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Births

Aaron Myles VanGorder-a son Aaron Myles was born to Nathan and Mary VanGorder of Boardman on March 17, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

Jennifer Ann Curtis-a daughter Jennifer Ann was born to Timothy and Ina Curtis of Irrigon on March 17, 1991 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz.

Jesse William Rutherford-a son Jesse William was born to Shannon Rutherford of Boardman on March 20, 1991 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Kayla Ann Sweeney-a daughter Kayla Ann was born to Brenda and Greg Sweeney of Heppner on March 27, 1991 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Grandparents are Pat and Billy Jo McMinn, Prineville, formerly Heppner.

The baby joins a sister Kristina at home.

Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Department lists their following monthly schedule:

Thursday, April 4-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, April 9-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon County offices, 1-4 p.m.;

Wednesday, April 10-blood pressures, Sr. Citizen Mealsite, 11 a.m.-noon;

Thursday, April 11-blood pressures, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. There will be no immunizations;

Tuesday, April 16-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman City Hall, 1:30-4 p.m.;

Wednesday, April 17-blood pressures, Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 2-3 p.m.;

Thursday, April 18-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, April 23-blood pressures and immunizations, 1-4 p.m. Irrigon County office;

Wednesday, April 24-blood pressures, Sr. Citizen Mealsite, 11 a.m.-noon;

Thursday, April 25-blood pressures only, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. County Health office.

Obituaries

Edna Vaughn Culler
Edna Vaughn Merritt Culler, age 81, for several years a resident of LaPine, died Friday, March 15, 1991, at her home.

Edna was born December 9, 1909, in Heppner, to John and Catherine (Huston) Vaughn.

She was raised and educated in Heppner before moving with her family to Portland. She later moved to Pasco, WA., where she resided for 44 years. She married James R. Culler in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, on June 23, 1973. They moved to LaPine in 1983. She was a retired retail salesperson.

She is survived by her husband, James, at the family home; son Dean Moyer of Kennewick, Washington; two daughters, Sandra Haller of Spokane, and Carol Anderson of Kennewick; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 19, 1991, in the Deschutes Memorial Gardens in Bend. Memorials may be directed to the hospice of Bend, Box 1146, Bend, Oregon 97709. Deschutes Memorial Gardens Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Celia Matteson
A graveside service for Celia Matteson was held at Heppner Masonic Cemetery Saturday, March 30.

Mrs. Matteson, 83, died Tuesday, March 26, 1991, at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland.

She was born April 12, 1908 in Monte Vista, Colo., to Joseph and Nellie Milsom Mahon.

She moved to Heppner in 1924, where she married Loren J. Matteson Sept 2, 1927. She was a resident of Heppner until her death.

Survivors include her daughters Dorothy Scott and Kathleen Lynch, both of Heppner; a sister, Hannah Olp of Mitchell; a brother, Jack Mahon of Joseph; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1968; a son, Darrel, in 1938; a grandson, Curtis, in 1984; and two brothers and two sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Ore. 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

March 26: Morrow County deputy began investigation of a report of missing tools from Big River Farms. Tools were valued at \$950;

Morrow County deputy responded to an animal problem in the Irrigon area. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to 1-84 mile post 160, east bound for a truck that had rolled over. Ambulance was unable to locate truck upon arrival;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to Lexington for a report of a juvenile problem.

March 27: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Irrigon area for a report of Loud Music. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of a possible prowler. Deputy was unable to locate anyone upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy cited and released Lester Ray Martin Jr., 20, Irrigon for Driving While Suspended;

Morrow County deputies responded to an Irrigon business for an intrusion alarm. Alarm turned out to be false.

March 28: Morrow County deputy arrested Roger Allen Pettit, 24, Heppner, on a LaGrande Police department warrant for Order to Show Cause/Theft I, and a Umatilla County warrant for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Pettit was transported to Umatilla County.

March 29: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to the Village Inn Motel for a male subject with an unknown illness. One male was transported to Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence on Washington St. in Irrigon, for a report of an animal problem. No action was taken by complainant at this time;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington area for a welfare check. Subject was unable to be located;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate vandalism to mailboxes. Investigations are continuing.

March 30: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Mobile Court to assist Irrigon Fire Department with a structure fire;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence on Skyview Drive in Boardman. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown illness;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to assist the Boardman Police department in a family dispute. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County Deputy responded to an Irrigon residence to investigate the theft of gasoline from a vehicle. Amount of value was unknown;

Morrow County deputy arrested Henry Carranza, 48, of Des Moines Washington, on a Umatilla County warrant for probation violation. Carranza was transported to Umatilla County;

Morrow County deputy responded to an Irrigon residence to investigate an assault. Investigation is continuing.

March 31: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a Boardman business for a female with an unknown illness. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to an Irrigon residence to investigate the return of the suspect in the March 30 assault incident. Jose Luis Lomas, 35, of Irrigon, was arrested for Assault IV and lodged at Benton County Jail;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of criminal mischief. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to the Condon Trailer Court for a female with an unknown illness. One female was transported to Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence on Elder St. in Heppner for a female with an unknown illness;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to assist Boardman Police department with a report of a domestic disturbance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of a reckless driver.

April 1: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Learning Center for an 18 year old male with an injury. Subject was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance, Arlington Fire department and Boardman Fire Rescue units to a motor vehicle accident on I-84, mile post 122. One male was transported to Mid-Columbia Hospital in The Dalles with an unknown injury;

Morrow County deputy made contact with a Hermiston resident regarding a civil problem that occurred in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon to investigate a complaint. Matter is to be handled through civil means.

During the week of March 25 - April 1 the Morrow County Sheriff's office had no disabled motorist assists.

April 2: Morrow County deputy arrested Joseph Paul Focht, 29, Irrigon, on a State Parole Board Warrant, Parole Violation. Focht was lodged at Benton County Jail.

Justice Court Report

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

Calvin Lee Hendricks, 41, Heppner-No Operator's License, \$110 fine;

Troy A. Woodwadd, 21, Heppner-Driving While Suspended, \$346.00;

Ray Papineau, 60, Lexington-Open Container, passenger (beer), \$65.00;

Wayne Charles Plocharsky, 19, Heppner-Failure to Use Seat Belt, \$38 fine;

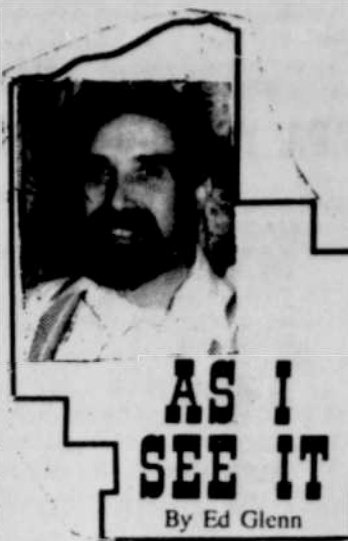
Greg A. Jones, 23, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 45 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$65 fine;

Ken Stookey, Heppner-Permit Dog to Run At Large, \$29 fine;

Jane Elizabeth Walker, 28, Ione-Endangering Child Passenger, \$38 fine;

Larry J. Cecil, 18, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 50 mph in a 35 mph zone, \$65.

A Pocket Book Issue, Plain and Simple



There's a tax analysis story going around that has received a lot of press in Eastern Oregon newspapers lately. A story that runs in the class with Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny.

Three OSU professors profess to explain the intentions of Oregon voters when they adopted Measure #5 last fall. According to Bruce Weber, Professor of Agriculture and Resource Economics, Brent Steel, Assistant Professor of Political Science, and Robert Mason of the Survey Research Center, Oregon voters wanted lower property taxes, and, (this is the kicker) they wanted a replacement tax to support schools.

This professorial study concluded "Most voters did not view their vote as a mandate to for significant cuts in spending. Indeed, it is more consistent with the idea that voters were seeking a replacement sales tax for schools than that they wanted the major spending cuts now being proposed in state and local governments."

The study fails to consider several very basic truths about Measure #5. First, it was cooked up by a real estate developer who was having trouble selling expensive homes in the Portland Metropolitan area because of high property taxes. Selling expensive homes recently has been hurt by the escalating cost of construction, depressed economy, Oregon's slow growth rate and preservation issues. A lot of factors have adversely impacted expensive home sales in addition to high property taxes.

The obligation that the State make up the lost revenues was added to defuse 'the sky is falling' argument that effectively defeated the last property tax limitation measure. Little thought was given the real impact of the make up provision. The measure's author is now frequently called into the legislature to explain what he intended and the answers are either thought up on the spot or are nonsensical.

Many voters got on the Measure #5 bandwagon from pure hip pocket politics. The measure promised lower property taxes and that great reservoir of sentiment that government is too big and has too much money prompted a yes vote from many voters. Many voters had no thought about a replacement tax for school because they lump all forms of taxation for all governmental purposes together and the total is too much.

Other voters do not favor a replacement tax, intending the very state budget cuts that are now being made to fund the school make up money. Altogether Oregon has one of the highest taxing structures in the nation, classed by Money Magazine as a "Tax Hell."

Then, of course, 48 percent of Oregon's voters, mostly Eastern Oregon folks, rejected the measure altogether. These people certainly did not want a replacement tax. In Eastern Oregon voters very quickly recognized just what the make up money would do. "He who pays the piper calls the tune." While property taxes to support schools are not an overwhelming favorite of Eastern Oregon voters, they are smart enough to know that when the huge majority of school money comes from Salem, so does the huge majority of school control.

Local school boards have precious little direction now, and will have much less when make up money pays the bill, whether it is funded by a replacement tax or not.

Finally, when our professor friends say that Oregonians want a sales tax to replace a property tax, they must be blind to the eight resounding defeats Oregonians have given the sales tax over the past 40 years. Some of those defeated proposals were even limited to school support.

Measure #5 was mostly a pocket book remedy, plain and simple. Measure #5 was passed by Western Oregonians concerned about the taxes on their expensive homes. It was not passed by Eastern Oregon farmers and business men and the high proportion of voters who have taxable property other than the family home. With even more to gain that the simple minded expensive home owner, they knew the consequence would be a replacement tax and they rejected the idea. To now postulate that "most voters were seeking a replacement sales tax," is ludicrous.

If Professors Weber, Steel and Mason get enough publicity from their "Legislative Discussion Paper," it will be another great lie, told often enough that it becomes believable.

4-H News

Two-Trackers
The Two-Trackers horse club will continue the English hunt seat over fences class from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday afternoons during April.

Those attending the Wrangler Playdays are urged to attend the hunt seat classes as soon as they finish the playday. Those not attending playdays should come at 2 p.m. so that the day may be split into an early class and a late class for those attend-

ding the playday. Organizers want to continue the work done during the Christensen clinic.

The Martingales
By Amber Peck, Reporter

On March 25 the Martingales held a meeting in Ione at the high school library. They talked about riding on April 5. Sybil Krebs also gave her report about the quarter horse.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

Winter packing may now be removed from meters. Also a reminder that the customer is liable for any damages to the equipment and that it is a violation to operate the meter stop that controls the flow of water to the meter unless there is a shut-off on the property side of the meter. Please contact the Water Superintendent at City Hall if there is a problem with your water service.

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