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Letters to the Editor

Remember the good old days

To the editor:
Too much TV warps the mind, dulls the senses. Here are a few suggestions to help. I read and found some interesting facts.
The old time flour mills were gas powered. They ran on wood tracks. A load of wood cost \$1 a bushel of wheat brought 27¢ low 40¢ high. In the 30's four bushels to the acre was good, then the crops got better and 25 bushels to an acre was really good. A sack of wheat 2½ bushels cost \$1. A loaf of bread was eight cents, a pound of coffee was 12¢. The flour mill in Lexington was known to trade for vegetables, had a grist mill by the city hall.
Grandma had a model T-Ford which backed up the steep hills. The 1927 Model A Ford-the more you pushed the brakes, the faster you went. A 1926 4-cylinder Ford cost \$395. There was no seed wheat a bad crop, it was fed to the horses (had four cylinder tractors).

Butchering hogs after Thanksgiving was a welcome relief from harvesting. The men got together, built fires, butchered hogs, trimmed the fat, rendered the lard, made sausage, and crackling bread. Nothing was wasted on a pig, but the squeal. The bladder was their kids football. Some folks never had anything but pork and venison.
If any water came out of the well, it went on the garden, and the kids packed it in buckets. Fruit was dried on sheets on top of the house.
The butchering was "kind of a social," the women in the kitchen, preparing food and gossiping, exchanging recipes.
Ah the good old days. No additives in your food, no chlorine in the water.
The beautiful fields of golden wheat ripple across our part of the land. It's truly God's country.
(s) Maxine Lamoreaux
Fossil

Heppner Chamber of Commerce
Invites you to a

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Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office at the courthouse building in Heppner reports dispatching the following information during the past week:

June 30: Morrow County deputy responded to assist Oregon State Police with a report of unknown subjects near an orchard in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate an animal problem. The owner of the dog was contacted and the situation taken care of;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Marina and began investigation of juveniles in the boat area;

Morrow County deputy handled a civil problem in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County deputy cited and released Debra Louise Dillard, 32, Ontario, CA. for Possession of Less than 1 oz. Marijuana;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Outback Apartments to assist the Boardman Police Dept with a report of careless driving in the parking lot. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a complaint of trespassing.

July 1: Morrow County deputy took a report of a theft that occurred in the Boardman area. A coat was taken from a truck parked at the Nomad;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for an animal complaint. Dogs were barking;

Morrow County deputy took a report of a pig stolen from the West Glen area in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to begin investigation of possible misrepresentation;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire dept. to a field fire at Steve Anderson's;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon and advised a citizen regarding an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to I-84, westbound, three miles east of Arlington. One vehicle rollover was handled by Oregon State Police. The ambulance caught up to the accident victim in Alrlington;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Columbia Village for a male subject with an unknown illness. Transport was made to Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

July 2: Morrow County deputy took a report of vandalism of a mail box on a rural route in the Irrigon area. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a one vehicle rollover on I-84, eastbound mile post 143. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital with unknown injuries;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a horse that was found loose. Owner was located;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Marina for a report of juveniles setting off fireworks in the parking area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence at 212 N. 1st in Boardman. One female was transported with an unknown illness to Good Shepherd Community Hospital;

Morrow County deputy arrested Penny Renee Pownall, 29, Boardman, on a Umatilla County Sheriff's office warrant for Failure To Appear. Pownall was transported and turned over the Umatilla County Jail;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a complaint of an on going neighborhood problem. Investigation is continuing.

July 3: Morrow County deputy assisted the Oregon State Police with a one vehicle rollover on I-84, mile post 156;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a motor vehicle accident on I-84, mile post 156. Three adults and two children were transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital

with unknown injuries;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance and rescue to a farm accident in Lindsay Canyon. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital with unknown injuries;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Umatilla County Sheriff's office with an investigation in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County deputy arrested Harvey Reyes Gonzales, 22, Irrigon, on a warrant for Parole Violation. Gonzales was lodged at Benton County jail;

Morrow County deputy contacted an Irrigon resident regarding a civil matter;

Morrow County deputy responded to back up Boardman Police Dept at Wilson Road Trailer Park on a call for disturbance;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a disturbance in the Irrigon area. The neighborhood problem is under investigation.

July 4: Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police Dept with an investigation of suspicious circumstances. Lights were flashing in the Desert Springs Estates;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of telephone harassment to someone in the Irrigon area. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of property damage to Dave Riekkola, Boardman, caused by a hit and run accident. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to AC Houghton grade school in Irrigon to a report of people shooting off fireworks near the building. All fireworks were illegal.

July 5: Morrow County deputy responded to 8th St. W for a report of property damage done by a vehicle.

July 6: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of criminal mischief;

Morrow County deputy arrested Lester Ray Martin Jr., 22, Irrigon for Criminal Mischief II, two counts of Driving While Suspended felony, Hit and Run, Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Martin was transported and lodged at Benton County Jail;

Morrow County deputy took a report and started investigation of Non-sufficient Funds Checks;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept to a grass/wheat fire at Blalock Canyon;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon Fire Dept to a grass/wheat fire west of Condon on the John Day River on BLM land;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept to a grass fire west of Boardman. There was no response, fire was in No Mans Land;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Boardman RV park for a female with an unknown injury. Transport was refused;

Morrow County deputy arrested Leroy Keith Rea for Violation of Release Agreement. Rea was transported and lodged at Benton County Jail.

During the week of June 29 to July 5 Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted two motorists.

New Thinking

By now you know that the county has funded the Oregon Trail Library district for next year. The process of forming a new district is apparently so complicated that we just couldn't get it done right the first time.

Formation of the library district was necessary because the cities of Heppner and Boardman could no longer provide all the services they have in the past. Measure 5 has put the skids on government's ability to tax property even with the taxpayers consent.

As a consequence, the significance of city government will diminish over the years. We all remember when a city provided running water, sewer, police and fire protection, libraries, museums and all manner of things that we call the good life. Folks out in the country just had to work, daylight to dark.

Just as libraries get cut from city budgets, so too will other parts of city government. Heppner has already cut one man from its police force just as Irrigon has axed its entire force. Fire protection will be the next to go. Even operation of water and sewer systems will become harder and harder without general tax revenues.

Folks can't look to the state to pick up the slack. The state is busy trying to figure out how to finance schools. And if the governor can't get her act together soon, it looks like state government will be even worse off than the cities.

It sure looks like the county is the only one left. County tax rates are quite a bit less than the limits of Measure 5 so it does look like the county could raise money to finance a much broader range of services than it has ever before.

But county policy has been to keep as low as possible. That goal has been achieved pretty well over the past four years with only a 3.4 percent increase in that time. But it was that very goal that contributed to the formation of the Oregon Trail Library District. By refusing to step in and fund libraries, the county forced library proponents to form a district with its own taxing authority.

It really doesn't make any difference whether we pay taxes to the county or the library district, we still have to pay them. But it does make a difference as to how much. Consider: the two cities spent \$45,000 on libraries this year. The county has funded libraries for \$63,000 for next year. But when the district gets squared away the following year, the tax bill will be \$140,000.

That's what will happen when we turn operation of a special district over to folks who have a special interest in the very service that district provides. The library folks only have to consider the library not roads and fairs and medical services too. Only the county budget committee can consider all the services to be provided, balance one against the other, and then balance the total against the taxpayer's need to keep the total tax bill within reason.

Formation of more and more special service districts is not the answer. Once we approve a special district tax base, like the library's, we can never get it back or balance it against some other social need.

The county cannot simply bury its head in the sand and refuse to take on a new social service. Sure, it may mean the county tax rate might go up a little. But if we just ignore the fact that cities can no longer function as cities have, then more and more special districts will drive up the tax rate farther and faster than if we face reality.

It may well come to the county providing fire protection throughout the county, the Sheriff having deputies in every town as the only law enforcement officers, even operation of "regional" water and sewer systems.

Of course, that's new thinking. It'll take years, if we don't miss the boat in the meantime.



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annual 4th of July Chicken barbecue
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