

So long 1991.....

The year 1991 brought the end of communism, the return of the U.S. hostages, a war between the U.S. and Iraq and our lives were touched by the AIDs epidemic. Following is a recap of news on the home front. Best wishes for a wonderful new year from all of us at the Gazette-Times.

January: Alumni tournament brings in \$2,000; Tom LaRusso and Dolores Cooper buy Northwest Motel; County taxing districts to lose \$200,000; Rollie Marshal hired at Bank of Eastern Oregon; Father Gerry Condon new priest at St. Patrick Catholic Church; Heppner Disposal awarded city contract; Bill Rawlins, Claudia Hughes and Dick Allen named man, woman and educator of the year; loved ones remembered at war; Heppner Bowl displays soldiers' photos; Jean Nelson honored by OSU Extension; hospital selected for community health project.

February: Cam George, Navy man, returns from war in Gulf; Bob Krein, Jeanie Patterson earn Elks most valuable student award; Jenni Krein, Steve Allen, Derek Gunderson, Annie Hisler, Casey Ingraham, Jeremy Rietmann win Elk's hoop shoot contest; Big Sky tournament ends with heartbreak for Ione; VISION 2000 sets community goals; Mustangs, Fillies head to district playoffs; Vic Klinger makes citizen's arrest in bad check trial; Cornelious McLaughlin family to reign over St. Pat's weekend; Big Sky All Stars named-first team: Mike Garrett; second team-Gabe Garcia, Nancy Morter, Kari Morgan; honorable mention-David Wagenblast and Brandi Ball.

March: CBC All Stars named at district-Nikki Brisbois, Holly Eckman, Amy Greenup, Brandon Pedro, Jason Britt, Rick Osmen, Doug Devin; Kim Johnston, Nina Tucker were I Dare You award recipients; Bill Sheirbon, Marcia Kemp vie for school board position; transfer site opens; annual St. Pats celebration gets underway; Jeremy Wright wins FFA contest; Medical fund to levy \$474,645; McCaslin resigns to take position at Eagle Point; Pam Sagely named Morrow County encourager; Crystal Minster takes second in United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth contest; county levies ask for 1.7 percent increase; Clint Krebs captures lamb cookoff title; Ione Legion sends three to Girls' State-Amy Pointer, Kristine Bedortha, Brandi Ball; Oddfellows donate \$2,500 for city pool filter renovation; Heppner Elementary Principal Don Cole's departure bittersweet; Bryan Traylor hired as Heppner Elementary School principal; Morrow County operating levy, medical fund pass; Bill Sheirbon defeats Marcia Kemp.

April: Kemp defeats Sheirbon, error in tabulation; Forest Service announces move downtown; Elks sponsor Easter egg hunt; Alva Jones celebrates 100th birthday; WWII vet Hermann Blettell receives honor, 46 years later; Carl Christmas convicted on manslaughter charge; Ione soldier, Kevin Ball welcomed home; hospital negotiations bog down; new high school baseball field proposed in Lexington; Carl and Geri Martin's sons return from Gulf war; Lexington Grange says yes to Pioneer picnic; early morning fire destroys mobile home; Tualatin man, Gary Marks, named Heppner city administrator.

May: Community center opens in Heppner; Marshall Lovgren retires as city administrator; Doug and Carley Drake win 1991 conservation farmer's award; Frank and Kay Anderson receive top OSU Foundation honor; Lions donate to city pool; Melanie Gates HHS prom queen, Scott Johnston, king; Wendy Anderson and Jim Holtz Ione prom queen and king; Winston-Dillard superintendent Ralph Reed chosen Morrow County superintendent; school budget rejected; Amy Greenup, Ty Lappen win hospital foundation scholarships.

June: Ione graduates class of three; awards presented at Heppner graduation; Ione boys, girls compete at Class B AAU basketball tournament; Jackie Allstott named First Interstate Bank manager; barbecue and tour held at Drake farm; school board approves salary increases; Jerry McElligott retires from school board; Carl Christmas sentenced to three years for second degree manslaughter conviction; Pat Wright appointed to fair board; Gene Pierce inducted into Oregon Bankers Hall of Fame; huge crowd honors Drs. Ed and Jeanne Berretta; North end favors hospital closure; school levy passes by two; federal regulations require changes at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

July: Western Health Resources proposes Pioneer Memorial Hospital management; North Morrow County spends more tax money in medical operations than south; south end lists hospital as top priority; Court rules in favor of school board during strike; city receives \$20,000 economic development grant; B-52 bomber added to Ione's 4th festivities; Wayne Evans elected beef council chairman; South Morrow County Babe Ruth places first; Mother Sue Vinson, son, reunited after 61 years; Ione 4th of July huge success; Forest Service building construction nears; school board ups business managers salary offer; Costa to step down as mayor; Morrow County Open Horse Show winners announced; Columbia Tri-County Babe Ruth team wins first ever district title; Ken and Candy Gates honored in special graduation ceremony; volunteers surprise Connor family; city hires engineer for pool problem.

August: Brenda Holtz wins all around at horse show; medical board to sign PMH contract; high winds hit Ione, cause damage; 158 enter Morrow County rodeo; Kay Robinson replaces Costa in mayor's position; LoRayne Bowman and Linda Shaw appointed to city council; Forest Service building project temporarily halted; queen Jodee Ashbeck steps into role with poise; PMH takes best of show with booth; cause of city pool problems discovered; Morrow County Fair fun for young and old; Jerry Gentry wins M.C. all-around; mediator called in city-county negotiations deadlock; County 4-H fair awards announced; Mike Adams wins big in log bucking contest; Butch Knowles captures saddle bronc title; Clay Ring earns all-around cowboy; Bank of Eastern Oregon offers no interest loans for Heppner business improvements.

September: Health corporation rep speaks at county; Les Payne named assistant coach of the year; Heppner schools start swimming lessons after absence of many years; medical board signs management contract; city settles out-of-court dispute with hotel contractor; hospital employees to enter union negotiations; Wapato couple leases Heppner Bowl; Fred Lundin honored at chamber; local woman Jeri McElligott works week on Burnside; Kay Fowler opens beauty salon; local students celebrate America; Irrigon man dies during police pursuit; Wallace announces candidacy for district court judge; Ed Glenn announces candidacy for county commissioner; Ione's mayor Mark Tullis resigns; Brazilian exchange student, Roberta Luciano likes U.S.; city computer on line; Gale and Betty Gray to operate Beecher's Cafe.

October: City sewer project on hold; Heppner High School celebrates homecoming-Heather Eckman queen, Jason Britt, king; mobile home destroyed in fire; county's valuation drops 10 percent; city of Heppner to lose \$88,890 in wake of Measure 5; city receives funding for downtown tree project; Bank of Eastern Oregon hires loan officer John Moffit; Dr. Ginger Sharp joins Temple Veterinary Clinic; Ione's Walt Jepsen to celebrate 100th birthday; budget cutting proposals to be aired Oct. 17; 48 days without rain; PMH employees set negotiations; Jenni Ashbeck chosen queen of 1992 Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo; Kinzua initiates recycling program; administrators seek salary increase; city cuts \$20 thousand from budget; no cuts in police department or library; school district administrators seek salary increase; chamber previews HIT play "No, NO A Million Times NO".

November: Local schools celebrate Red Ribbon week; Ashley McCabe bags 7-point elk; Heppner Mustangs go to playoffs; Mustangs place five on all conference team-Jim Kindle, Len Brittner, Charlie Rathbun, Kevin Payne, Jason Britt; vandals sought by Sheriff, police; lost hunter-Duane Ledford found after 18 hours; former Heppner couple William and Bonnie Barratt die in accident; school district faces \$400 thousand shortfall for 1992-93 school year; DEQ gives city OK for alternative sewage plan; Peter Fels appointed to Currin's spot on district court; Morrow County fair earns gold medallion; artifacts found at Forest Service compound; fairgrounds plan unveiled to public; PMH administrator Ernest Wick resigns; guest of wind knocks down a section of the US Forest Service building under construction.

December: Defibrillator to aid Ione residents; Lutheran churches present live manger scene; town Christmas tree goes up; watershed study important for district planning; Heppner boys, Ione girls win Morrow County basketball tournament; Big Sky football and volleyball All Stars named-Jannie Cupps, Brandi Ball, Danielle Stefani, Kari Morgan, Nancy Morter, Eric Orem, Ryan Halvorsen, Mike Garrett, Deacon Heideman, Mac Lovett, Brent Sheirbon, David Wagenblast; Donnie Pointer wins geography bee contest; Heppner man-George Jefferies witnessed Pearl Harbor attack; Ethiopian faith minister Almaz Fisseha visits Heppner; school board agrees to begin development of baseball field; Methodist church donates to family homeless shelter; area churches hold Christmas services; 4th annual alumni basketball tourney kicks off Dec. 27; Neighborhood Center busy with Christmas basket preparations; Morrow County residents, Tricia Wetzel, Steve Myren, Shauna Bates and Terry Harper honored; Sweeneys win lighting contest; Town and Country Days Jan 7 and 8; Santa Claus takes time out to help cooks at Heppner Middle School.

HHS Senior class to pick up trees

The Heppner High School senior class will pick up Christmas trees January 2 and 4. The cost for pick-up will be \$3 per tree.

For pick-up leave your name and number in a designated box at Central Market, or call Becky Norton, 676-9968.

Wilson-Looslie winners of Lexington lighting contest

Carmen Wilson and Dan Looslie were first place winners of the Lexington Christmas lighting contest.

Second were Del and Phyllis Piper and third place went to Dean and Lois Hunt. The Looslie and Piper houses are side by side on Main St. and the Hunts live at the corner of Arcade and B Street.

The contest is sponsored jointly

by the Lexington Garden Bugs and the Lexington City Council. The winners were selected by a committee of ladies from St. Patrick's Senior Center.

"Besides the winners, there were many other beautifully decorated homes, and the effort and expense is appreciated by everyone. A big thank you to all who took part," said a club spokesperson.

MC Gun Club elects officers

The Morrow County Gun Club held a meeting and shoot on Dec. 22. New officers elected were: Jay Coil, president; Jeff Cutsforth, vice president; Kellwayne Haguewood, secretary-treasurer; and Roger Mortimore and Brian Thompson, board members.

Fifteen members participated in fun shoots during the afternoon

with outgoing president Loren Woodside shooting two perfect 25's for the day.

A work day is planned for January 5 beginning at 10 a.m. with "fun" shoots to follow.

January 12, the M.C. Gun Club will team up with Walla Walla Gun Club and participate in the Spokesman Review Telephonic Shoot.

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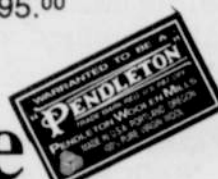


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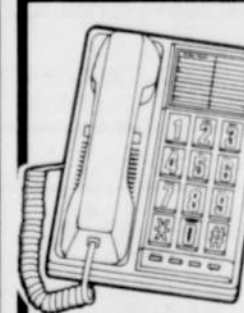
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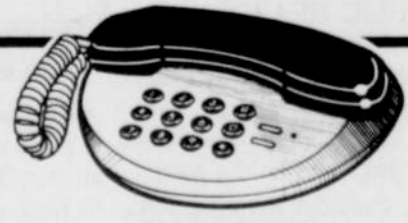
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