

Off the Wall By Marilyn Robinson

Had any good snowball fights lately? We're definitely more fortunate than parts of the northeastern states. But treacherous roads may have hampered your mobility which often contributes to cabin fever. Only the hardy souls go sledding, skiing or snowmobiling when the thermometer is stuck on zero or below. Livestock still have to be fed and a bevy of newborn calves require special care.

But if there's a pain in your back from shoveling snow and ice, or mopping the floor is a lost cause, take heart in the fact that we've not had a major power outage, even though it's been traumatic for those who have experienced frozen water lines.

One can always create diversions with propaganda about how to change your lifestyle or to become better organized. Take a look in nooks and crannies. One finds things that have no useful purpose. I'm taking about gadgets like an old juicer. I haven't juiced anything for ages except when I stepped on a tomato that rolled across the floor.

Old books, never read, can be classed as collector's items. But I hardly need an old cookbook dating back to World War II with a wartime supplement on how to prepare melas using less of rationed food items. Fortunately in those days we were more self-sufficient, so it was hardly an inconvenience to use less coffee and sugar. And no one then realized they were plugging their arteries with gobs of cream, butter and lots of fat meat.

Nowadays we can also overdose on too much political jargon on C-Span. However it does rev up one's blood pressure to withstand any amount of cold. Commentators are quick to inform one on which political candidates have the most charisma and various meanings of what's been said, so we really don't have to make any judgement calls. When one can't tell what's the truth and what's fiction, it makes our leaders appear as though they have frostbitten their brains.

Presently everyone should be studying how to preserve some of this cold so it could be used to lower stream temperatures next summer. There are 901 portions of Oregon streams, rivers and lakes that fail state water quality standards under a proposed listing of waterways compiled by the Department of Environmental Quality as required by the federal Clean Water Act.

Those standards aren't determined solely by garbage in creeks or the dead deer that took a dive. We're talking about not exceeding a creek water temperature of 64 degrees during the summer. Methinks more ice houses are needed to implement stream temperatures and flows when portions of Hinton and Willow Creek go dry.

But then there are grants and entitlement programs for everything. We could requisition for tarps and umbrellas to shade those last drops of water. A few old sunken bathtubs could provide fishbowls. Community service work could be relegated to packing water for newly planted trees and bushes. What better service in the name of public interest.

Both public and private lands are affected by this measure. Ag groups are concerned that ranchers and farmers will ultimately foot the expense of measuring up to these standards. Cattle ranchers are already in an economic depression with the help of another government program, NAFTA, that is allowing thousands of cattle to cross our borders and help glut the market. But now it's time to get on with equally mind-boggling things, like the amount of dog hair shed on the carpet or I could always count the number of beans in a gallon jar.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

Because of the cold weather and icy walks, only 70 people were present for the senior dinner Wednesday, Jan. 31. Seven meals were home delivered. Members of the Lutheran Church served. Mary Goheen made the announcements as Howard Gilliam was away. John Hanna won the birthday certificate, Rachel Harnett, the meal ticket, and Catherine Lindstrom, the bingo ticket. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

The menu for Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, will be oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, applesauce, cupcakes and rolls. Members of the Mormon Church will serve. The Senior Board will meet following the meal. Quilting will be at 1 p.m.

Four people played cards Friday afternoon. There was also a meeting of garden club members in the office.

Eight seniors watched the movie, "Radio Flyer" Sunday evening.

Quilt raffle tickets are now available at the Senior Center office. The quilt will also be on display at the Morrow County Grain Grower's breakfast in Lexington and tickets sold there, Saturday, Feb. 10.

All seniors and their friends are invited to the Valentine party at the Senior Center Saturday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. Tim Cundell will be there to sing for your listening and dancing pleasure. Those attending are asked to bring finger foods.

A district health meeting will be held in the dining room at the Center, Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

Other dates to remember: Tuesday and Thursday exercise, 10 a.m.; Wednesday blood pressure clinic, 11 a.m.; senior meal, noon, quilting, 1 p.m.; Friday cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday movie, 6 p.m.

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Weather Report By City of Heppner

For the month of January			
	High	Low	Precip.
1/1	53	35	.00
1/2	49	35	.00
1/3	62	48	.00
1/4	53	33	.01
1/5	44	30	.17
1/6	33	25	.12
1/7	35	28	.00
1/8	51	33	.23
1/9	58	32	.04
1/10	46	32	.15
1/11	53	40	.00
1/12	65	30	.00
1/13	65	34	.00
1/14	63	49	.00
1/15	56	44	.05
1/16	57	40	.09
1/17	42	32	.14
1/18	39	23	.02
1/19	44	38	.05
1/20	45	40	T
1/21	42	40	T
1/22	45	25	.00
1/23	42	31	T
1/24	49	30	.04
1/25	40	30	.03
1/26	39	30	T
1/27	41	18	.25
1/28	36	23	.24
1/29	40	15	.05
1/30	18	-8	.03
1/31	14	-10	.00

PUBLIC NOTICE MORROW COUNTY LAND USE HEARING

THE MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION will hold the following hearings of public interest on Monday, February 26, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. at the Public Works Building in Lexington:

Land Partition Application No. LP-N-172: Gregorio Lopez, applicants and owners by contract; Alex and Emma Madrigal, mortgage holder. Property is described as Tax Lot 213 of Assessor's Map 5N 26 36, located on the north side of Slaughter Road, approximately two miles south of the City limits of Irrigon. Application is to partition a nine acre parcel of land into three parcels. Each parcel meets the one acre minimum lot size of the Rural Residential One Acre Zone. Criteria for approval include Subdivision Ordinance 5.020 and 5.030.

Second of three hearings on a Application for a Zoning Amendment: Rob Brown and Sharon Timms, Applicants. Request is to amend Section 3.050(3) of the Suburban Residential One Acre Zone outside an urban growth boundary to include standards for siting manufactured homes. This area is north from Highway 730 to the Columbia River and west from Irrigon City Limits to Fourth Street West. Criteria for approval include Zoning Ordinance Article 8.

First of three hearings on a Application for a Zone Change: Bob Krein representing Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Applicant. Request is to change Tax Lot 800 of Assessor's Map 25 26 27 from an Exclusive Farm Use Zone to a Commercial Zone. This parcel is located on the west side of State Highway 74/207 approximately one mile north of the City of Heppner. Criteria for approval include Zoning Ordinance Section 3.110 and Article 8, And OAR 660-04-020.

Opportunity to voice support or opposition to the above proposal or to ask questions will be provided. Failure to raise specific issues at this hearing precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on those issues.

Copies of the staff report and all relevant documents will be available on February 20, 1996. For more information, please contact the Morrow County Planning Department at 922-4624 or 676-9061 ext. 50.

DATED THIS 7th day of February, 1996.

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Sherman and Iona Murray to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Sherman and Iona Murray will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 25. Their children and grandchildren will host a reception in their honor on Saturday, Feb. 17, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Union County Fairgrounds Building at La Grande. Family and friends are invited to attend. For more information or to RSVP, call Livina Greenough, (541) 963-4795, evenings, or (541) 962-1325 days.

Sherman and Iona (Duncan) Murray were married on Feb. 25, 1946, in Vancouver, Washington. They moved to Tillamook, where Sherman worked for Fred Keizer in the concrete business. After their daughter Dayle was born, Sherman went to work in the logging and timber industry and they lived in Seaside, Molalla and eventually in the Newburg area.

Sherman had visited eastern Oregon as a young boy and he liked the area so well that when he was a teenager, he returned to work summer harvest for Vic Lovgren, Sid Zinter and Lester Wick. In the early '50s, when he was offered a job with the Oregon State Game Commission, it gave him and Iona the opportunity to relocate and raise their family in eastern Oregon.

During his years of service with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, he worked in Condon, John Day, La Grande and Troy. Their longest placement with the department was in La Grande, where all five of their children attended school. Iona had a business with Avon Corporation and excelled to a position as one of the top ten representatives in the United States. She retired from the Avon business when they decided to accept the position offered Sherman as manager of the Wenaha District, and they transferred to Troy.

When Sherman retired from the ODF&W, he and Iona moved to Rhea Creek in Morrow County, where he opened a saddle shop with his son, Lynn.

In 1992, they moved back to the La Grande area and now reside in Perry. Sherman is still operating a saddle shop and Iona raises a garden and flowers every year. She also cooks meals to feed all of their family and friends that visit regularly. In their spare time, they attend all the team roping events that they can. They recently made a trip to the Midwest and Sherman roped at the National Team Roping Finals in Oklahoma City.

Students to raise money for Keiko

The children in Sharon Morris' kindergarten class and Joy Krein's second grade class have planned a can and bottle drive for this Friday, Feb. 9, starting

around 10 a.m. The students are raising money for Keiko the whale, now living on the Oregon Coast.

The children also hope to travel to see Keiko this year.

Huston Lesley's party cancelled

Huston Lesley's 100th birthday celebration, planned for this Saturday, Feb. 10, has been cancelled because of poor road

conditions. The party may be rescheduled at a later date.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

The Planning Commission of the City of Heppner will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 4, 1996, beginning at 7:00 pm at Heppner City Hall, 188 West Willow Street, to consider a tentative plan for the proposed Lakeview Heights Subdivision located on Morrow County Map 25 26 35, tax lots 900 and 905.

The City Council will conduct a public hearing to review the tentative plan after receiving the Planning Commission's recommendation and the City Engineer's report at a meeting to be held on Monday, March 11, 1996, beginning at 7:00 pm. The public hearings will also include consideration of variances from City Subdivision Code improvement requirements for sidewalks and public uses such as parks, playgrounds and recreation areas.

Failure to raise an issue at the hearings, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the Planning Commission or City Council an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue.

Interested individuals may contact Gary Marks, City Manager, at 676-9618, during regular business hours, for more information related to the proposed subdivision.

A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant, and any applicable zoning and subdivision criteria including City Code provisions will be available after February 12, 1996 for inspection at City Hall at no cost. Copies of the same will be provided at a reasonable cost.

These public hearings will be held in public meetings where deliberations of the Planning Commission and the City Council will take place. Any person may appear at these meetings and discuss the proposed ordinance with the Planning Commission or City Council.

Gary B. Marks
City Recorder
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time of the sale.
Parcel No. 2

Legal Description: Commencing at the NE corner of Section 2, T1N, R26 E.W.M., Morrow County, Oregon; thence S along the E section line of Section 2 a distance of 440 feet to the Northerly right-of-way line of Highway 207 to the true point of beginning; thence southwesterly along the northerly boundary of said Highway 207 right-of-way a distance of 500 feet; thence N a distance of 150 feet; thence northeasterly parallel with Highway 207 a distance of 500 feet to the E section line of said section 2; thence S a distance of 150 feet to the point of beginning, being 1.38 acres more or less; SUBJECT TO any and all encumbrances of record.

Minimum Price: \$100.00
Market Value: \$100.00
Terms: Cash in full at the time of sale.

Parcel No. 3

Legal Description: Lots 20 through 23, Block 27, in the City of Irrigon, Oregon, Section 19CB, Township 5N, Range 27, E.W.M., Morrow County, Oregon, SUBJECT TO any and all encumbrances of record.

Minimum Price: \$10,000.00
Market Value: \$10,000.00
Terms: Cash in full at the time of sale.

Parcel No. 4

Legal Description: Improvement to real property (not the land itself) located on Tax Lot 4N2517-601 and more particularly described as a 20'x40' Mobile Home Addition built of conventional 2x4 construction with full finish, together with one 20'x16' concrete slab, one 7'x20' concrete slab and a 9'x14' rock and concrete porch, SUBJECT TO any and all encumbrances of record.

Minimum Price: \$11,070.00
Market Value: \$11,070.00
Terms: Cash in full at the time of sale.

Parcel No. 5

Legal Description: All of Lots 3 & 4, Fergersons Addition to the City of Hardman, Sec. 34DD T4S, R25, E.W.M., Morrow County, Oregon, SUBJECT TO any and all encumbrances of record; ALSO, all of lots 5 & 6, Fergersons Addition to the City of Hardman, Sec. 34DD, T4S, R25, E.W.M., Morrow County, Oregon, SUBJECT TO any and all encumbrances of record. (These four lots sell as one parcel.)

Minimum Price: \$1,200.00
Market Value: \$1,200.00
Terms: Cash in full at the time of sale.

Parcel No. 6

Legal Description: Beginning S 44 Deg. 30' E 145' from the NW corner of Kinsmans' Second Addition on the Northwesterly right of way line of Alfalfa Street, City of Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon; thence Northeasterly along said right of way line to the center line of Willow Creek; thence Northwesterly along the said center line of Willow Creek to a point S 44 Deg. 30' E 64.75' from the said NW corner of Kinsmans' Second Addition; thence S 44 Deg. 30' E to the point of beginning, being .04 acres all in Sec. 35, T2S, R26, E.W.M., all in Morrow County, Oregon, SUBJECT TO any and all encumbrances of record.

Minimum Price: \$30.00
Market Value: \$30.00
Terms: Cash in full at the time of sale.

Parcel No. 7

Legal Description: Lot 16, Block 28, Sec. 19CB, T5N, R27, E.W.M., all in the City of Irrigon, Morrow County, Oregon, SUBJECT TO any and all encumbrances of record.

Minimum Price: \$1,000.00
Market Value: \$1,000.00
Terms: Cash in full at the time of sale.

Parcel No. 1

Legal Description: A tract of land bounded on the North by the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 26, T2S, R26, E.W.M., on the East by the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section, on the South by Block 1 of Browns Addition to the Town of Heppner, on the West by the Extended westerly line of Elder Street, Heppner, Oregon, all in T2S, R26, E.W.M., being 1.15 acres more or less, in Morrow County, Oregon; SUBJECT TO any and all encumbrances of record.

Minimum Price: \$120.00
Market Value: \$120.00
Terms: Cash in full at the



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