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Drugs, cash seized in Boardman



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Undersheriff Verlin Denton displays a few of the items confiscated in the drug raid in Boardman.

Rocky Lee Rodgers, 27, of Tualatin was arrested Oct. 8, by Morrow County Sheriff's deputies and Boardman Police officers following a search of a Boardman residence. Rodgers was arrested at the scene and lodged at the Benton

County Jail on two counts of possession of controlled substance and two counts of delivery of a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$60,000.

Seized at the scene was approximately one pound of suspected cocaine, ½ pound of marijuana and

\$12,000 in cash. The arrest and seizure was the result of a joint investigation by the Morrow County Sheriff's department and Boardman Police department. The suspect was a visitor in the area staying at the Boardman residence.

Public meeting on Measure 5

Confused about Ballot Measure #5? Worried about a 1 ½ percent limitation and the effects on school funding? What will be the impact on farms and on city government? Will the state pick up the balance and, if so, will it increase the income tax or will it mean a sales tax?

These are questions that many citizens of Morrow County are asking themselves and others as the debate on Measure #5 continues. To provide information on this subject, the Morrow County Schools and the Morrow County Court are sponsoring two public meetings with knowledgeable speakers to make presentations and to answer questions. The public hearings will be held on October 22 at the Heppner Elementary auditorium at 7 p.m. and again at Boardman on October 23, at the Riverside auditorium.

The roster of speakers and panel will be as follows:

Heppner, October 22-Representative Mike Nelson, Stafford Hansell, Bill Kuhn, Ron Daniels, Greg Sweek; Boardman, October 23-Representative Mike Nelson, Stafford Hansell, Bill Kuhn, Larry Mills, Ron Daniels, Greg Sweek.

Morrow County citizens who are interested in this measure are invited to attend, according to Judge Louis Carlson.

Copy of financial effects available

Copies of financial effects of ballot measures 3-11 are available at the Morrow County Courthouse, Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth has announced.

At one point, because of late filing of the financial impact statements, the ballot measures were ruled invalid. However a ruling by the Oregon Supreme Court said the measures would be counted.

City garbage rates to increase 70 percent

Garbage rates for the city of Heppner will increase 70 percent October 15. Rates for one can pickup will increase from \$6 to \$10.25. Two can pickup will increase from \$9 to \$15.30.

City officials say that the rate increase is necessitated by the impending closure of the city dump. The dump is scheduled to close Oct. 15 because it is full.

Because Finley Buttes Landfill, a new dumping site recently developed, is not expected to open before Nov. 1 at the earliest, the Heppner City Council approved Monday night that Heppner Disposal truck the garbage to the Hermiston Landfill "indefinitely," until a new solution to Heppner's garbage problem can be achieved.

According to Heppner City Attorney Bill Kuhn, the Department of Environmental Quality has not certified the Finley Buttes Landfill because they are trying to spur the county involvement in Heppner's garbage problems and they want the county to become more involved in developing a transfer station and a solution to long term solid waste disposal plan.

The City of Heppner and Morrow County are in disagreement over the county's role in operation of a transfer station. County officials

have said that they are in the process of deeding a piece of property between Heppner and Lexington to Finley Buttes for use as a transfer station. But Finley Buttes has indicated that they will lease the station to Guy Patterson, who, they say will operate the station. But city officials said that they have no guarantee of reasonable fees or long term solution if a private party operates the transfer station. A transfer station will be used as a solid waste disposal site for city and county residents. The waste will then be transported to Finley Buttes Landfill.

City officials site a Morrow County Ordinance which they say directs the county to oversee all solid waste disposal in the county. But county officials say that the city is not doing enough towards a solution to the problem.

In the meantime, the city has run out of time. "It's critical," said Heppner Mayor Cara Costa. "It's unfortunate that this is happening."

"That's why we started meeting last fall, we didn't want this to happen," she continued.

The city also considered digging another trench at the city dump, but rejected that solution because of the cost and because it would only delay the crisis for a short time.

Reno Nite this Saturday

The Heppner Booster Club's annual Reno Nite will be held this Saturday night Oct. 13 at the Elks Lodge. The fun starts at 7 p.m. with

Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, 4,5,6 and Chuckaluck.

All proceeds will go to the Booster Club.

Health Nurse plans busy retirement



Pat Wright

Armed with an irrepressible gusto for living, Pat Wright will soon open a new chapter in her life. And she can hardly wait to turn the page.

Pat, who has been the Morrow County Public Health nurse for the past 16 years, will resign from that position Oct. 19.

Her resignation was prompted by a back injury which she feels cannot heal properly with the demanding schedule and heavy lifting required of a public health nurse.

"I hurt my back in August and it's slow to recover. I didn't want to end up with a chronic back injury," she said.

But the injury is not keeping this gal down. She has plans—big plans—the first of which is to launch a write-in campaign for Morrow County Commissioner in the Nov. 6 election.

Pat also has her eye on a couple of parttime jobs that she has already

been offered and loves to travel, paint, knit, crochet and visit friends and relatives. Last year she drove across the U.S. by herself and spent part of her summer as a nurse at an exclusive summer camp, Camp Greystone in Tuxedo, North Carolina.

Born in Lexington to Freida and A.F. Majeske, Pat graduated from Lexington High School and received her nursing diploma from Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland in 1954. After receiving her diploma she worked at Good Samaritan in the emergency and operating rooms (her love is traumatic care nursing) for five or six years and at Gresham General Hospital in the coronary care unit for 12 years, both off and on while raising her family. She married her husband Harvey in 1956. He has since passed away.

An avid traveler, Pat is planning her first trip after retirement to Fayetteville, North Carolina, to visit her daughter, Sandi Putman, who is a beautician there. Sandi's husband is a serviceman who has been stationed in Saudi Arabia. Pat also has a son, Mark, who is an electrical engineer in Boise, Idaho. He and his wife Lisa have two children, Ashley, six, and Zachary, two months.

Pat, who has traveled all over Canada, has also visited Alaska, Hawaii and the Bahamas and all but five states in the U.S. She would still very much like to see the New England states, along with Europe and Australia. Because prospective traveling companions are often limited by job, family, time and financial constraints, Pat has discovered the joys of traveling alone. "Although I would prefer to travel with someone," she adds. Pat says that she will miss the

many children she encounters as a public health nurse. "I probably will miss the babies the most. I love seeing them grow. I do love them. I see them the first time around two months and the last time at five years, and a lot in between. One thing I will definitely not miss is the paperwork."

What has changed since she began her career in public health nursing? "What has really changed is the large influx of Hispanic people from Mexico. We see diseases now that I haven't seen in 20 years—diphtheria, tuberculosis, whooping cough."

"I find it amazing that they (Hispanics) trust me with their children," added Pat. "They come to me and I don't speak Spanish and they don't speak English. And they trust me enough to let me give their babies immunizations."

Also changed are the circumstances surrounding her home visits. Pat says that she and her co-worker, Betty Marquardt, who accompanies her, have established a code for dealing with dangerous or difficult situations. On occasion Pat says that she has asked a sheriff's deputy to accompany her.

Although Pat technically has weekends and holidays off, her job as a public health nurse sometimes stretched into a seven-day work week. "I'm called on Saturdays and Sundays. I don't think a weekend goes by that I don't get two or three calls. One Thanksgiving there was a knock on the door. I had company. Someone wanted me to diagnose these little red bumps."

"But I like people," she concluded. And it's obvious that she does.

Pat will be honored by courthouse employees on Oct. 18 and by employees at the Pettyjohn Building on Oct. 19.

Men in Civilian Conservation camp 50 years ago rekindle memories

The 1930's the Great Depression, to quote Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

Two men who lived through the depression at a labor camp in Heppner came back this week to revive the memories of those times good and bad—50 years later.

Donald Heman and Olander "Curly" Huss both turned 21 in Heppner's Civilian Conservation Corps camp just 12 days apart in May of 1938, far away from their homes and families.

The two had voluntarily signed up for the program, Don through the Red Cross, and Olander through Welfare. CCC had been created by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt for young unemployed men, the majority of whom were children of poor families many of whom were on welfare.

Two hundred young men lived at the camp in Heppner which was located at the east end of the fairgrounds. Don worked in a rock quarry up Willow Creek, loading trucks. He raised the rock up from the quarry with a hand winch. Curly pried the rock out of the quarry with a crowbar. "It was work," said Don. "It's hard to believe the kind of work we did. There was no machinery for that then."

"It was rough times," said Curly. "It was the depths of the depression. But it was definitely a good job and discipline."

The CCC boys weren't allowed to have cars at the camp. But then, they couldn't have afforded one anyway—on \$30 a month. And \$25 of that money was sent home to their families. "We couldn't buy gas for it even if we had one" said Don.

The men worked five days a week and had Saturdays and Sundays off. But since they didn't have cars, they weren't able to leave town unless they took the only transportation available—the train, which was too



Olander "Curly" Huss (l) and Donald Heman

slow to allow them to go home on weekends. Don jokes that if the train stopped by a farm to pick up a dozen eggs, and the farmer had only 11 eggs to sell, the train would wait until the farmer's hen laid another one. At that time the train left Heppner at 9 p.m. and came back in the morning. The CCC boys were supposed to be back into town at 8 a.m. for work, "but the train was so slow sometimes it wouldn't get here until noon." But as long as they were on the train when it pulled back into town, they didn't get into trouble. Every six months they were granted seven days leave and were then able to visit their folks—Don's in Ranier, and Curly's in Oregon City.

On the weekends the men came into Heppner. The "hang-out" then was the old Elk Horn Restaurant. "Elsie Cowins was a waitress then. "She was a real friend to the CCC boys," said Curly. The pair remember that "the popular tune on the 'Nickelodeon was the 'Beer Barrel Polka.'" Reserve Army officers who managed the camp were Lieutenant Hanford and Lieutenant Finley. Dr. McMurdo was the town physician. There was no mill in Heppner then and the hills were bare. The hospital had not yet been located on the hill.

Don and Curly, didn't see each other for nearly 50 years after they left the camp. Don in March of 1940

and Curly in April of that year. After leaving the camp Don went to work in the woods, spending 25 years as a timber faller. He then got a job in the boiler room at the Champion Internation Mill. He retired in 1982. Don has two sons and a daughter and five grandchildren. He was newly married six years ago. He now lives in Mapleton.

After CCC Curly also worked in the woods, cutting cedar poles and piling and logging. During World War II he worked in the fire department at the Portland Air Base. After that he worked in highway construction and in building construction. In 1955 he went to work for the Oregon City School District as a custodian and bus driver. He retired in 1982. He recently lost his wife of 45 years of marriage. Curly has three children and one grandchild. He now lives in Oregon City.

About a year ago Don, who has a sister who lives in ZigZag, got to looking in the telephone directory. He knew Curly lived in Oregon and called him up. After that, he made a visit to Curly's home.

How do the two feel about their visit to Heppner and the memories that surround it? "It's been nice," said Don. "I had to come up and see the dam before it goes," he joked.

Curly, whose hair is still curly, but silver now, added, "It's hard to believe fifty years have gone by."

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

Oct. 2 - 8, 1990			
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	62	39	.0
Weds.	73	46	.0
Thurs.	82	47	Tr
Fri.	60	36	.0
Sat.	58	28	.0
Sun.	59	30	.0
Mon.	64	41	.0

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