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Letters to the Editor

Seat belt could have saved life

To the Editor:
The overwhelming response in love, food and flowers for the loss of our beloved Pat Cutsforth is sincerely appreciated by his family.
What I am asking is for others to spare their families the senseless loss of a loved one by

wearing a seat belt and driving with responsibility.
It would ease our grief if we believe Pat would still be with us if he had worn a seat belt.

Sincerely,
(s) Vesta Kilkenny
Portland

Flat tax would solve tax problems

To the Editor:
Isn't it time we Oregonians pulled out the flat-tax from the depths of "patron politics" and allowed the people of our state to be the leading edge of taxation

reform? Too long have we left the mechanism of the necessary evil of financing our government to the selfish whims of special-interest groups who control the very people elected to oversee the system.

The flat-tax is based upon the principal that we would all pay according to our ability to earn income. Is there one among us who would not be willing to pay a percentage of our income, if we knew the system was fairly administered?

I see no reason why each person, corporate body (foreign or domestic) or any other income-earning business should object to a definite and fixed tax-rate in order to do business. It would encourage all wage earners to truly seek "free enterprise".

If we were to set an example in the state of Oregon, to fix such a rate, I believe the rest of the country would follow suit. The inherent greed accompanying such an effort would be quick to try to allow loop-holes in which to avoid the basic premise; therefore, a strict adherence to policy would be the first and foremost hurdle.

It is the opinion of many analysts knowledgeable in such matters, that our economy would flourish given a federal tax rate of eight percent of the GNP. Could not the state of Oregon operate on another two percent of the gross income of our people? If we were all to pay 10 percent of our gross income (no exclusions-not even the student who makes \$1,000 in a summer), would it not be a simple matter to understand and implement the liability we share as tax-payers?

Is it not time for Oregonians to make such a move before the career politicians shove "Slick Willy's" value-added tax down our collective throats?

I will never, I repeat never, vote for a sales tax, whether its the ninth time or the 99th time.

(s) Loren "Bud" Seibert
Dallas



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Justice Court Report

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

Nathan Ray Hammons, 39, Heppner-Driving While Suspended, (DWS infraction), \$347 fine; Failure to Carry vehicle Registration, \$25 fine; Driving Uninsured, \$25 fine;

Ronald Scott Groves, 30, Enumclaw, WA.-Driving While Suspended (DWS infraction), \$367 fine; No Vehicle Registration, \$35 fine; No PUC Weight Certificate, \$76 fine;

Keith R. Morter, 23, Ione-Combination Overload, alleged weight 90,400, weight limit 80,000, \$178 fine;

Keith Dawson Buchanan, 25, Hermiston-Driving While Suspended (DWS infraction), \$367 fine;

Timothy Carr, 24, Heppner-Driving While Suspended (DWS infraction) \$367 fine;

Todd Michael Cook, 20, Tigard-Driving While Suspended (DWS infraction), \$367 fine;

Chad Mitchell Cook, 23, Tigard-Open Container, (wine cooler), \$86 fine;

David Harold Lippert, 41, Mt. Vernon-Driving While Suspended (DWS infraction), \$367 fine; Failure to Wear Seat Belt, \$55 fine; Driving Uninsured, \$55 fine;

William David Anderson, 30, Longview, WA.-Driving Uninsured, \$31 fine; Failure to Change Vehicle License, \$31 fine; Driving While Suspended, \$367 fine;

Timothy J. Clark, 24, Heppner-Driving While Suspended, \$367 fine;

Larry Dale Zumwalt, 43, Lexington-Permitting Dog to Run At Large, \$29 fine.

Sheriff's Report

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

August 24: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to take a report of a missing person;

Morrow County deputy responded to 1st St. Irrigon for a report of a suspicious vehicle;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the clinic to transport a person with injuries to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray ambulance to Main Street for a male with an illness. Airline was activated;

Morrow County deputies responded to the Irrigon Marina for a report of a suspect acting strange;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a one vehicle rollover with injuries on I-84, eastbound at mile post 116. There was no transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the fire hall in Boardman. One male was transported with unknown injuries to Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

August 25: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon Fire Dept. to the Linnell Ranch at Mayville. The fire was put out before the fire department arrived. Call was cancelled en route;

Morrow County deputy responded to Lexington to take a complaint of an animal problem; Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a one vehicle accident on I-84, west bound, mile post 134. Two people were transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital with unknown injuries;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate the report of shots fired at a residence on Division St., Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy investigated the report of a juvenile problem in Irrigon.

August 26: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of shots fired. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County deputy

responded to Irrigon to investigate a report of a sanitation problem. Call was unfounded; Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon for a report of an assault. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. to a grass fire 10 miles east of Arlington. Fire turned out to be a controlled burn that had not been reported.

August 27: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to the Steiwer Ranch on Butte Cr. A 15 year-old female with an injury was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the lone Fire Dept to a grass fire on Baseline Road.

August 28: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence on Gale Street. One female with injuries was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to the report of a one vehicle accident at mile post 158 on I-84. Deputy was unable to locate accident upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to the report of a one vehicle rollover at mile post 168 on I-84. The vehicle was in the median and no one was around upon deputy's arrival;

Morrow County deputy recovered a stolen CB radio. The radio was returned to the owner, Lloyd Mellick of Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy investigated a neighborhood disturbance in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy began an investigation of a report of telephone harassment in Boardman;

Morrow County deputies responded to investigate the report of suspicious circumstances at Western Alfalfa, Irrigon.

August 29: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a drunk driver on I-84. Deputy was unable to locate driver;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance and rescue to a motor vehicle accident on Hwy. 730 between Boardman and Irrigon. The accident was unreported earlier in the day;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Oregon State Police with a traffic problem on I-84, mile post 162;

Morrow County deputy began an investigation of a burglary in Irrigon. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Hermiston Police Dept. with an investigation of misuse of 911;

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 for a report of a possible drunk driver;

Morrow County deputy assisted a Heppner resident with an animal problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to an Irrigon neighborhood for a disturbance. Problem was resolved.

During the week of August 23-29, Morrow County deputies assisted one disabled motorist.

August 30: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a

business in Boardman for a male with an illness. Patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence on Wilson road regarding vandalism. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to a disturbance at an Irrigon residence. Turned out to be a civil problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the lone Rural Fire Dept. to a grass fire on Ella Road;

Morrow County deputy began investigating a family disturbance in Irrigon. Turned out to be a civil matter.

Golf classes to begin Sept. 13

Registration continues for the fall beginning golf class offered by Blue Mountain Community College.

The class begins Monday, September 13. There will be six one-hour class sessions from 5 to 6 p.m. The class will be limited to 10 participants.

Contact Sue Warren, BMCC coordinator 422-7040 to complete registration.

Senior essay contest winners announced

By Delpha Jones

The winners have been announced for the Morrow County Historical Society senior essay contest held on senior day, Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Morrow County Fair.

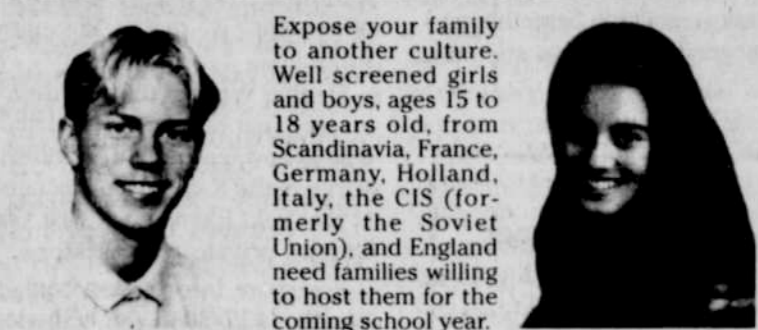
Dorris Graves won "most historical," Helen Gilliam "most humorous," and Gladys Hobbs and Velma Hauns tied for "most adventurous."

Each winner will receive \$50

from the Historical Society. The essay contest was open to Morrow County seniors 65 or older. Essays could be either oral or written and between 500 and 1,000 words on the theme of "Memories of the Past".

The Historical Society had previously sponsored an essay contest for middle school children, but cancelled it because of lack of interest.

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Sept. 4: Class reunion from year 40 to 46 (Jim Barratt Chr.) Adjustment hour 4 to 6 p.m. Dinner and acknowledgements 6 p.m., music 9 p.m.

Sept. 5: Breakfast 7:30-10 a.m.

Sept. 11: V.P. Visitation-Arin Williams
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