman area, to assist a disabled vehicle. Unable to locate upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of a suspicious person. Deputy was unable to locate anyone.

August 20: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to assist Hermiston Police department with the delivery of a message;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Bombing Range road for a report of a suspicious person.

Larry M Bettencourt, 35, Hermiston was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. Bettencourt was lodged at Benton County Jail;

Morrow County deputy made contact with an Irrigon resident in reference to an animal problem. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy assisted Heppner Police department with a motor vehicle accident in the Heppner area;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to assist with a neighborhood disturbance. Problem was solved;

Morrow County deputy cited and released William Sutton, 27, Irrigon for Menacing and Criminal Trespass;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of assault. Investigation is continuing.

During the week of August 13-20 Morrow County deputies assisted two disabled motorists.

August 21: Morrow County deputy responded to a disturbance in the Irrigon area. Matter was resolved.

## Correction

William Wesley Brannon was found deceased in the Green's Apartments, not Evergreen Terrace as stated in last week's Gazette-Times. Brannon died of natural causes, Aug. 10.

Columbia Basin Electric did not put up three welcome signs at the entrances to Heppner. CBE dug the holes, however, and Ron Forrar, Dorian Forrar and Dan Van Liew put up the signs.

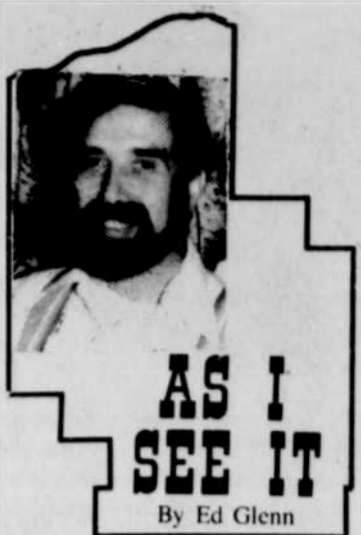
## Marriage License

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses:

August 17: Michael James, Armato, 35, Portland; and

Alta Kim Cutsforth, 31, Portland.

## The Captain Al James



Tidewater Barge Lines is becoming more and more involved in life in Morrow County. They have barged the County's wheat crop to market for many years. They will soon open a regional land fill at Finley Buttes and have agreed to contribute to a garbage transfer station near Lexington.

But a company run by the likes of Ray Hickey and his son Wes is not all business. They have given the Boardman community an old tug boat that might be worth as much as \$50,000 in salvage value. The Captain Al James, as she is named, is an obsolete tug, built in 1940 for the fast water of the Columbia River before all the dams were built.

The Captain Al James plied the Columbia as the pride of the Tidewater fleet until 1976, and has been moored at Tidewater's dock in Vancouver ever since.

The tug boat was named for Captain Al James, a sternwheeler captain in the early days of lower Columbia River transportation. His son, Leland James became the chairman of the board of Consolidated Freightways which acquired a controlling interest in Shaffer Forwarding Co. It was Shaffer that commissioned the Al James.

Shaffer and Tidewater consolidated, known as Shaffer-Tidewater for a while and then dropped the 'Shaffer.' The principals in the old Shaffer Forwarding Co. later organized Shaffer Barge Lines, a company that exists today.

Much history of Columbia River Transportation revolves around the Captain Al James. For that reason the Captain Al James Society has been organized for "Preserving the Heritage of Columbia River Transportation." The Port of Morrow, which has accepted title from Tidewater, has assigned the restoration, preservation, display and control of the Captain Al James to the Society.

Plans are now underway to secure a permanent site for the tug, determine the most beneficial mode of display and to best utilize this generous gift for the benefit of Boardman and Morrow County.

As I see it, this is the very kind of thing that can bring a community together, to corner stone both a tourist industry and a community identity. In the case of the Captain Al James, heavy industry and transportation are highlights as well as tourism.

A project such as this requires the contribution of much, if not all, of the community. There is much work to do and little if any money to hire people to do it. Volunteers must feel for a labor of love, and if response to date is any indication, there will be plenty of that.

While the Captain Al James came to us by the efforts of one man, Port Commissioner Dan Creamer, himself an old tug boat captain, and the generosity of another, Ray Hickey, the magnetism of a corner stone can be duplicated in any community. With a strong symbol of identity, a community can have a focus for further growth, not only economically, but cohesively as a community of people with common interests, concerns and identity.

For example, the Captain Al James may lead to development of a historic transportation park with rail, wagon, highway and air transportation represented. It may lead to the growth of a commercial section reminiscent of an old river port. A fish and chips restaurant, sporting goods shop, import/export store and even a boat dealer.

Sometimes all it takes is a spark to start a roar.

And if not, then the Captain Al James will still serve as a mark of identity that is missing in Boardman.

## Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police department reports handling the following business during the past week:

August 13: 12:07 a.m.-request of officer for Security Check.

August 14: 1:18 p.m.-two citations issued for Maintaining a Dog as a Nuisance; 11:15 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

August 15: 12:07 a.m.-report of Fight; 1:20 a.m.-Motorist Assist; 7:04-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 9:50 p.m.-citation issued Operating Beyond Permit.

August 16: 9 a.m.-report of Burglary.

August 19: 1:36 a.m.-report of Speeding Vehicle; 2:27 a.m.-citation issued for Criminal Mischief; 3:42 a.m.-Motorist Assist; 12:15 p.m.-citation issued for Driving While Suspended; 5:50 p.m.-citation issued for Tire Noise.

**The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem**  
(After Hours)  
5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Clem beamed, "Hey Grazelda, that was a great fair and rodeo huh? The fellers down at Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron say it was one of the best ones ever. I'm sure gonna miss it." Grazelda quizzed, "What will you miss most Clem, the parade, exhibits or the rodeo?" Clem pondered, "Naw, mostly I'll miss the food, the beverages and the cotton candy." Grazelda pinched herself twice for not thinking of that.

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Beef Tip <b>Roast</b>	<b>\$2<sup>19</sup></b> lb.	Bumble Bee chunk lite 6.5 oz. <b>Tuna</b>	1st 4 <b>69<sup>¢</sup></b> ea.
5 lb. bag <b>Potatoes</b>	<b>89<sup>¢</sup></b> bag	Van Camps 16 oz. <b>Pork &amp; Beans</b>	<b>49<sup>¢</sup></b> ea.
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