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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 29: Morrow County deputy reported a deer caught in a fence on Hwy. 207, milepost 141; Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to take a report of theft. Aaron Wanner, Hermiston, reported a stereo, speakers and amp stolen from his vehicle parked in Irrigon. Total value was \$1,038;

Morrow County deputy cited and released Roger D. Norman Jr., 30, Irrigon, for carrying a concealed weapon and felon in possession of a firearm.

January 30: Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to investigate a report of shots fired in the vicinity on Wilson and Olsen roads. Deputy was unable to locate report.

January 31: Morrow County deputy responded to the Ione area for a report of suspicious circumstances;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to a residence on N. Oregon street for a female with an unknown illness. One female was transported;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a motor vehicle accident on I-84 mile post 113. Two people were transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles with unknown injuries;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a motor vehicle accident on I-84, mile post 120 west bound. One person was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles with unknown injuries;

Morrow County deputies responded to a residence in Irrigon for a complaint of a possible burglary. Call was unfounded.

February 1: Morrow County deputy assisted Heppner Police department with a report of a wanted person in Heppner;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to a residence on Kinzua Road in Fossil. Request was cancelled by the party calling;

Morrow County deputy arrested Jose Adam Gonzalez, 30, of Boardman for Criminal Mischief. Gonzales was lodged at Benton County Jail.

February 2: Morrow County deputy arrested Lynn James Walters, 52, Hillsboro, for Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle. Walters was lodged at Benton County Jail;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a purse that had been stolen from Pauls;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to take a report of a stolen carburetor from Richard Hinz. Carburetor was valued at \$200;

Morrow County deputy arrested Jose Adam Gonzalez, 30, Boardman, for Possession of Less than one ounce. Gonzalez was released on his own recognizance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Ione Fire department for several burning Cottonwood trees along Highway 74 one mile south of Ione.

February 3: Morrow County deputy responded to a Lexington residence for a juvenile problem. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County deputies assisted Oregon State Police with a search for suspicious vehicle;

Morrow County deputy responded to the West Glenn Addition in the Boardman area to assist with a neighborhood problem. Problem solved;

Morrow County deputy responded to 3rd St. in Irrigon to investigate a report of a missing vehicle. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy received information on a vehicle that failed to pay for services at Browns Truck Stop in Irrigon and located the vehicle in the Irrigon area. Problem was solved;

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 near Tower Road in Boardman for a report of an accident. Nothing was found. Vehicle was later found in Boardman, call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy attempted to locate a pickup in the Irrigon area reported involving a neighborhood problem;

Morrow County deputy arrested Billie Lou Sadler, 42, Hermiston, on a Umatilla warrant for Contempt of Court. Sadler was transported to Umatilla Police and released into their custody.

February 4: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to Haven House for a patient with an unknown illness;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of vehicles driving carelessly in Irrigon. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of shots fired. Vehicle and

suspects were gone upon deputy's arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon Marina regarding a problem with a juvenile. Problem was resolved.

During the week of Jan. 28-Feb. 4 Morrow County deputies assisted two disabled motorists.

February 5: Morrow County deputy took a complaint regarding an abandoned vehicle on private property in Lexington;

Morrow County deputies assisted Gilliam County locating a subject involved in a domestic situation;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a juvenile problem. Problem was resolved.

February 6: Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Boardman Police department at a Boardman business on an audible alarm. Problem was resolved.

February 7: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a Boardman residence for an unknown illness. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to Hwy. 730 for an animal problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to assist Oregon State Police on a traffic stop.

February 8: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a Boardman residence for a female with an unknown illness. Female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Ione area to investigate a report of theft of services. Victim was Columbia Basin Electric. Amount of loss was unknown. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Eugene Miller residence, Rt. 1 Boardman, for a report of theft of a portable welder. Amount of value is unknown;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of shots fired;

Morrow County deputy assisted Boardman Police department with a report of a prowler.

February 9: Morrow County deputy assisted two citizens with a vehicle problem on I-84, Boardman; Morrow County deputy assisted a Boardman citizen with information regarding a traffic problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to S. 13th St. Irrigon, to investigate a report of suspicious circumstances. Situation was taken care of;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a motor vehicle accident on E. Wilson. Patient refused transport;

Morrow County deputy responded to a neighborhood disturbance in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to the West Glenn Addition/Boardman for a neighborhood disturbance; Morrow County deputy responded to Hwy. 74 by Kinzua for an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Oregon State Police with a reported domestic on I-84 mile post

### Pen Runs Dry

Sometimes this old pen I wield literally drips with words of wisdom about some subject or another. I've tried a whole variety of tricks to make a point or two. Caustic is the stuff I like the best, but you don't. Overstatement sometimes slips by.

You liked the one about the leak under the kitchen sink best. That was intended to convey a message about how success at whatever endeavor is chosen, often depends on the mental attitude, not on the external forces at play. You remembered the leak under the sink. Oh well.

Sometimes when I dig out that old pen to scribble another installment, it has run dry. Nothing. No nasty words about some governmental boondoggle or another. No clever similes about the family dog. No words of wisdom, period.

Real authors call it "writers block." Journalists call it "slow news day." But what can an old hack like me call it? "Empty pen."

Oh, I thought about commenting on the city of Portland's plan to adopt a system of users fees for police service. They want to charge the Rose Festival Committee \$250,000 for the extra police work during Rose Festival week. What an idea. Extend the concept and I can see all sorts of possibilities. The legislature could charge \$50,000 for a new law. It wouldn't become effective until the Governor's office was paid \$1,500 for a signature.

Right here in Morrow County, the Road Department could charge \$2,500 to fix a pothole and \$100,000 a mile to mow the weeds along side the road. The County Court could charge \$50,000 to make out a budget, if anyone wanted that done, increases no extra charge.

Well, the whole idea of charging user fees for the basics of government is so absurd that it really isn't worth writing about.

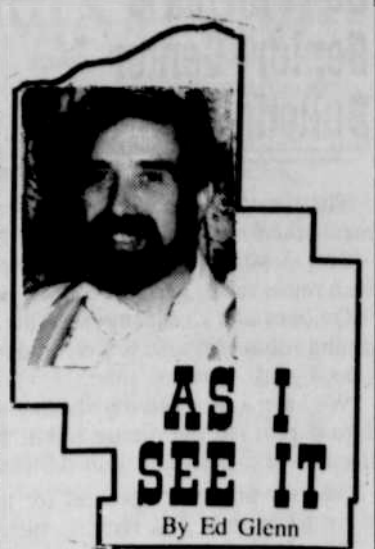
I could name names on the City of Boardman's list of accounts receivable of the City and County officials/employees whose water bills are way past due. Or the long list of folks employed by one governmental agency or another who live outside the district that pays them. Those folks can't understand why some of us would like to keep our tax dollars at home.

That makes me think of the long running battle as to whether governmental folks pay taxes like the rest of us. The side I favor holds that when you receive tax dollars and then give part of them back, you're still a net receiver and didn't really pay any taxes yourself. But I've lost that argument so often, I won't mention it again.

I could write about the diorama that I'm building with carefully detailed models of MIA Abrams tanks on one side and Russian T-72s on the other. But that whole war scenario loses its luster after watching three net work news programs in succession every evening. Especially when it comes home so vividly with the news that someone I know has been wounded and will be laid up in a hospital for months. He's got a dangerous job I guess, he was wounded in Panama, too.

I could write about how neatly the County Court dodged the issue of accepting a gravel road in a new subdivision (that isn't a subdivision because they call it an "Addition"). They know that I was there when a former County Judge agreed to accept a graveled subdivision road that hasn't seen the light of county maintenance since. Seems county standards for new roads require base rock, gravel, asphalt, rolled curb and gutter, all much higher standards than the county applies to the roads it builds. But the County Court knew better than to tell their luncheon hosts that.

But none of those things stir the words in this old pen so it looks like you'll just have to go without a column this week. Maybe by next week the ink will begin to flow again and we'll have a good story to tell.



## Letters to the Editor

### Let everyone sacrifice in financing war

To the Editor:

Ronald Reagan promised a balanced budget, to cut the deficit and to lower taxes. He was only able to accomplish the latter. The deficit grew by leaps and bounds. The S & L debacle is a result of the Reagan era. George Bush promised to be the education president, balance the budget, lower the deficit, and raise no new taxes. He has failed in every instance. The Persian Gulf War will be his legacy. Our children and their children will pay for these failures.

We have over 450,000 service men and women in the Persian Gulf. They and their families are paying the price in family disruption, lost income and sacrifice of lives while those producing war materials are

prospering.

The rest of us feel little effect from the war. We sit in front of our TV and are entertained as we watch the war.

How do we become involved? It is an "Alice in Wonderland" situation. We need to lower our national debt-we need to finance the war. Why can't we have an increase in taxes so that everyone is sacrificing to finance the war, lower the national debt, and save the future for our children and their children. At 81 years of age, somehow I feel left out of the action.

Sincerely  
(s) C. W. Posey  
0586 SW Palatine Hill Rd.  
Portland, OR 97219

## Obituaries

### Lynn M. Murray

Gravside funeral services were held for Lynn M. Murray on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at High View Cemetery in Ione. Mr. Murray, 41, died Feb. 8, 1991 at his home in Ione.

Mr. Murray was born April 19, 1949 at Seaside to Sherman and Iona Duncan Murray. He attended grade school at Prairie City then moved with his family to LaGrande where he attended and graduated from LaGrande High School. He attended a saddlery school near Hillsboro.

He traveled a great deal and spent time in Colorado, Arizona, and California, but always returned to Eastern Oregon. He had been a resident of Ione for the past 2 1/2 years and had also lived at Enterprise and Troy.

He worked with his father at the Rhea Creek Saddlery near Ione.

He supported and gave freely of his time to help the formulation of the Umatilla Tribal Rodeo Association, a program designed to encourage youth participation.

He enjoyed working with animals, especially horses and shod horses for many people in the area. He liked hunting and fishing.

He was a member of the Eagles and Elks lodges and the Cowboys for Christ.

Survivors include daughters Heidi Ruth and Kady Murray, both of LaGrande and Heather Murray of Imbler; parents Sherman and Iona of Ione; sisters, Dayle Jennings and Lavina Greenough, both of LaGrande and Aline Leakey of Kalispell, Mont.; brother Nolan Murray of Abbotsford, B.C.; grandparents, Laura Shook of Newberg and Myrtle Duncan of Westport, and three granddaughters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Anthony Care Unit.

1601 S.E. Court, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

### Pansy J. Seehafer

The funeral for Pansy Jane Seehafer was Saturday, Feb. 4, in the chapel at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery in Boardman.

Mrs. Seehafer, 89, of Boardman, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1991, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

She was born Jan. 24, 1902 at Lewiston, Idaho.

On Aug. 20, 1922, she married William Seehafer in The Dalles. The couple lived in Sherman County until 1927 when they moved to Helix. In 1937, they moved to Ione and in 1948 they moved to Bickleton, Wash. where they lived before coming to Boardman in 1958.

She and her husband celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in 1986 before his death later that year. She was a member of the Christian Church, Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and the Greenfield Grange.

Survivors include daughters Margaret Smith of Baker Eulenna (Mrs. Charles) Vaughn of Boardman, Gladys (Mrs. George) Holerman of Philomath, LaRilla (Mrs. Ronald) Tye of Enterprise, Billie (Mrs. Bill) Ballweg of Fort Worth, Texas and Mildred Tavares of Ventura, Calif.; sisters Nelle Gwynne of Modesto, Calif and Winnifred Morgan of Ceres, Calif.; 21 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heart Fund.

Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

## Come Join Us For The 93rd ELKS ANNUAL & CRAB FEED



SAT. FEB. 16

10 a.m. - Registration  
1:30 p.m. - Ladies Tea  
2 p.m. - Lodge  
6 p.m. - CRAB FEED

TWO BANDS - Northern Lights & The Kickers

COURTESY CARS AVAILABLE

BREAKFAST Sun., Feb. 17 8-11 a.m.

Members and out of town guests



Heppner Elks 358

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## FINAL SALE DAYS

Cowboy Cut  
WRANGLERS

men's reg. 19<sup>95</sup> NOW 14<sup>95</sup>

boys' reg. 15<sup>95</sup> NOW 12<sup>95</sup>

SWEATSHIRTS  
by Saturdays and Rodeo America

WERE 5<sup>00</sup> to 14<sup>95</sup>  
NOW 3<sup>00</sup> to 12<sup>95</sup>

SWEATERS  
by Robert Bruce and Saturdays  
V-necks, crew necks & cardigans  
WERE 1/2 price  
reg. 24<sup>95</sup> to 49<sup>95</sup>  
NOW 5<sup>00</sup> to 15<sup>00</sup>



LADY WRANGLERS  
13MWZ and Silverlake  
reg. 29<sup>95</sup> to 35<sup>95</sup>

NOW 9<sup>95</sup> to 19<sup>95</sup>

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Five to chose from  
reg. 170<sup>00</sup> to 240<sup>00</sup>

LADIES DOWN COATS  
by Tempco - ONLY 4 left

WERE 49<sup>95</sup> to 59<sup>95</sup>  
NOW 39<sup>95</sup>-49<sup>95</sup>

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