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**Sheriff's Report**

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

January 5: Morrow County deputy handled a neighborhood disturbance in the Lone area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to assist the Irrigon ambulance at Paul's Restaurant in Irrigon. Page was cancelled en route;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate suspicious circumstances in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to handle an animal problem in Lone;

Morrow County deputy arrested Michael Scott Long, 32, Boardman for Failure To Appear/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants warrant out of Sherman County. Long was transported and lodged at Klickitat County Jail;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a burglary in Irrigon from Ray Marquis. Total value was \$1,367.

January 6: Morrow County deputy responded to assist the Oregon State Police with a motor vehicle accident on I-84, milepost 173;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of telephone harassment in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate an animal problem in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police Dept. with the recovery of a stolen vehicle.

January 7: Morrow County deputy began an investigation of a theft from a residence in Irrigon. Darlene Snyder had

reported jewelry taken valued at \$300;

Morrow County deputies responded to a juvenile problem in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate an animal problem in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a juvenile problem in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of a trespasser in Irrigon. Trespasser was gone upon deputy's arrival.

January 8: Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to investigate a juvenile problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to a Boardman residence to investigate an animal problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a citizen complaint, possibly a civil matter. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to investigate a juvenile problem.

January 9: Morrow County deputy responded to investigate an animal problem in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to help locate a report of a missing child in Irrigon. Child was located;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to investigate a juvenile problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate an unwanted person at a business in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate suspicious circumstances in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a fight in progress at West Glenn Addition in Boardman. Call was unfounded.

January 10: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the

Boardman ambulance to the Sunset West Pizza Parlor in Boardman. One 22 year old male with an illness was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

January 11: Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated the report of a disabled vehicle on I-84, east bound. The vehicle had a flat tire;

Morrow County deputy responded to the report of vandalism at the Irrigon Marina. Damage estimate was unknown;

Morrow County deputy began an investigation of a report of someone running a school bus's red lights in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to a motor vehicle accident. The vehicle slid off of Kunze Road and into a power pole. There were no injuries;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate an alarm at Irrigon Market. The alarm was false;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of a male adult furnishing alcohol to minors. Deputy was unable to locate anyone.

January 12: Morrow County deputy was advised by a victim that a domestic assault had just occurred in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County deputy arrested Kurt Lee Cate, 24, Irrigon for Assault IV, Resisting Arrest and Criminal Mischief I. Mr Cate was also taken into custody for a current Umatilla County Sheriff's office warrant for Failure To Appear/Driving While Suspended felony and Driving While Revoked felony. Cate was lodged at Benton County Jail.

**Births**

**Jared Wade Hedman**-a son Jared Wade was born to Jacque and Tim Hedman of Heppner on December 31, 1992 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Grandparents are Rick and Susan Johnston and Rita and Arnie Hedman, all of Heppner. Great grandfathers are Charles Starks and Sammy Johnston, both of Heppner.

Jared joins a sister Chelsey, two, at home.

**Justice Court Report**

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

Stephen Todd Adams, 50, Wasco-Failure to Use Seat Belt, \$34 fine;

Steve Owen Carter, 34, Hermiston-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$61 fine;

Steven Arthur Bloom, 49, Portland-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$55 fine;

Willard M. Beidler, 45, Florence-Hunting Prohibited Area (public road), \$65 fine;

Jeffrey Scott Wellman, 22, Hillsboro-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 64 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$55 fine.

**Chamber Chatter**  
By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Town and Country will be history as you read this. Congratulations to the very deserving recipients of the annual Chamber of Commerce awards. Many nominations were submitted this year. It's great that others are noticing our terrific volunteers. It is suggested that the recipients and other nominees will be resubmitted to the Trail Blazers Community Super-Stars. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office and are due in Portland by February 26. Flash: As yet, we have no concrete data on where the chamber will be holding their weekly meetings. Until this problem is resolved, please check the door of the Elks for "your road map to lunch" each Wednesday. Recognition will be given to the students submitting the design for the outstanding business award board honoring businesses at the January 20 meeting. Ralph Reed will also explain the plan for school board member redistricting. On January 27, Chamber will lunch at the Heppner High School Cafetorium, where they will be given the opportunity to see the debate team in action.

Two months until Heppner's St. Patrick's celebration. Plans are underway and it is hoped that all participants in the pageant will be on board and ready to go with a repeat performance. The committee hopes it will become a tradition. Next meeting of the St. Patrick's Committee will be Tuesday, January 19, 7 p.m. at the Columbia Basin Conference Room. New people wishing to become involved are most welcome.

Thought for the week: "May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's Resolutions."

**Obituary**

**Alta S. Cutsforth**

Graveside funeral services were held for Alta S. Cutsforth on January 8, 1993 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. A gathering followed the service at the St. Patrick Senior Center.

Mrs. Cutsforth, 83, of Heppner, died Tuesday, January 5, 1993 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

She was born August 3, 1909 at Ava, Mo., to Roscoe and Margaret Holman Pettyjohn. The family came to Morrow County in 1913. She attended school at Morgan.

She married Orville Cutsforth in 1926 and the couple lived on a ranch near Lexington. She had been a resident of Heppner since 1938.

Survivors include daughters, Dorothy Hawkins of Echo, Vesta Kilkenny Handy of Portland, and Faye Cutsforth of Vancouver, Wash.; sons Fritz of Heppner, Pat of Lexington and Kenneth of Hermiston; 25 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren. A son Gene, died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Patrick Senior Center Trust Fund, P.O. Box 266, Heppner 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

**Too Little Too Much**



Sometimes writing this column is pretty hard. Most of the time there is a topic, of sorts. Coming up with a topic every week is pretty hard sometimes. If there's just nothing in your head to write about, no matter what kind of suggestions you get from the family or well-wishers, there's just nothing to write about.

So you go up and down the list. No luck. Nothing jumps out and says "Write about me." I've read that some writers call it "writers block". I don't think so. But then if I were in a mood to think about anything, then I'd have something to write about. Maybe it's "thinker's block" that keeps the ideas from flowing.

Well, sometimes it's like that, there just isn't anything to write about. And then there's times like this when there's too much to write about is just as bad. Since there's so much space to fill up, and only so much, having too much to write about is just like not having enough.

You see, I keep a little notebook marked "As I See It" in it I jot down topics and ideas and thoughts that might make a whole column of words all in a row. Sometimes I don't write much. And then there's times like this when I've scribbled several pages. So many, that there's just no way I'll get to write about all of it. What's worse, I can't decide just what is most important. Or what is most timely. Or the most significant.

First of all, I guess, there's the weather. Usually the weather is pretty non-descript and pretty dull. But the past couple of weeks the weather has been on everyone's lips. And front door steps, and all over the sidewalk. I think, if I could devote a whole column to the weather, I could wax eloquently about the beauty of just one fluffy snowflake. Especially the one I saw in the sunshine. No, really, I did. It was snowing and sunshining all at the same time just last Friday. What a sight, wish I could tell you about it the way it really was.

Or instead, there's a little politics in the school district zoning action. If you don't like snow flakes in the sunshine, you're sure to like the new school zones. Especially, you'll like who voted for them and who voted against them and why. Now there's a subject to really rankle the readers. A full column of school board politics should increase the blood pressure of at least half the populace by about 10 points.

But now you see, I don't have time to do the job justice.

Because there's another item in the note book: "ignorance and superstition". Now that must refer in some way to the medical waste incinerator. There must really be a lot of people who have never had anything to do with the DEQ. Everyone who has will tell you that every rule, regulation and standard that DEQ ever adopted is more restrictive than it has to be by a factor of 10 or so.

To them, if anybody ever argued that a DEQ standard was too lenient, they'd say it was ignorance and superstition, plain and simple.

But there isn't room to fully develop that idea because here again is Columbia Blvd. Somehow the powers that be cannot fathom that they've ignored a road in this county so long that it might raise up and haunt them without warning. Just two miles long, this little piece of county road serves some pretty substantial taxpayers. And it serves them well, with more traffic, worth more money than all the rest of the roads in the county combined. Is there a few bucks to fix it up? Nope. We plan to fix up the road out there in the wheat land. Don't ask how many wheat trucks use that road, just ask whos.

As I see it, there's just too much to write about so I'll wait for a more quiet. Maybe I'll go fishing.

**In the Service**

**Air Force Airman Dick Devin, Jr.** has arrived for duty at Eielson Air Force Base at Fairbanks, Alaska.

Devin, a supply specialist, is the son of Dick Devin Sr. and Sandra Devin, both of Heppner.

The airman is a 1989 graduate of Heppner High School.

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