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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:

January 9: Morrow County deputy responded to a citizens report of police officer possibly needing assistance on Hwy 730 near the county line. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist Oregon State Police,

to locate a possible stolen vehicle. Vehicle was unable to be located;

Morrow County deputy responded to two reports of animal neglect/abuse in Irrigon. Investigation continues from previous reports;

Morrow County deputy assisted Oregon State Police on a motor vehicle accident on I-84 westbound milepost 171;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a vehicle/semi accident. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with unknown injuries.

January 10: Morrow County deputy responded to attempt to locate an overdue male leaving the Heppner area enroute to Stanfield via Hwy 207 for a welfare check. Subject was located, report received and no further action taken;

Morrow County deputy responded to Hwy 730 for a report of a truck that slid off the road. There were no injuries;

Morrow County deputy took a report of a Nintendo stolen from Grace Martin in Irrigon. Amount of value was unknown;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to I-84 east bound .114 for a car-semi accident. One female was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center with unknown injuries;

Morrow County deputy responded to the lone area for a report of a dog problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a civil problem.

January 11: Morrow County deputy made contact with a resident in Lexington regarding a civil problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Robert F. Hemby, 41, of Morgan area near lone on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Negotiation a Bad Check. Hemby was transported to Benton County Jail and lodged;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a complaint of juveniles causing a disturbance in the neighborhood. Deputies were unable to locate problem upon arrival;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to assist Boardman Police department in a vehicle pursuit. Operator was arrested.

January 12: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a suspicious vehicle report. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle;

Morrow County deputy assisted Boardman Police department in locating a possible intoxicated driver. Call was unsuccessful;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to 4th St. One female was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles with unknown injuries.

January 13: Morrow County deputy responded to a Boardman business to assist Boardman Police department with a security alarm;

Morrow County deputy made contact with a resident in Irrigon regarding a noise problem. Problem was solved;

Morrow County deputies responded to the lone area to begin an investigation of a domestic assault. Richard Earl Anderson, 38 and Bertha Ann Chacon, 28, lone, were arrested for Assault IV. Anderson posted bail and was released. Chacon was cited and released;

Morrow County deputies responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a Burglary in Progress. James Llewellyn Bales, 21, Irrigon and Robert Daryl Cate, 19, Irrigon, were arrested for Burglary II, Attempted Theft I and Criminal Mischief. Both were lodged at Benton County Jail.

January 14: Morrow County deputy assisted Heppner Police department in a disturbance.

During the week of January 7-14, Morrow County deputies assisted two disabled motorists.

Letters to the Editor

Wants greater control of private land

To The Editor:

A small but vocal group of people continue to press for greater control of private rural land through land use laws and regulations. They maintain that government is better qualified than the land owner to decide the use of land.

Furthermore, these people seem to have no interest in the land outside cities except to brag about saving "our" resource land.

You would think that with well over half the state in federal and state ownership that this would be enough governmentally controlled land for everyone. But no, it has to be every square inch of Oregon, including all privately owned property.

There seems to be a pattern people follow that says if it doesn't af-

fect me then it's all right--though it may be harming someone else.

This kind of reasoning gradually tightens the noose of government authority--until there is little freedom left.

In Russia, cities have been named for those leaders responsible for taking freedom from the people. In Oregon, we name schools and parks for them.

Private ownership of property, with decisions about that property being the right of the owner, is what built this country. There would not be a United States of America today if that right hadn't existed from the beginning.

Sincerely
(s) George Pruitt
Rt 4 Box 304
Cornelius, Or 97113

Justice Court Report

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

David Lawrence Presley, 32, Ione-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$37 fine;

Jeraldine Smith Withycombe, 66, Boardman-Failure to Notify Department of Motor Vehicles of Address Change within 30 days, ODL, \$9 fine;

Cheryl Fay Pollick, 33, Stanfield-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$37 fine;

Thomas E. Currin, 50, Heppner-Vehicle Registration Expired, (1985), \$16 fine;

Marc Jason Angell, 18, Heppner-Disobeyed Stop Sign, \$30 fine;

William Katchia, 32, Warm Springs-Violation of the Basic Rule, 45 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$30 fine;

Albert Lee Osmin, 48, Heppner-No Stoplight on Trailer, \$16 fine;

Thomas Michael Valley, Portland-Criminal Trespass in Possession of Firearm, Oct. 6, 1990, \$147 fine; Criminal Trespass in Possession of Firearm, Nov. 4, 1990, \$347 fine, 60 days in jail, \$100 and 60 days in jail suspended with one year probation and no further violation of law excluding minor traffic;

Rick Thomas Murray, Portland-Criminal Trespass in Possession of Firearm, Oct. 6, 1990, \$147 fine; Criminal Trespass in Possession of Firearm, Nov. 4, 1990, \$347 fine, 60 days in jail, \$100 fine and 60 days in jail suspended with one year probation and no further violations of law excluding minor traffic.

Heppner Police Report

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

January 4: 5 p.m.-assist Fire department.

January 6: 11:56 a.m.-Animal Complaint.

January 7: 11:59 a.m.-assist Fire department; 7:30 p.m.-Found Property.

January 8: 3:45 p.m.-Dog Complaint; 3:45 p.m.-two cases of Worthless Documents; 5:17 p.m.-citation issued for Dog at Large; 5:34 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 8:18 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

January 9: 8:35 a.m.-two cases of Worthless Documents; 6:07 p.m.-report of Truck Improper Parking; 10:28 p.m.-report of Loud Music.

January 10: 1:30 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 1:47 p.m.-one case of Worthless Document; 1:15 p.m.-assist Clinic; 11 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

January 11: 12:20 a.m.-request officer for Security; 9:40 p.m.-Civil Matter; 4:50 p.m.-report of Missing Dog.

January 12: 7:27 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff Dept.

January 13: 12:06 p.m.-assist Hospital.

Births

Travis Dale Curtis-a son, Travis Dale, was born to Steve and Kim Curtis, Milton-Freewater, on January 12, 1991 at Walla Walla General Hospital. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz.

Grandparents are Rick and Liz Curtis, Heppner.

He joins a brother Cody at home. Juan Ramirez, Jr.-a son Juan, was born to Juan and Lupita Ramirez of Boardman on January 2, 1991, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs.

Marriage Licenses

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

December 26, 1990: Smokey Joe Wightman, 27, Kennewick, WA.; and

Lisa Dee Mittleldorf, 27, Boardman.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

Jan. 8 - 14, 1991				
	High	Low	Prec	Snow
Tues.	44	19	.0	
Weds.	41	19	.07	
Thurs.	49	26	T	
Fri.	54	50	.0	
Sat.	62	50	.0	
Sun.	57	38	T	
Mon.	56	40	.46	

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues. Jan. 18		
Soft		White
Jan.	\$2.83	
Feb.	\$2.84	
March	\$2.85	
April	\$2.85	
New Crop	\$2.80	
	Barley	
Jan.	\$1.05	
Feb.	\$1.06	
March	\$1.05	
Pik	\$97	

Group honored for athletic support

Saturday, December 29, was the night the Heppner Athletic Alumni Committee chose to honor a group of individuals who have shown tremendous support for athletics at Heppner High School for the past many years.

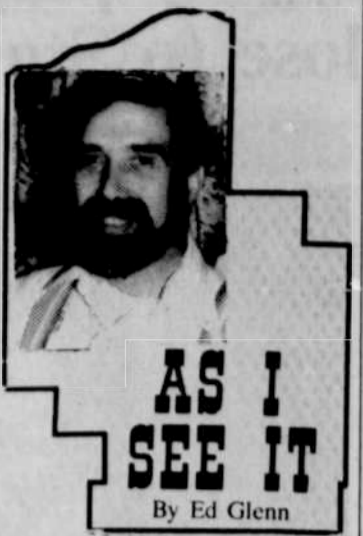
These loyal fans have been supportive of our youth, whether it was football, basketball, volleyball, track or baseball in the Heppner Community. Without the continuing support of the fans, sports would not have been the same. Winning or losing, they are always there.

This year the following people were chosen to be honored: Howard and Jo Pettyjohn, Elden and Eileen Padberg, Tom and Dorothy Wilson, Joe and Hilda Yocom, Tad and Melba Miller, Albert Connor, Shirley Rugg, Randy and Berniece Lott, Howard and Beth Bryant, Larry and Betty Mills. Dr. L.D. Tibbles, long-time Heppner physician is also being honored.

A "Super Fan" plaque was given as a token of our appreciation for their support.

In future years, the committee plans to honor others in the community.

Yes, Virginia, There Is A Price



In the past few days, we have heard again that "There is no price too high to keep just one of our boys in uniform safe from battle." A popular cry is to negotiate, plead, give concessions, even surrender in order to avoid war in the Persian Gulf. The peaceniks are adamant that war is a price too high to pay for anything.

Oh, some say war may be considered if the territorial limits of the United States itself was under attack. We've been there before and it was, indeed, a terrible war. Surely, we have learned something from the past.

But in the larger sense, this anti-war thinking is a thought process defect that is evidenced in a number of ways. Many of us get caught up in a cause and become so enthralled with an issue that we lose our command of rational thought.

It does seem to have been a shame that some few hunters needlessly, wastefully slaughtered great herds of American buffalo. There may well be reason to take care in not unnecessarily destroying a species of animal just for the fun of it. But when that cause gets to the point of shutting down the hydro electric dams of the Columbia River, ending the navigation and halting the irrigation of thousands of acres of farm land brought to life by that river, just to preserve a few hundred salmon that spawn on a particular stream somewhere in Idaho, the price seems to be too high.

Senator Bob Packwood recognizes that there will come a time when we must run the risk of extinction of the species. Sadly, he reports that there may only be seven votes to that effect in the U.S. Senate.

We see this irrational talk about the price never being too high in the war against drunk drivers. To gain support for the movement, the irrational have convinced our government to count as "alcohol related" an accident in which is found a six-pack of empties in the back seat on the way back to the store. Never mind that the driver was stone sober, you see, no price is too high, even the price of distorting the truth.

We see it most in our medical service. When someone's health is poor, the cry is often heard that no price is too high to pay for the very best medical attention humanly possible. This irrationality has caused the placement of expensive CAT Scanners and MRI's on nearly every street corner and their prescribed use in the most simple of cases. We squander a great share of our national resources on prolonging life, no matter how poor the quality and no matter how short the extension.

Through a system of insurance and tax supported payments we all pay the price, a price controlled not by those who pay, but by the irrational who say no price is too high.

I doubt if many of us would give up our entire material wealth and sell our descendants for three generations into life-long slavery to prolong a single life for a day or two.

Yes, Virginia, as I see it, there always is a price too high to pay. Many times we are forced to choose among evils. The thought process required to do that rationally involves the evaluation of many consequences in which there are very, very few, if any, absolutes. I have little argument when the choices have been evaluated and one course is chosen over another. But when the process degenerates to refusal to think and the selection is based on a blind adherence to "There is no price too high," then I am fearful of just how far this zealot, this radical might go.

War in the Persian Gulf is a dangerous, deadly, serious matter, no doubt about it. But not so dangerous, deadly and serious as the irrational claim that "There is no price too high to pay to avoid war."

Heppner JV boys lose to Columbia

By Pete Pearson

The Heppner JV boys lost to Columbia Burbank's JV boys 55-57 on January 8 to drop their record to 6-2.

Shane Munkers had 16 points to lead Heppner while Len Brittner added 12. The young Mustangs were down by only four, 30-26, at halftime, despite numerous turnovers because of Columbia's man-to-man press.

In the second half the Mustangs couldn't get on track and the ball

game seemed out of reach because of turnovers. But, as many times before, the JV team came roaring back in the fourth quarter on the hustle of T.R. Riehl and Jeremy Madern and the shooting of Scott Coe and Len Brittner to make the game a close one.

The leading scorers at the season's halfway mark are Scott Coe, 12 points per game and Shane Munkers, 11.5 points per game. Everyone on the team has scored this year.

WINTER HAPPENINGS at the ELKS

93rd ELKS ANNUAL & CRAB FEED
Feb. 16, 1991 - An all day celebration

-Featuring 2 BANDS-
The Kickers & Northern Lights

NEW HOURS at the ELKS
Beginning Jan. 22

TUES. WED. THURS. 5 - 8 p.m.

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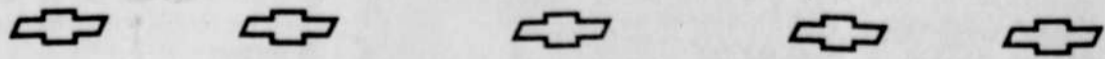
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