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## Letters to the Editor

### Looking for the judges

To the Editor:

The search is on for the Judges who were used to decide the winner of the halftime entertainment award at the District 7 basketball tournament held in Pendleton over the weekend.

I want to catch up to them to ask them on what basis the award was given. At the risk of being too sarcastic, let's think about the possible criteria.

Originality? The winners did a stale old jig with boys dressed up in skirts and boring Scottish music. The Heppner dance team did a fresh and original dance routine, including boys that performed well with the girls.

Crowd response? The winners

received a polite and subdued applause, one you might hear at a memorial service. The Heppner dance team received the biggest, best and most sustained ovation I've ever heard for a halftime performance and all of the schools and spectators in attendance joined in for the spontaneous applause.

What a shame that the efforts of all of the members of the Heppner dance team and advisor Michelle Warburton weren't rewarded.

To the Heppner Dance Team, thanks for the great halftime entertainment throughout the year. You really are winners.

(s) George Koffler  
Heppner

### Obituaries

#### Jerry H. Brosnan

Jerry H. Brosnan, 81, of Heppner, died Monday, Feb. 25, 1991 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Recitation of the rosary will be 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick's Church. Concluding service and burial will be at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Brosnan was born Aug. 19, 1909 at Heppner to John and Zetta Hager Brosnan, pioneer Butter Creek ranchers. He attended elementary school at Lena and attended Heppner High School.

On March 28, 1936, he married Marian J. Good, at Hermiston. The couple moved to the family's Butter Creek ranch. Mr. Brosnan retired in 1974.

He was a member of the Morrow County Cattleman's Association and St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, at the home; sons, John of Hubbard, Eddy of Heppner and Daniel of Salem; daughter, Joann Wister of Portland; brother, Joseph of Little Rock, Ark.; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of donor's choice.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

#### Richard Hansen

Graveside services for Richard Payton Hansen were held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland Wed., February 20, 1991.

Mr. Hansen, 74, of Boardman, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

He was born Nov. 27, 1916 at Paradise, Calif. and had been a resident of Boardman for the past year.

He served with the U.S. Air Force during World War II and remained in the service for 20 years. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4095 of Olivehurst, Calif.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of Boise, Idaho; sons Charles of Boardman and Louis, ser-

ving with the military in Saudi Arabia; a daughter Theresa Brassfield of Boise; brother, Lester Hansen of McArthur, Calif.; sister, Linda Bisbee of Crescent and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vange John Memorial Hospice, Box 306, Hermiston. Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

### Sheriff's Report

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

February 19: Morrow County Sheriff's office paged the Boardman ambulance to the clinic for a patient with an illness. There was no transport.

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon for a suspicious circumstance at a residence. Problem was resolved.

Morrow County deputy responded to an Irrigon business for a suspicious circumstance. Problem was resolved.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a possible burglary. Call was unfounded.

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

February 20: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a complaint from a citizen on a suspicious circumstance.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Mitchell ambulance to a vehicle accident on Hwy. 26, mile post 51.5. One subject was transported to Prineville.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a neighborhood disturbance. Problem was taken care of.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington area to take a complaint on a neighborhood disturbance. Problem was solved.

Morrow County Sheriff's office

arrested Robert Daryl Cate, Jr., 19, Irrigon, for Burglary I and Theft I charges. Cate was transported and lodged at Benton County Jail.

February 21: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to the Asher Clinic for a transport.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Riverside High School. One female with an unknown injury was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Morrow County deputy assisted a citizen with an animal problem.

Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police department with a report of an unknown subject near the grade school.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to a residence in Fossil; no transport.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire department to an alarm at Heppner Junior High. Alarm turned out to be false.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to the clinic in Condon. One patient was transported to Mid Columbia in The Dalles.

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Toby Dale Rodriguez, 19, Boardman, on a Circuit Court Probation Violation for Forgery I. Rodriguez was lodged at Benton Jail.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a small child reported missing. Child was located and OK.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to the Arlington Fire Hall. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown illness.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to locate a missing animal. Horse was located.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to the Asher Clinic. An 80 year old male was transported to The Dalles.

February 22: Morrow County deputy responded to Taggares Farms, Boardman, to a report of burglary. Damages and losses approximated at \$6,700. Investigation is continuing.

Morrow County deputy cited and released Kurt Lee Cate, 22, Irrigon, for Driving While Suspended Infraction.

Morrow County deputy cited and released Kristine Lee Fields, 26, Irrigon, for Driving While Suspended Infraction.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lexington EMTs, Lone Fire department, Heppner Ambulance to a one vehicle accident on Hwy 206, mile post 15. Two males were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with unknown injuries.

February 23: Morrow County deputies responded to a location on Wilson Road in Boardman to assist Boardman Police department.

Morrow County deputy investigated a report of a stolen vehicle in the Boardman area. Vehicle belonged to Jose Pacheco, Boardman. Amount of value was not available.

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Ignacio Navarro, 23, Boardman, for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Navarro was lodged at Benton County Jail. The vehicle located was the same one that had been reported stolen earlier.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched AirLife to meet the Condon ambulance for a transport. One 27 year old female was transported to St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

Morrow County deputies assisted Boardman Police department with a report of a family dispute on Wilson Road, Boardman.

Morrow County deputy responded to the lone area for a report of reckless driving. Investigations are continuing.

Morrow County deputy responded to the lone area to take a report of a stolen battery from Herb Peterson. Battery was valued at \$60.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a Boardman residence. One male

was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown illness.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a noise complaint.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for an animal complaint.

February 24: Morrow County deputy arrested Dean C. Anderson, 30, Boardman for an animal at large. Anderson was cited and released.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Heppner area to assist with an overdue persons report. Subject was located.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Mitchell ambulance to Anton Ranch, Mitchell. One person was transported by AirLife with an unknown illness.

Morrow County deputy responded to Slaughterhouse Canyon for a motor vehicle accident. One subject was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with unknown injuries.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a motor vehicle accident on I-84 mile post 160. One person was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with unknown injuries.

February 25: Morrow County deputy responded to Lamb Weston Inc. to investigate a report of a possible harassment complaint. Matter was referred to appropriate agency.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Wilson Trailer Court in Irrigon for a neighborhood disturbance.

Morrow County deputy responded to the Gunderson residence in Irrigon to a report of theft. Items taken and value have not been determined. Investigation is continuing.

Morrow County deputy made contact with a Lexington resident regarding a suspicious vehicle. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle.

Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police department with a report of a business alarm in Boardman.

During the week of February 17-24 the Morrow County Sheriff's deputies had nine motorist assists.

### Heppner Police Report

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

February 18: 2:17 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

February 20: 11:13 a.m.-Traffic Accident; 11:10 p.m.-citation issued for Minor In Possession.

February 21: 8:45 a.m.-five cases of Worthless Documents.

February 22: 4:24 p.m.-Report of Loose Animals; 11:30 p.m.-Assist Morrow County Sheriff's Department.

February 23: 1:52 a.m.-Deliver Message; 9:06 a.m.-Peace Officer Mental Hold; 11:55-report of Loud Party.

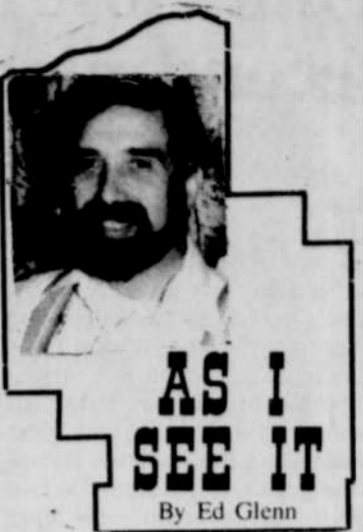
February 24: 3:17 p.m.-citation issued for Driving While Suspended; 3:26 p.m.-report of Fight; 7:23 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Dept.

### Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues. Feb. 26	
Soft	White
Feb.	\$3.04
March	\$3.04
April	\$3.03
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Barley	
Feb.	\$104
March	\$105
April	\$106
New Crop	\$99
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## The Morrow County Subsidy



The school budget for next year was adopted by the budget committee Feb. 25. Like all budgets there's some good news and some bad.

First the good news. The budget calls for a tax base of a little over \$9 million. That's compared with a current tax base of about \$1 million. How can that be good news?

While the legislature has done nothing to sort out the uncertainties of Measure 5, most observers at this point suspect that tax base will figure in the formula for distributing "make up" money in years to come. You'll remember that Measure 5 limits property taxes for schools to declining amount over the next five years to \$5 per thousand of market value. \$5 won't begin to operate schools across the state, so the legislature must "make-up" the difference.

The catch is that Measure 5 does not require the legislature to make up lost revenues in each district dollar for dollar. The consensus is that the make up money will be distributed on a formula that will equalize revenues for districts across the state. That means Morrow County will suffer, maybe a lot. We spend more money per student than all but seven of the 260 school districts in Oregon. And we do it with one of the lowest tax rates in the state. Double whammy.

So by jacking our tax base up, maybe we can improve our share of make up money in years to come.

Now for the bad news. The committee passed up a chance to maximize the advantage. This year's tax rate for Morrow County Schools and BMCC combined is \$12.22. Under the budget adopted Monday night the combined rate would be \$12.72 next year. Measure 5 sets the limit at \$15 next year. So far so good, OK?

The following year the limit drops to \$12.50. A little contraction for '92-93, that's all. But then in '93-94, the limit goes to \$10 and that will be a pinch. In '94-95 we're looking at \$7.50 followed by \$5 in '95-96 and thereafter. That's when we'll really be hand-out to the state. And that's when the state's equalization will really hurt. Our very high per student cost will have to come down significantly to allow the state to bring up the very low per student costs in other districts.

This is the very last year Morrow County Schools will have to operate in the manner in which we have been accustomed.

Except that the budget committee could have adopted a budget this year at or near the \$15 limit. The \$2.5 million in additional revenues could have been spent on a number of items that we will never have the chance to again buy. A new roof here, a new computer there, the administration already has a list of nearly \$1 million of needed items that are not in the budget. They certainly won't find a place in any future budget.

The budget committee wouldn't even tighten up the conservative budget philosophy that has generated some \$600,000 in surplus cash that isn't even in the budget. Not being budgeted, that extra cash carry-over can't be spent. But it certainly will be figured in the make up money distribution in years to come.

According to the 1989-90 audit, the district underestimated its ending cash balance by \$1.25 million. A third of that was because beginning cash was underestimated. Another third was because revenues were underestimated and the final third because expenses were overestimated. That same conservative philosophy led the budget committee to estimate beginning cash for '91-92 at \$1.6 million. Actual year end cash on June 30, 1990 was more than \$2 million when it budgeted to be \$1.4 million. Worse, the conservative budget philosophy led the committee to estimate two other revenue items at less than their combined total for any of the past seven years.

Thus it appears that the 1991-92 budget, as adopted Monday night will again generate excess cash that can neither be spent this year, nor can that excess serve as a cushion against the coming lean years.

As I see it, Morrow County will unnecessarily subsidize other districts across the state as Measure 5 takes effect in years to come. Oh well, my kids will be out of school soon.

### Justice Court Report

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

Jack Ernest Frank, 55, Milton-Freewater-Failure to Flag Extended Rear Load (logs) \$20 fine;

Dawn Parm, 32, Ione-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$37 fine;

Merle Peter Patnode, 51, Yakima, WA.-Violation of the Basic Rule, 57 mph in a 45 mph zone, \$37 fine;

Phoebe Sandra Marquardt, 38, Heppner-Disobeyed Stop Sign, \$20 fine;

Leroy Keith Rea, 33, Ione-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 71 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$37 fine;

Anthony Malone Johnston, 20, Portland-Illegal Backing, \$20 fine;

Kathy Holes, Heppner-Permitting Dog to Run At Large, \$29 fine;

Laura Wegwerth, Heppner-Permitting Dog to Run At Large,

\$43 fine; Michael McBride, 20, Heppner-Criminal Mischief, \$401 fine and 30 days in jail; \$250 and jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of the law excluding minor traffic; Minor In Possession, \$85 fine.

### Births

Tatiana Elizabeth Taylor-a daughter Tatiana Elizabeth, was born to Elizabeth and Timothy Taylor, Eugene, at Sacred Heart Hospital on February 19, 1991. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz.

Grandparents are Roger and Rosalie Scharen, Heppner; Setseko Taylor, Portland and Ivan Taylor, Bend.

Great-grandparents are Ken and Doris West, Portland.

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