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Letters to the Editor

Let's look out for the kids

To the Editor:

Parents: Please be aware of the sprays for weed control being applied to area lawns, hillsides and along creek beds, etc.

Recently my eyes have been opened to how many people treat their property.

Children love to explore, play in the dirt, pick up insects and rocks in areas that are overgrown like hillsides and alleys. It just isn't safe anymore.

Please don't allow your children to play on the hill above the Seventh Day Adventist Church or the surrounding area. My 8 year old daughter was diagnosed by a doctor to have contact dermatitis from walking down that hill on Saturday. She had shoes on at the time.

The symptoms were swelling, redness, stinging and itching of feet and a persistent stomachache. She is still experiencing these symptoms. As far as I can tell her reaction will subside with time, but I feel she was lucky and maybe the next child won't be.

I feel we all have the responsibility to help ensure children's safety. It would be nice if people would post the area or warn by word of mouth when treating areas for weeds, insects, etc. I believe this should include commercial people and county weed control.

Let's look out for the kids. Thank you.

(s) Susan Hargrove
Heppner

Poppy sale to aid veterans

To the Editor:

On May 24, the familiar red crepe paper memorial poppy is being offered to the public by the local American Legion Auxiliary. This reminder of the sacrifice of countless thousands in five wars—WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf is an annual event undertaken by the members of Heppner Unit No. 87 in Heppner.

Volunteers from the unit will once again take part in the nationwide program in memory of servicemen and women who gave their lives in the cause for freedom. Think of this, as you give, they gave their lives, what can you give?

These memorial poppies are made completely by hand, by disabled and hospitalized veterans in "Poppy Shops" run by Legion Auxiliary volunteers. It is part of a physical and psychological therapy program by veterans for veterans and is part of the rehabilitation program at the White City Domiciliary in the valley where over 300,000 poppies are made. All materials in the poppies are furnished free and the veterans receive pay for each poppy made.

Do you know that in the spring of 1919, amidst complete devastation, poppies bloomed in abundance on

Wranglers begin June playdays

Wrangler Riding club summer playdays will begin June 7 and will be held every Friday in June at 6:30 p.m. at the Wrangler grounds.

There is an entry fee of 50 cents per event.

For more information call Janet Greenup, 676-5822.

the battlefields of France, where so many of our men had fallen in battle? And that is why a replica of this Flanders Field poppy has become the memorial day flower of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary? These poppies are offered to the public not at a monetary price, but for a contribution, a few cents or dollars to say "we care and we remember" that sacrifices were made that we might live free.

Contributions made locally are used by the local unit to aid disabled and needy veterans and their families in the community and hospitals throughout the state. All proceeds are channeled directly to rehabilitation and furtherance of programs to aid the veteran.

Auxiliary members all over the nation will ask the public to pause for a moment, pin on a poppy and wear it with pride, remembering the civilians who took an oath to serve their country and gave their lives (many have been left with a shattered existence) because they cared that America would remain a land of the free. As I mentioned earlier, think about that and be generous in your giving. Please don't walk on by knowing the worthy work that is done with the money you give.

Thank you for listening for remembering the sacrifices made by the veteran and for giving with a smile, it will brighten the day for the auxiliary volunteer. Thank you also to the businesses who allow us to be outside their stores and to the newspapers for helping us tell of this worthy program.

(s) Rita Hedman
Heppner Unit No. 87

Sheriff's Report

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

May 14: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a brush fire at mile post 144 on I-84;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon for a neighborhood disturbance. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Riverview Trailer Court in Irrigon for a neighborhood disturbance. Problem was resolved.

May 15: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a one vehicle rollover on I-84 mile post 156 west bound. There was no transport;

Morrow County deputy attempted to locate a possible drunk driver west bound on Hwy 730 from Umatilla. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle;

Morrow County deputy responded to Hwy. 207.15 for a vehicle in the ditch. There was no hazard and the owner was to remove the next day;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a vehicle in a field on private property. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a neighborhood problem. Investigations are continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a report of a neighborhood problem. Investigation is continuing.

May 16: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence in Irrigon for a female with a 23 year old female with an unknown illness. Female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Oregon State Police with an attempted to elude on I-84 mile post 151 east bound;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to investigate an animal problem in the Irrigon area. Problem was resolved and party's contacted;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to a residence in Fossil for an elderly male. Male was transported to Bend hospital with an unknown illness;

Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted the Boardman Police department with a resolving loud noise complaint;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Travis Lane Thomas, 19, Boardman, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear-Negotiating a Bad Check. Thomas was lodged at Benton County Jail.

May 17: Morrow County deputy responded to a business in Boardman to assist the Boardman Police department with an assault;

Morrow County deputy arrested Patrick Mitchell, 23, Boardman, on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving While Suspended. Mitchell posted full bail and was released;

Morrow County deputy arrested Roy A. Lebrun, 35, Forsyth, Montana, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Lebrun was released on his own recognizances;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of children playing in a hazardous structure in the Boardman area;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to investigate a report of animals being loose on the road. Deputy was unable to locate problem.

May 18: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire department to a structure fire at a Boardman residence;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon for a report of an animal problem. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office paged the Condon ambulance to the clinic for a transport;

Morrow County deputy arrested Tommy James Town, 23, Boardman on Assault I charges from Umatilla County.

May 19: Morrow County deputy received a report of a possible burglary at the A.C. Houghton Elementary school in Irrigon. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Wilson Trailer Court, Irrigon, for a report of a juvenile problem. There was no action taken per complainant request;

Morrow County deputy received a report of a suspicious person in Irrigon. Deputy was unable to locate person.

Morrow County deputies had no disabled assists during the week of May 13-20.

May 20: Morrow County deputy responded to an Irrigon business for a report of an attempted breakin. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy cited and released Clinton Reid, 82, Irrigon for Discharging a Firearm within the

City Limits;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence on Rt. 2 in Irrigon for a report of a neighborhood problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a reported motor vehicle accident on I-84 mile post 134. Unable to locate upon arrival.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues. May 21	
Soft White	
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May	\$99
June	\$100
July	\$101
Aug.	\$102
Sept	\$103
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Justice Court Report

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

Larry John Cecil, 19, Heppner-Minor In Possession, \$85 fine;

Travis Thomas, Umatilla-Negotiating a Bad Check, \$511 fine (\$250 suspended with one year probation with no further violation of law excluding minor traffic);

Ronny L. Brisbois, 46, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$43 fine;

Richard Edwin Smith, 28, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$20 fine;

Kevin Lee Schmeltzer, 30, Beaverton-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$43 fine;

Robert Terrel Cardwell, 45 Long Creek-No Stoptlight on Trailer, \$20 fine;

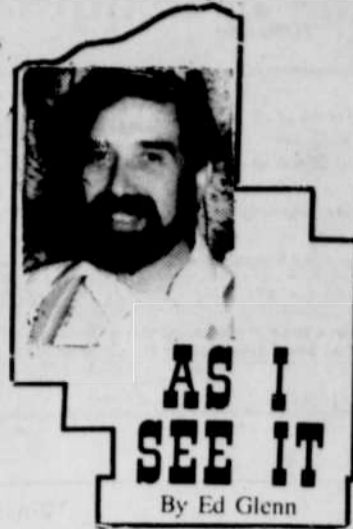
Steve D. Arbogast, 20, Heppner-No Vehicle Registration Permit, (ATV Class III), \$20 fine;

William J. MacInnes, 25, Fossil-No Vehicle Registration Permit, \$38 bail forfeited;

Thor Randmel Lundh, 33, Portland-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$48 bail forfeited;

Ryan Lee Miller, 19, Heppner-No Vehicle Registration Permit, ATV Class III, \$20 fine.

Farming Has Changed A Lot



AS I SEE IT
By Ed Glenn

For this old farm boy, 30 years seems to have slipped away. As a boy, I lived on a little place in Wallowa County and thought I knew a little about agriculture. It was the same farm my dad inherited: granddad moved there in 1900. We grew wheat, barley and hay and raised cattle, sheep and hogs. Mom had chickens and a big garden. I had chores to do from about the first or second grade and field work when I was barely big enough to sit a tractor.

So you see, I thought I knew a little bit about farming.

Well, the years went by and somehow I lost touch with the real world, so to speak. And now I'm not altogether sure just what they're doing out there. They even talk a different language.

Land measurement for example. I know about acres, of course. An acre is an acre, except in the hill country where the land stands on edge and they farm both sides of an acre. When the number of acres get enough zeros, they divide by 640 (usually) and call the result sections. I know about sections, especially when you ride for cattle in the sections and sections of mountain range in Wallowa County. Lots of that stands on edge too.

But nowadays they talk about circles. About all I know about circles is that that is the way I've been going lately. I understand a little about why land is measured in circles, the formula for figuring the area of a circle in acres is pretty complicated. It's a lot easier to just count 'em. The problem is, circles are different sizes. There's big ones and little ones and some are half and others are whole. The only thing I can figure is that farming is so uncertain these days that there is no real reason to be very precise in measuring the land you farm. Nothing's going to turn out right anyway.

And farming practice has changed too. Dryland wheat farmers talk about "double fallow." Now I looked that up in the dictionary. Webster says fallow means "dormant, inactive, idle." I understand fallow. I know quite a bunch of fallow fellows. And double fallow must mean twice as much. Francie says she thinks I've been fallow for several years now, so what is that, "forever fallow?"

The new machinery is strange too. One of my neighbors has a "tedder." He says he uses it to fluff the hay. I've fed quite a bit of unfluffed hay and the cows seemed to like it just fine. But these modern day cows need a little fluffing, I guess. I can understand the need. Francie's got one of them "Teddys" and it sure does put the fluff back into things. If that new machine has anywhere near the same effect, I sure can see where it would pay for itself come calving time.

How these fellas grow their crops is mystifying too. They talk about "herbigating" and I don't understand. I do know about "irrigating." A shovel and lots of sweat and you can get part of the field wet every time. Gettin' the water is the key. My old daddy told me "Son, there's nothin' that will cause enemies among neighbors like irrigating water and women." I think he even had 'em in the right order. What I don't understand is how you get those herbs to run through the sprinkler pipes nor do I know just what it is that a little oregano does to a potato field. Maybe they're trying to put the chives on the baked potato while it's still growing.

I have figured out some things. Like when the county extension agent talks about the wheat seed "vernalizing." You see, that has a lot to do with productivity, the ability to make new seeds. That might be all right for a wheat seed, but for the rest of us, there comes a time when we don't want to vernalize so we get one of those vernalectomies.

I'm not going to let the years slip by any longer. I'm going right out and buy myself a new "damer-diker." I may not get many dikes built but I'll use the other part before I slip much farther.

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