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Letters to the Editor

Gesture of Class of 1991 appreciated

To the Editor:
The Heppner Chamber of Commerce would like to underscore your article of last week about the new benches on Main Street. What an outstanding gesture by the Heppner High School class of 1991. We have no doubt that the class could have found some additional ways to use money on their graduation trip. The

fact that they chose instead to use the "extra" money they had raised to benefit the community and say thank you for the support they received makes us all the more proud of them individually and as a class.

Thank you Class of 1991.
Sincerely,
(s) Bob Kahl, Pres.
Heppner Chamber of Commerce

Holly Rebekah Lodge meets

--Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday evening for the regular meeting. Reports from the area delegates to the state assembly were heard at this time.

Plans for their next regular meeting Thursday, June 20 include the state assembly president's visit to Holly with a no host supper at 6 p.m. at the V & G Tavern. Anyone wishing to attend please call Kathy

Tellechea or Delpha Jones for reservations.

The 100 percent eye bank certificated was presented to the lodge by the delegates and it was reported that the Rebekahs throughout the state did well with donations to the arthritis fund, and planted over 11,000 trees with the Living Legacy program.

Play day held at WCCC

A family barbecue and play day was enjoyed by Willow Creek Country Club members and their guests on Sunday, June 16.

The team scramble ended in a three-way tie with 29 for the teams of Al, Keith and Kevin Scott and Terry Fife; Gene and Luvilla Sonstegard and Bob and Suzanne Jensen; and Roy and Juanita Martin

and Roger Schoonover and Anita Boyer. Placing second with a 30 were Earl and Carol Norris and Frank and Neoma Bailey.

Earl Norris had a K.P. on hole #4. Hosts for the afternoon were Al and Debbie Scott, Milt and Margaret Morgan, and Randy and Bernice Lott.

Local couples enjoy Mystery Tour

Sue and Darrell Vinson, Barbara and Eldon Gilbert and Cecil and Delpha Jones returned Wednesday from a three-day "Mystery Tour" sponsored by Custom Tours of LaGrande. The trip took them to Missoula, Mont., Wallace and Sandpoint, ID., and other interesting places with a trip through Lolo Pass.

The group also visited the St. Francis Xavier Church which opened Oct. 9, 1892. Frescoes in the church by Father Carignano were sent from the old country for the purpose of paintings in this church. Other churches in the area also have some of his work. A tour throughout Missoula was enjoyed and the afternoon was spent at Silverwood Fami-

ly Theme Park 15 miles north of Coeur D'Alene. There they enjoyed a steam engine ride, private air show, carnival, a visit at the High Noon Saloon with entertainment and a magic act. They spent the second night at Sandpoint, ID before returning home.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

June 11 - 19 1991				
	High	Low	Prec	Rain
Tues.	69	42	.0	
Weds.	64	43	.0	
Thurs.	61	40	.0	Tr
Fri.	70	46	.0	
Sat.	75	44	.0	
Sun.	67	38	.0	
Mon.	72	49	.0	

Sheriff's Report

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

June 11: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a reported motor vehicle accident on I-84 at mile post 159. Unable to locate upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a mailbox and several paper boxes knocked over on Washington street. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon Marina Park and began investigation of vandalism to garbage cans, picnic tables, and sprinklers. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray ambulance and Air Life to a non-vehicle accident three miles west of Spray. One 75 year old man transported by Spray ambulance was transferred to Air Life;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to assist the Boardman police department with shots being fired;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire department to a field fire on Weatherford road in Arlington;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon for a report of a theft of household appliances and yard equipment taken from Laurie Scarborough. Total value was \$175;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lone Fire department to a grass fire southwest of lone;

Morrow County deputy made contact with a resident in Irrigon for an animal problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon for a report of a neighborhood disturbance;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Marina to investigate a report of vandalism;

June 14: Morrow County deputy arrested Mitchell Earl Town, 44, Boardman for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Town was released on his own recognizance;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon for a report of an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence at Desert Springs Estate in Boardman. One male was transported to the Boardman Clinic;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Dan Hernandez residence in Boardman for a report of stolen axes valued at \$300. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputies responded to a residence in Irrigon for a report of a juvenile problem. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Hardman for a report of a neighborhood problem. Merlyn E. Stone, 55, Heppner, was arrested for Assault IV, Attempted Assault II, Resisting Arrest, Attempted Criminal Mischief and eight counts Menacing. He was lodged at Benton County Jail.

June 15: Morrow County deputy received a report of missing fishing equipment from Paul Taylor of Hermiston. Equipment was taken from a boat stored at the Irrigon Marina and was valued at \$68;

Morrow County deputy received a report of an animal problem near the Catholic Church in Irrigon. Problem was solved;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Boardman Texaco for a problem with a patron. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown illness;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Outbacks. One female was transported to Good Shepherd hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of an intoxicated driver;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire department to a controlled burn out of control. Fire department was advised everything was in control upon

arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon park for a juvenile problem.

June 16: Morrow County deputy assisted a disabled motorist on Hwy 730;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a one vehicle accident on I-84 mile post 158. One juvenile was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with unknown injuries. Morrow County deputy assisted Oregon State Police with traffic control;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray ambulance to a report of a truck motor vehicle accident on Main Street in Spray. One male was transported by Air Life with unknown injuries;

Morrow County deputy contacted an lone resident regarding a neighborhood problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a location near the H Bar W Boardman, for a report of a female with an unknown illness. Female was transported to Good Shepherd hospital.

June 17: Morrow County deputy located a vehicle in the Boardman area that had been reported stolen. Unfounded;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon for a report of a theft of household appliances and yard equipment taken from Laurie Scarborough. Total value was \$175;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lone Fire department to a grass fire southwest of lone;

Morrow County deputy made contact with a resident in Irrigon for an animal problem;

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

Morrow County deputy responded to the Ready-Mix Sand and Gravel Co., Boardman, following a report of an attempted break-in;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Marina Park to investigate a report of suspicious juveniles. Nothing was found;

Morrow County deputy cited and released Donna Faye Hippensteel, 45, Astoria, for Driving While Suspended;

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 at Tower Road for a report of a motor vehicle accident. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a juvenile problem.

June 18: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a motor vehicle accident on I-84 mile post 163. Ambulance was unable to locate vehicle upon arrival.

Heppner Police Report

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

June 3: 6:13 p.m.-report of Lost Property.

June 5: 3:38 a.m.-Domestic Violence; 10:49 p.m.-Domestic Violence.

June 6: 12:30 a.m.-report of Lost Property.

June 7: 10:55 a.m.-Returned Property; 10:07 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

June 8: 11:23 a.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Dept.; 9:03 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Dept.; 11:17 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

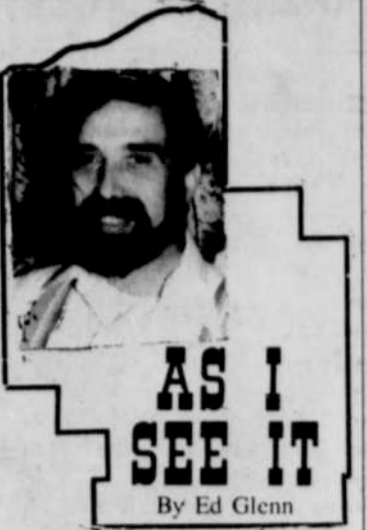
June 9: 12:12 p.m.-Domestic Violence.

June 10: 9:15 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

June 11: 6:05 p.m.-report of Speeding Cars; 6:28 p.m.-assist City Crew; 9:30 p.m.-assist Fire Dept.

June 12: 3:24 p.m.-report of

Captain Al James Is Home



Last week, the old tug boat, the Captain Al James was towed into Boardman. The local folks hope to paint and fix her up a little bit and put her on display. (Yes, a boat is always "she" even if she has a man's name.)

There's a little history behind the Captain Al James. She was built in Pasco in 1939 for the Shaver Forwarding Company and named after an old stern wheeler captain. Home-based at Umatilla, the Captain Al James worked the Columbia River before the Dams were built. She was the most powerful tug on the Columbia then, 1800 horse power and she could handle up to 4,000 tons of cargo.

Things have changed a lot since then. The Columbia River dams, The Dalles, John Day and McNary, have tamed the rapids and turned the river into a series of navigable lakes. Now a tug boat of just twice the power of the old Captiam moves up to 14,000 tons of Pacific Northwest wheat in about half the time.

In the years since 1939, the Shaver Forwarding Company was bought out by Tidewater Barge Lines and it was owner Ray Hickey that gave the Captain Al James to the Port of Morrow at Boardman. Port Commissioner Dan Creamer is a former tug boat captain, in fact the last Captain of the Al James. Both were retired in 1976.

It was the Tidewater tug, the Legend, that towed the Captain Al James from Vancouver to Boardman last week. No other modern tug would have been more appropriate for the job. The Legend was formerly the Leland James, named for the son of the real Al James. Leland James was chairman of the Consolidated Freight ways at the time.

Now days the Legend works the Columbia, pushing four barges loaded with petroleum up the Columbia and with wheat down the river. As the most powerful of the modern day tugs, the Legend moves its share of the nine million tons of River traffic every year.

I caught a ride up the river with the Legend on Friday and the hours of just watching the water go by got me to thinking.

If those nine million tons of wheat and alfalfa and petroleum and corn and all the other things that move up and down the River were loaded on trucks-well, let's see, that would take about 350,000 semis and if they were parked bumper to bumper, they'd reach from here to Chicago and back.

Why to Chicago? That freight moves from and to Portland to points along the Columbia and Snake Rivers. If those same 350,000 trucks went through the Columbia Gorge on I-84, one would come or go every minute of every hour of every day all year long. They'd be just a mile apart.

You know that if the Salmon lovers have their way, the tug boat traffic on the Columbia River will come to an end. One of two things is certain. Either we'll stop growing wheat and alfalfa in the Pacific Northwest or we'll find some other way to get it to market. Trucks are most likely. You'd think the folks on the Columbia Gorge Commission would have taken a long ride on a tug boat and figured out what would happen to their pristine Gorge if barge traffic was traded away for some exotic fish.

So the Captain Al James is home. She will take a lot of paint, and fixing but some day she'll proudly display a bit of Columbia River transportation history. She'll be a great place for folks in Eastern Oregon to stop and rest and enjoy a touch of reality.

The history she represents isn't worth much if we don't make it relevant to today's problems. The thing we can relate the Captain Al James to is the march of progress, the evolution of man, if you will. And the Captain Al James stands for changes. I guess. All things change over time, some things for the better and some for the worse.

In our evaluation process, we have to weigh the good against the bad. It is just too simplistic to say "Oh, my, that's bad and shouldn't be." Folks who fail to weigh one side against the other have an easier time of it of course. But they cost the rest of us untold heartache.

I feel sad about the impending extinction of one particular run of salmon, but the cost of correcting that change is so high that I'm willing to run the risk. Sorry, but that's the way things are.

Theft; 9:50 p.m.-Motorist Assist.

June 13: 7:08 p.m.-citation issued for Disobeyed Stop Sign.

June 14: 12:22 a.m.-report of Fight; 2:40 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Dept.; 2:42 p.m.-Traffic Accident; 8:57 p.m.-assist City Crew.

June 15: 9:23 a.m.-report of Suspicious Vehicle.

June 16: 1:58 p.m.-assist Ambulance; 3:28 p.m.-Civil Matter.

Oops!!

A picture that ran in last week's Gazette-Times title "Mrs. Calvert's second grade class" had children identified incorrectly. The hidden boy was Craig Scott and the boy behind him was Kyle McDaniel. An apology from the photographer--j.

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