

Engagements



Zimmer — Rill

Mr. and Mrs. William Rill and Mr. and Mrs. Dell Ray Zimmer announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Jennifer Sue and Bradley Dean. Jennifer, a 1988 Heppner High School graduate, is employed at Shari's Restaurant in Hermiston. Bradley graduated from Hermiston High School in 1987 and is employed with Farmers Insurance in Hermiston. The couple will be married in Hermiston on November 2, 1991 at the First Christian Church.

Beware of bogus animal aid requests

Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago has been notified of a scam involving a group calling themselves "Animal Aid of Oregon." According to information received by Drago, the group is preying on those sympathetic to pleas for help for animals, and requests donations for

a non-existent organization.

Drago says that the contact name given was that of a person who died in a homicide years ago. The bogus organization lists a Portland address, but a member of the Humane Society in Pendleton reports receiving a flyer.

Off the Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

It's easy to run out of steam before running out of daylight. And sometimes it takes days of simmering before that proverbial pot comes to a boil. It's easy to get caught up in controversial issues, especially those of a political nature. And I, like others, see red when the media tries to poke people in the eye with a biased opinion.

Things in this country aren't going to turn around until Congress becomes more prudent-instead they seem to think of matters that will get them re-elected or things that will line their pockets. Regardless of party affiliation, though a President might have the wings of an angel, he's always the one blamed for congressional actions.

Limiting office tenure for senators and congressmen is probably a good idea in some ways. There are lots of good old boys determined to stay in office-and their actions don't always have the best interests of the nation at heart. But limiting office terms shouldn't be done by individual states.

Fiction or fact, I read that about 80% of financial backing to elect officials comes from special-interest groups, such as overzealous environmentalists. And if those representatives who truly want to make a change for the better are limited in terms, I quiver to think of persons that might be elected to replace them.

The power given to federal agencies and the administrators is something to reckon with. Case in point is Heppner's present dilemma over a mandated new sewage treatment system.

There's no question that the city's 30-year-old sewage plant needs updating. However the DEQ mandates that effluent water can no longer be dumped into Willow Creek during low stream flow periods.

Why was the Willow Creek Dam built to such a height if winter-time run-off water can't be stored to lake capacity? The release of more water during summer would solve the sewer system problem and make irrigators happy, it would also help keep frogs' backs wet further downstream.

It's no wonder that there isn't a stampede of residents waiting to serve on the city council. These unpaid citizens must rely on the expertise of specialists when it comes to making decisions.

Such expertise gave council members a bum steer when they were first told that a lagoon could be located on property fairly close to the treatment plant. After engineering plans were drawn, it was later determined that this piece of rocky ground did not have sufficient soil depth. That expensive design was laid to rest because core samples were not taken before hand to determine the feasibility of that plan.

More expensive plans and time were involved in further research. And the present proposal seems to be an aversion to relinquishing ownership of property for continued use as an agriculture crop.

Though approximately 10 acres of land will be taken out of production for the lagoon itself, that will create a reliable irrigation water source which will produce more tonnage of alfalfa on the remaining acres.

Where was the DEQ or FEMA when the mill was established on agricultural land? And why did land owners permit the transfer of land use from farm to commercial? How about the hay that could be produced on the golf course.

There are thousands of set-aside unproductive acres of farmland. If all agricultural land in the United States became productive, the results could feed the world. However crop production depends on cost-effectiveness. That factor is determined by mother nature, the effect on underground water resources and increasing irrigation and production costs.

Prime agricultural land should not be taken out of production to be blacktopped for shopping malls or parking lots. But the pendulum has swung so far that even worthless ground can't be used for homesites or other development without approval from agencies such as LCDC and the DEQ. Surely it's not unreasonable to think that county governments have a much higher stake in the development of their own region.

Cash flow topic of info session

Pamela Stocker, licensed stockbroker with Inland Empire Bank, Hermiston, will speak on "How Does Your Cash Flow?" at the Oct. 16 session of "Take Charge of Your Life, Take Charge of Your Money." The session begins at 6:30 p.m. and is held in the school district office in Lexington. Prospective students may register by calling 676-9642 or stop by the extension office in Heppner.

Pamela advises customers of typical bank investment products and financial services. Her lecture is the second of the seven week Women's Financial Information Program sponsored by the Oregon State University Extension Service. Additional topics and speakers include: October 23, "Banking and Credit, Tools for Your Cash Flow System," Jackie Allstott of First Interstate Bank; October 30, "Managing Your Risks," by Marianne Kahl of Van

Marter & Kahl Insurance; and Community Resources, November 6 will focus on "Deciding What If...disability, divorce, death or retirement reduced by your income?" by Social Security Administration and John Otis of the Simmons Agency; November 13 "Investing for Retirement," by Bruce Jones of Edward D. Jones; November 20 "Hiring Legal Help" by Anne Spicer.

"We have extra workbooks available, and students can still enroll at the second session. The registration cost for the series is \$12, and I have a limited amount of financial assistance available," says Carol Bennett, Extension agent. "Everyone attending increases their financial knowledge, and I hope all interested students will attend," she continues. "Some women missed the first session because of a salad supper, but women that join the program at the second session will still learn lots of new information."

Perry joins staff

On Oct. 14 William D. Perry joined the staff of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. His major duties will be in the membership and membership services area.

Perry is a graduate of Oregon State University with a B.S. in speech communications. He served as sergeant at arms in the Oregon House of Representatives during the 1991 session. Bill worked as a district representative for Congressman Denny Smith and interned for four months with Representative Greg Walden in 1989.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

The few leaves fluttering through the air, resemble my thoughts for "chatter" today. Do you ever think about the lessons we learn in life and how they're learned? This morning as I frantically searched for the cord to the crock pot so I could leave "the crew" something to eat while I was at Chamber, the bottom drawer became wedged. Since I had just two minutes before removed everything behind it, I pushed, and pushed for all I was worth...it just wouldn't go that last three inches...then I heard a weak "meow." One mad, wild-eyed cat shot out of there when I pulled the drawer out. The moral of the story: "don't force the issue." There's always a good reason why some things don't go the way you think they should.

Heppner visitors from Hulenbuir, Mongolia, made our weekend interesting. Dennis Sheehy, "The Cowboy from Mongolia," featured on OPB last year, brought the governor, head of the Ag Research Center, their banker and interpreter to tour the ranch. These visitors were interested in learning about grazing practices so they can utilize the many acres of grazing potential in Mongolia. The governor said they had visited New York and Texas, but "particularly enjoyed this area as they couldn't see it on television." They toured the ranch, rode a horse, and seemed to enjoy an American ranch family-style dinner before their departure. (They also stayed in our local motel and ate dinner and breakfast in Heppner.)

Mark your calendars. Chamber will be hosting a "Pass the Popcorn & Cider" evening for all Heppner businesses October 30, 7 p.m. to discuss opportunities on Main Street, our visual image and working together. More information will be forth coming.

Tuesday's program: Rural Economic Development. Bring a guest.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Morrow County Medical Board will meet Oct. 22, 1991 at 7 p.m. at Boardman City Hall. General business matters will be discussed. Published: October 16, 1991

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission for the City of Heppner, Oregon will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 PM on November 4, 1991 at Heppner City Hall regarding an application for a Conditional Use to Walter Foster. The location of the property is Tax Lot #2600 on Map 25 26 35BB at 180 North Chase Street.

A copy of the application for the Conditional Use and copies of all documents in evidence relied upon by the applicant and copies of any applicable zoning criteria are available for inspection at no cost and copies of the same will be provided at a reasonable cost. To obtain this information contact the office of Gary Marks, Heppner City Administrator, located at Heppner City Hall, 188 W. Willow Street, PO Box 756, Heppner, Oregon 97836 or phone 676-9618. Published: October 16, 1991

Justice Court Report

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

Darren James Meinke, 23, Hermiston-No Coast Guard Approved Life Saving Device, \$65 bail forfeited;

Leo Gene DeZoete, 53, Ione-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$43 fine;

Monte Bruce Naugher, 27, Echo-Failure to Properly Validate Deer Tag, \$53 fine;

Gregory Paul Sweek, 39, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$43 fine;

James Lee Widner, 45, Pilot Rock-Group Overload, alleged weight 71, 100, weight limit 68,000, \$59 fine;

Don Even Stanhope, 30, Terrebonne-No Emergency Reflectors, \$65 bail forfeited;

Lester Eugene Wallace, 46, Lexington-Combination Overload, alleged weight 81,400, weight limit 80,000, \$28 fine;

Clarence Lee Green, 44, Ione-No Operator's License, \$122 fine;

Mark Demory Schmelzter, 32, Heppner-Insufficient Binders, \$43 bail forfeited;

Don Lee Shockley, 37, Umatilla-Hunting Closed Area (outside permit unit), \$53 fine;

Timothy F. Albert, 46, Athena-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$43 fine;

Daniel Mark Lenzen, 29, Portland-Failure to Dim Driving Lights, \$29 fine;

Bill Alan Williams, 29, Lexington-Defective Equipment, \$43 bail forfeited;

Kevin Walter Eubanks, 33, Beavercreek-Failure to Wear Safety Belt, \$43 fine;

Gregory James Johnson, 18, Hermiston-Violation of the Basic Rule, 55 mph in a 35 mph zone, \$65 bail forfeited;

Thomas Walter Roudebush, 25, LaGrande-Tandem Axle Overload, alleged 66,600 weight limit 34,000, \$39 fine;

Scott Alan Hadlock, 27, Ranier-Open Container (beer), \$90 bail forfeited;

Robert George Remmick, 38, Portland-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$65 bail forfeited.

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St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



One-hundred fourteen people were present for the Senior dinner on Oct. 9. Millie Hanna won the door prize donated by Murray's Drug, Ruth Nitting won the meal ticket and Marge Hodges received the guest prize. Members of the Christian Church served. The senior center board met after the meal.

Hosts for October are Lois and Melvin Allyn. Anyone wishing to serve as a host for a month may sign up at the meal site.

October 23 menu will be sweet & sour chicken with rice, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, hot roll and cookies. Ladies from the Catholic church will serve. Wednesday, Oct. 9, the dining room was packed as the local church ladies enjoyed the salad supper and program. Virginia Whitaker was the speaker.

Friday, Oct. 11, 16 ladies went by senior bus to Clackamas Town Center in Portland for a day of shopping.

The Morrow County Creative Arts Club held their art fair in the dining room Sat., Oct. 12. There were many beautiful things displayed. The people attending said they were impressed by the local talent.

The Intergenerational Theater Group play was a hit with standing room only crowd. Congratulations to director Jane Rawlins, the cast and crew for a job well done.

The Seniors will hold a woodcutting day at Kinzua Mill on Saturday, Oct. 19 beginning at 8 a.m. For more information contact Merri Reamer.

The annual appreciation dinner for RSVP is in Pendleton October 27. Active senior volunteers are invited to attend. The bus will take people from the Heppner center. You must be registered to attend.

Helen Dyer tripped and fell in the center sitting room Saturday morning. She was taken to the hospital for X-rays and stitches and was back home in a short time. Helen says she is stiff and sore but is doing well.

Spiritual retreat set for Catholic youth

A spiritual retreat is planned for the high school students of St. Patrick's and St. William's Parish

Sunday, Oct. 20 at the parish hall in Heppner. The retreat will be held from noon to 7 p.m. and will be presented by Mike Benton.

Mr. Benton has been involved in youth ministry since 1980. During that time he has established and developed events and programs for young people and has worked with core groups of youth and adults responsible for youth ministry. He has established college campus ministry and worked with confirmation and adult formation.

A meal will be served during the afternoon.

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