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## Vandals sought by sheriff, police



Morrow County Sheriff's deputy Jim Hankins looks at damage done by vandals to mailboxes

Heppner Police and the Morrow County Sheriff's department are seeking the culprit in a spree of vandalism from one end of town to the other late Tuesday night Nov. 5.

Heppner Police chief Doug Rathbun says that vandals destroyed two stop signs at Fairview street across from the fairgrounds, one stop sign on each end of Barratt Boulevard, one on the corner of May and Chase streets, one on the corner of Cannon and Chase streets, a speed sign going out of town on the Condon-Heppner Highway and a private sign at Evergreen Terrace

Apartments. Rathbun said that a person at the apartment complex reported hearing a loud bang at 11:03 p.m.

Morrow County Sheriff's deputy Jim Hankins said that a sign and mail box at the Willow Creek junction, a sign at the dam view point area and a corral at the viewpoint were destroyed. The view point is on Corps of Engineer property.

Hankins said some of the signs appeared to be pushed and others pulled down with a chain or winch cable, judging from paint marks and cable burns on the sign posts.

Based on the evidence at the scene, police are seeking the driver of a one-ton red or white "dualie" truck with a winch on the front. Although the vehicle is believed to be a farm-type truck, Hankins says it had highway tread tires, not the heavily treaded tires farmers usually use.

Because over \$500 of aggregate damage was done the culprit will be charged with Criminal Mischief I, a class C felony, said Hankins and Rathbun. Maximum penalty is five years in jail and \$100,000 fine.

## Former Heppner couple dies in accident

William F. Barratt, 70, and his wife Bonnie Ferguson Barratt, 69, former Heppner residents, were both instantly killed just north of Pasco, Wa., Monday evening, November 11, in a head-on collision with a semi truck. The truck driver survived without injury.

The Barratts, who lived in Spokane, WA., had spent Sunday in Corvallis celebrating the 90th birthday of a favorite aunt, Helen Reiman.

Barratt had a prominent career in ranching in Heppner, and later was president from 1970 to 1983 of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank in Spokane.

Bill Barratt was born to James Garnet and Cyrene Barratt in Heppner on October 13, 1921. He graduated from Heppner High School prior to enrolling at Oregon State University.

He graduated from Oregon State University in 1943 as a 1st lieutenant in the Army ROTC. While in college he was president of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity and president of the Blue Key, an honor society. He was assistant manager of the

1941 Rose Bowl team and senior manager of the 1942 football team. His major was agricultural economics. After his military stint in World War II as an officer in a tank destroyer unit stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, he returned to Heppner as the manager-partner of Barratt Ranches, located in Oregon and Montana. He became active in the Federal Land Bank and served on the Spokane District Farm Credit Board, which led to his presidency of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank until his retirement in 1983.

Bonnie Ferguson was born on May 30, 1922, to Howard and Bessie Ferguson and grew up in Lake Oswego, graduating from West Linn High School in 1944. She enrolled at Oregon State University in secretarial science and was active in Pi Beta Phi social sorority. She left college prior to graduation to marry 1st Lieutenant William Barratt in 1943. Their home for the next two years was Fort Hood, Texas.

Bonnie Barratt, on their 85 acre farm outside of Spokane, became a breeder of thoroughbred race horses and was co-owner of two well-

known horses in racing, Mary Mackee and Jaheris.

Survivors include four children, Mrs. Ken Moland (Vicky), Scott Barratt and Jay Barratt all of Spokane, WA., and Mrs. Vic Clarke (Lauren) of Portland, six grandchildren, a brother Jim Barratt former OSU Director of Athletics, Corvallis and one sister of Bonnie Barratt, Mrs. Frank Foley (Phyllis) of Olympia, WA.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 57th and Perry Streets, Spokane. Donations for those who wish may be made to the St. Stephens Church as a memorial to the Barratts.

## MSWCD to meet

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pettyjohn Office building conference room. Agenda items include FY 1992-93 budget, annual plan of work and discussion of the annual meeting.

## First Interstate donates to DARE program

Jackie Allstott, manager of the First Interstate Bank in Heppner, presented Morrow County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Myren with a donation to the DARE program on Friday, Nov. 8.

Myren is the county organizer and teacher for DARE, an anti-drugs and drinking program taught in the schools.

Myren said that First Interstate's donation will help fund the light stick program, in which all county school children received a free neon light stick to make them more visible on Halloween. The total cost of the light sticks was \$1,063, paid for by donations from local businesses and individuals.

Myren stresses that DARE is funded entirely through donations except for six hours a week of his salary when he teaches DARE in the



Jackie Allstott presents check to deputy Steve Myren

schools. Myren said that his goal is to get enough contributions along

with DARE T-shirt sales, so that the program can become self-perpetuating.

## Lost hunter found after 18 hours

A 15-year-old elk hunter from Prineville walked out of the woods at 4 p.m. Sunday, November 10, 18 hours after he was reported lost in the Sunflower Flats area south of Heppner on the Grant/Morrow County border.

Duane S. Ledford became separated from his hunting party Saturday, the opening morning of the second bull elk rifle season, and was reported lost at 10 p.m. Saturday.

"He came out under his own power, approximately 18 hours after being last seen," said Sgt. Mark Calbick of the Morrow County Sheriff's department. "He was cold, hungry and tired."

Sunflower Flats is along the Morrow-Grant county line about 24 miles south of Heppner. Calbick organized 18 people in the initial search party, which grew to 30 people by the time Ledford walked out of the woods.

Weather conditions were favorable over the weekend with daytime temperatures hovering near 40 degrees and nighttime lows falling to about 28 degrees.

"He told me he had managed to build a fire, but he said it wasn't very good," Calbick said. "He had matches, but he wasn't adequately dressed for this time of year."

Calbick said the young hunter showed no signs of hypothermia and returned to hunting after being reunited with his father, who was an active part of the search party.

## CBEC financial condition good

The 47th annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op was held in Condon, November 7 at the Gilliam County Fairgrounds. In spite of very foggy driving conditions, about 250 members and guests attended the dinner meeting prepared by Condon's Gamma Epsilon Sorority and served by the Condon High School Future Business Leaders of America.

An open house was held in the afternoon honoring retiring line superintendent Bill Gentry. Gentry was presented with a plaque during the meeting for his 43 years of service with CBEC. Manager Fred Toombs also announced that journeyman-lineman James Prock will be retiring in December after 35 years.

"Losing people with all of these years of experience in this area makes the rest of our employees work really hard to keep the level of service to our customers the same as in the past," said Toombs. "But I would like to express appreciation to the employees of CBEC who are always willing to work above and beyond the call of duty," he said. "And that also goes to the board of directors who always support the employees and myself in what is becoming a most complex business."

Because the system is in the best financial position that it has been in for a number of years, Toombs reported that the co-op was able to absorb a three-percent wholesale rate increase from BPA with no hike in consumer rates.

"But no one knows what the

future will bring or at what cost the salmon issue will be to the rate payers," Toombs added. "If we can just get mother nature to cooperate and keep the fog, lightning and wind away and get the politicians to leave us alone, we see a future full of promise."

During 1991, the co-op was in good enough financial position to retire all capital credits from 1966 and 18 percent of the 1990 capital credits. The CBEC system is now valued at around 18 million with an equity of about 40 percent.

Two major CBEC projects were completed this year. Underground lines in the Ruggs area that service Hardman and upper Rhea Creek were replaced at an estimated cost of \$125,000. Nine miles of underground lines were replaced in the lower Rock Creek area at a cost of \$265,000. Between 100 and 200 deteriorating poles are replaced each year and transformers are being tested for hazardous waste material.

The impact of the Buttercreek critical ground water area could have a great effect on the co-op's sales and revenues, Toombs said. In the past, the co-op experienced a drop in sales because of rate rises resulting from the impact of the WPPSS litigation. Final settlement of the WPPSS matter was agreed up in 1988, but Toombs reported that court approval is still pending for final closure.

Re-elected to the CBEC board for three year terms are Mark King, Ione, and Herb Wright, Fossil. Harold Rietmann, Ione, currently serves as president of the nine-member board.

## Ranger District to host open house

The Heppner Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest will host an open house Thursday, November 14 from noon to 8 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

Forest service personnel will be on hand to discuss proposed changes in forest access management and the

forest health on the district. Information and displays regarding access management and the proposed 1992 salvage sales will be available for public review. The district invites the public to take this opportunity to stop in, view the proposed projects and become involved in the planning process.

## Fairgrounds plan topic of meeting

A public meeting to unveil the Morrow County Fairgrounds Master plan will be held Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Heppner High School.

The plan was formulated with the help of Morrow County School District, the fairboard, rodeo committee, livestock and baseball people and interested citizens.

An engineer who worked on the plan will be on hand with drawings and other information to answer questions, and the public is invited to attend. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

## Wrestling coming to Heppner Nov. 17

This Sunday, November 17, the Heppner High School senior class is sponsoring Portland Wrestling.

C.W. Bergstrom, who attended Heppner schools, will be returning to Heppner to wrestle Al Madril. C.W. asked for the match on TV last Saturday night.

The main event will be a Grudge Tag Team match featuring Steve Doll and the Grappler vs the Bruise Brothers. There are other matches scheduled throughout the evening.

The doors at will open at 6 p.m. with matches scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available in advance at Kate's Pizza or at the door. Ringside seats are \$8; general admission \$7 and children 13 and under \$5.

Proceeds will help fund the senior alcohol-drug free graduation party.

## Drama club to give performance



Cast members L-R: front row-Tony Beckett, Dan Beck, Angie Vickere; middle: Jeanine Michael, Olivia Gavin, Autumn Nacarrato, Kristi Winters, Laurel Webber-Gray; back-Jeremy Maddern, T.R. Riehl, Joe Lindsay, Ryan Munkers, Peter Pearson, Missy Wallace, Aledia Goodyear and Kathy Anderson.

The Heppner High School Drama Club will perform "West of Pecos" November 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Admission will be \$1 for students and \$2 for adults.

The scene takes place as Judge Roy Bean, "The Law West of the Pecos" has decreed Orin Powers must hang for shooting up a poster of his beloved Lily Langtry, the famed frontier actress. The sentence has the town of Langry Texas in a stew. Bad men want Orin to swing. Good

citizens want him to live. Only one thing will save the unfortunate lad from the gallows--the appearance of Lily Langtry herself. What happens when the dazzling and glamorous "toast of the two continents" meets the grizzled old "bean" constitutes the fun, romance and drama that make up the legend.

Other cast members include

Joseph Healy, Bryce Tucker, Steve Rollis, Rhonda Rhinehart, Shawn Cutsforth and advisor Mrs. Dutcher.

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