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Local students celebrate America



Heppner Elementary and Middle school students celebrated Citizenship Day Tuesday, Sept. 17.

The ceremony included a presentation of the flag by the American Legion and the Cub Scouts led by Scoutmaster Jeff Wallace, the flag salute, a reading of the Preamble to the Constitution by school board

member Marcia Kemp, songs under the direction of music director Kitty Bredemeier, announcement of essay contest winners and readings of their essays and a ringing of bells at 1 p.m. Students and teachers wore red, white and blue to school.

Heppner mayor Kay Robinson was on hand for the festivities which

were coordinated by teacher and former Heppner mayor Cara Osmin. Students Josh and Jered Clark of Heppner presented their grandfathers veteran's flag to the school.

Sept. 17 was the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. Sept. 17 through 23 has been designated Constitution week across the nation.



Photo by Pam Minster

Ione Elementary classes took time out from swimming lessons to ring bells in celebration of the signing of the Bill of Rights.

Ione's mayor resigns

By Anne Morter

The Ione City Council accepted the resignation of mayor Mark Tullis at a special meeting held September 10. Tullis, who has filled the unpaid position for just over a year, told the council that the job was taking too much time away from his work. Tullis is self-employed, the owner of Tul-Tec, an engine rebuilding shop.

Councilwoman and former mayor, Linda LaRue has agreed to act as interim mayor until December 31. LaRue held the mayor's job for seven years several years ago.

The city council also received word from the county tax assessor that they could expect their tax

revenues to drop approximately \$5,500 as a result of Measure 5. Last year the city received \$19,900 from city taxpayers; this year they will receive \$14,000, a 27 percent decrease. While \$5,500 is a sizable loss in revenue to the city, they had been anticipating a loss of that size and have taken steps to raise revenue elsewhere. A recent increase in water rates, the first since 1978, is where they hope to make up most of the lost revenue.

Interim mayor LaRue stated that Mark Tullis "did a very good job" during his time as mayor, especially in trying to deal with Measure 5.

Hunter safety class to begin

A hunter safety class will begin Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at Columbia Basin Electric office in Heppner.

The course will be completed in time for hunting season which will begin Sept. 26.

Young people nine to 18 years old who plan to hunt are required to take the course.

For registration or more information call Mycal Osmin, 676-5582.

Irrigon man dies during police pursuit

Brian R. Byrd, 23, of Irrigon, died early Tuesday morning, Sept. 17, when the pickup in which he was riding rolled during a police pursuit near Big River Farms. Byrd was ejected from the vehicle.

Two other men, Richard James Kitchin, 19 and Jason Ray Whitbeck, 19 both of Irrigon were also ejected from the pickup and were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. Kitchin sustained cuts and bruises and was expected to be released from Good

Shepherd Tuesday. Whitbeck was transported to Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital in Portland with fractures and was listed in fair condition. Police say he may have suffered from a broken back. State police say they have not determined the driver of the vehicle. The vehicle was registered to Kitchin.

According to OSP, Morrow County Sheriff's deputy Joe Haines responded to a call concerning a poaching complaint. The deputy began pursuit and after a 4.2 mile

chase the vehicle rolled several times and came to rest upright at the intersection of Pole Line and Frontage roads, east of the Paterson Ferry Road overpass.

A four-point buck had apparently been thrown from the vehicle and was found at the scene of the accident.

According to police, the accident is under investigation.

Funeral arrangements for Byrd are pending at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston.

Health care council to meet Sept. 26

The Morrow County Health Care Council will meet Thursday, Sept. 26 at Irrigon City Hall at 7 p.m.

A tour of Irrigon's first-response vehicle and equipment will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the fire station. The public is invited to attend.

For more information on this meeting or the community decision making project call Pam Sagely at 676-9122 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

BMCC speech class scheduled

The BMCC writing and speech class will begin Thursday Oct. 3 at the Morrow County School District office.

Instructor for the six week class is Dean Robinson.

For more information call Sue Warren, BMCC coordinator 422-7420.

Wallace announces candidacy for district court judge

Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace has announced that he is a candidate for the Umatilla-Morrow County District Court position to be vacated upon the retirement of Judge Ralph Currin on December 31.

Judge Currin will reach mandatory retirement on that date. The position will be on the May, 1992, primary ballot in both Umatilla and Morrow Counties, which comprise the judicial district.

Wallace, 41, has been the Morrow County District Attorney since January 1987. Prior to that he was a deputy district attorney in the Umatilla County District Attorney's office in Pendleton. He and his wife Ronda, reside in Heppner with their son Wes, age 8 and their daughter Laura Jeanne, 6 months.

As district attorney, Wallace is responsible for all criminal prosecutions occurring in Morrow County. His office also represents Morrow County and its agencies in civil legal matters.

A native of the Milton-Freewater area, Wallace graduated from Umapine High School in 1967.



Jeff Wallace

Following graduation, he served for a year as a state officer of the Oregon Association of Future Farmers of America (FFA). He is a 1972 graduate of the University of Oregon, and received his law degree from Willamette Law School in 1976. He also serves as a captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the Oregon National Guard.

School board agrees on lunch 'seconds'

The Morrow County School Board, at its Monday evening meeting Sept. 17, voted to allow county school students to be able to receive "seconds" at lunch if the student so desires.

Pat Andreason, Boardman and Kenn Evans, Irrigon, petitioned the board that additional food be allowed students during the lunch time meal, saying that some students were not getting enough to eat. "I don't see why, if the kids are hungry, the cooks can't have the discretion to feed them," commented board member Bill Doherty. The reduction in food quantities came after results of state survey indicated that students at Columbia Junior High in Irrigon were being served 250 percent of the food amounts required by the state.

Andreason argued that the minimum requirements are not sufficient. "Minimum requirements—it's not enough," she said. "Put that on your plate." Evans volunteered to round up a thousand pounds of potato flakes to be donated to the school, which the board declined.

In other business the board declared a vacancy at Heppner High School for assistant custodian. The position is currently a temporary position held by Betty Christman, who replaced Chuck Bailey, who has been on disability.

The board also approved a request by a parent to retain his child in the eighth grade.

Glenn announces candidacy for county commissioner

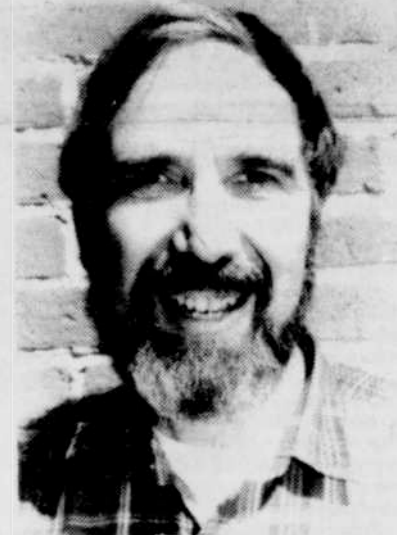
Publisher of the Columbia Valley Chronicle Ed Glenn has announced his candidacy for Morrow County Commissioner.

Glenn, 50, filed for the position on the first day of filing, Thursday, Sept. 12 for the primary election to be held in May. Incumbent Gerry Peck, Boardman had not filed as of presstime.

Glenn was born in Enterprise and graduated from Lostine High School. He attended Eastern Oregon State College and graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor of science degree in 1969. In 1971 he received his jurisdoctor degree.

He practiced law in Salem, LaGrande and Boardman, before retiring from practice in 1985. He operated the La Cassa de Vin winery from 1982 to 1988 and operated a pine box company from 1984 to 1986. He began publishing the Columbia Valley Chronicle in January of 1990. He writes a column for the Gazette-Times and for the Agri-Times and has published the Northwest Wine Grape Marketing Report, a commodity newsletter for wine growers and wineries for the past four years.

Glenn and his wife Frances have been married 24 years. Frances has taught U.S. history, global studies and law at Riverside High School for the past 16 years. They have two



Ed Glenn children, Harold, 20, who is a student at BMCC and Laurel, 17, a senior at Riverside High School.

Glenn says that he would "like to unify the county to a greater extent. I am frequently gratified with the unity which people in the county can act. To some extent," continued Glenn, "the difference between the people in Heppner and the people in Boardman is where they live. I'm not going to talk north county, south county."

He also stressed the importance of legislation in Salem and Washington, D.C., and its effect on Morrow County. He commented that the taxpayer should be able to determine how his money is spent. He says he foresees some "hard decisions" concerning the impact of Measure 5.

Glenn says that repairing Columbia Ave. in the industrial area near Boardman is his top priority. "I'd like to see the county accept its proper share of responsibility for Columbia Ave.," he said, adding that Columbia Ave. is the most heavily traveled road in the county.

Commenting on the Morrow County health care issue, Glenn said "I do not agree that the health care system should be balanced so we spend the same amount in Heppner as in Boardman. Our goal should be to provide an equal level of health care throughout the county." He added that "sheer distance to health care may dictate" that more be spent in the Heppner area.

Emergency preparedness program plans exercise

The Morrow County Emergency Management has scheduled its first Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) exercise to be held in Boardman at the Dodge City Inn, September 19 beginning at 10 a.m.

Lynn Morice, training and exercise coordinator of Morrow and Umatilla Counties Emergency Management has scheduled a tabletop exercise. A scenario for the

exercise has been designed through the assistance of Lt. Col. William McCune and Capt. Brad Smith, of Umatilla Depot Activity and Morice.

An evaluation of the exercise will be conducted afterward. A tabletop exercise is for planning, sharing information, preparation for effective Emergency Response and testing of the Morrow County Emergency Operations Plan.

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