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Letters to the Editor

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Safer, cheaper way to handle crimes

To the Editor:

There's been a large concern over our lack of jail space when needed. It was brought to our attention recently when we had no space available for those recently arrested in the "drug bust." Also, approximately 3-4 weeks ago, a very drunk driver had to be released due to no space available.

I have personally seen (when I was a reserve officer) a multitude of people released on their own recognizance after being arrested for such things as driving while suspended violations, driving while intoxicated, DWI resulting in property damage and assaults.

Recently, a man was arrested for "Failure to Appear" over a traffic infraction. He has a residence in Heppner, and family at that residence. This was a first time offense and only a traffic infraction; still, he was lodged in Pendleton for the night. Not only did this waste taxpayers' money to lodge him, and time and gas for two county officers to drive him to and from Pendleton, but most importantly, it took up a bed that may have been needed for a more serious offender.

When he arrived in Pendleton, he was informed that they didn't want him there. The only reason he was there was because it had been strongly pushed by someone over here in Heppner.

Another man was informed (by way of scanner-no written letter) that he had a warrant out for his arrest for "Failure to Appear" on two "dog at large" tickets. He had not been arrested because they were waiting for an available bed so they could lodge him. Since he was told about this warrant, he made arrangements with the judge and took care of his ticket.

Point being, why would we want to lodge either of these men for such small crimes and waste one of our four available beds at the Umatilla County Jail and the money it takes to do this? Isn't it more feasible all the way around to arrest these people and release them with the knowledge that if their tickets aren't taken care of within, say, a 72-hour period, they will be going to jail? Maybe the person will be rearrested, but more likely they'd be taking care of their ticket.

Most people don't want to go to jail, especially if it could be easily avoided. Granted, they should have taken care of it in the first place, but think of the money it would save. Besides,

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it wouldn't take up jail space for the more serious offender.

I'm angry over all of this for the basic principle. If we use our beds for misdemeanor crimes, and then someone is arrested for a felony, there's a possibility that the felony will have to be released due to "lack of jail space." Before they do this, beds are sought out in other county jails, but there's always the possibility that they will be filled also.

I just felt that this needed to be brought to the public's attention. And yes, I do feel that if you do the crime, you take the punishment, but I feel that in cases like these, a different alternative would have been in order, and a much cheaper and possibly safer (to our community if a more serious offender had to be released due to "lack of beds") way to handle these "crimes."

(s) Shanna Paullus

Is it time yet?

To the Editor:

Let us not overlook that Oregon has a very healthy influx of vacationers and convention attendees who spend their money in our state and return home, where they take a sales tax as a fact of life.

Why don't we tap into this potential income? Why don't we write an amendment to our State Constitution that would guarantee sales tax monies go to schools and that the percentage could not be changed without a vote of the people. Every town in Oregon deserves equal educational opportunity; I cannot see this occurring without a sales tax.

Sincerely,

(s) Jeffrey Cohen
Portland

Justice Court Report

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

Tony Williams, 36, Heppner-Failure to Appear on a Citation, \$334 fine, 180 days in jail, \$100 and jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of law, no further driving until right to drive is reinstated, two counts Driving While License Suspended, Driving Uninsured, \$741 fine;

Ronald Duane Fossum, 50, McLeod, Montana-Truck Speeding, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$67 fine.

Obituaries

Earl Crismon

The funeral for Earl H. Crismon was Monday, July 22, at Bishop Funeral Chapel in Pendleton.

Mr. Crismon, 77, died Friday, July 19, 1996 at St. Anthony Hospital.

He was born May 5, 1919 in Granite City, Ill., the son of Herman and Sara Canoy Crismon. As a child he moved to Heppner where he grew up and went to school.

Mr. Crismon served in the Army overseas for 3½ years during World War II. He married Edna Gosney on March 4, 1946 in Vancouver, Wash. They lived in various areas around Oregon during their marriage.

Mr. Crismon worked for Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. in the Willamette Valley for several years. He later worked for Aloha Trailer Manufacturers Co. in Aloha before moving to Pendleton in 1972. There he worked as a revenue agent for the State of Oregon until his retirement in 1980.

Mr. Crismon was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Pendleton Elks Lodge No. 288, National Rifle Association, Masonic Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He enjoyed the outdoors and traveling.

He is survived by his wife Edna at home, sons, James M. Crismon of Gresham and Ronald E. Crismon of Portland, daughter Florence M. Atkinson of Portland and mother Sara Adkins of Heppner. He had four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Private family committal was at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Contributions can be made directly to Visions Northwest, 621 S.W. Alder No. 500, Portland, Ore., 97205 or to the Kidney Oregon Association, P.O. Box 222, Portland, Ore., 97207, or through Bishop Funeral Chapel.

George D. Sinclair

The funeral for George Douglas Sinclair was Thursday, Aug. 1 in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Mr. Sinclair, 82, of Irrigon, died Monday, July 29, 1996 at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

He was born Feb. 22, 1914 at Palouse, Wash., to Joseph and Laura Fessenden Sinclair. He started school at Lewiston, Id., then moved to Perry, Ore., with his family, then to La Grande.

On May 7, 1938 he married Estella May Kube. They lived in La Grande until World War II when they moved to Seattle where they both went to work at Boeing. Mr. Sinclair later worked for Elliott Bay Plywood Company in Seattle. His wife died in 1972 and Mr. Sinclair moved to Irrigon.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Survivors include a son, Vernon, of Pendleton; daughters, Georgia Gail of Bremerton, Wash., and Gloria Hoge of Kent, Wash.; a brother, Walt of Irrigon; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston, or to the Irrigon Senior Citizens Center Trust Fund, P.O. Box 614, Irrigon, Ore. 97844.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Carroll Donovan

Funeral services for Carroll Jack Donovan were Friday, Aug. 2, in the chapel at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston. Burial followed at Riverview Cemetery in Boardman.

Mr. Conovan, 65, of Board-

man, died of cancer at his home Tuesday, July 30, 1996.

He was born Dec. 9, 1930, at Portland, to Harry and Nelly Donovan. He graduated from Arlington High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne.

On June 13, 1954, he married Shirley A. West. The couple moved to The Dalles where Mr. Donovan operated Donovan's Texaco and worked for Union Pacific Railroad. In 1965, they moved to Boardman where they formed a partnership with Mrs. Donovan's brother, Dewey West, and sister-in-law, Jeanne. They built and operated C&D Drive-in, purchased the Union 76 station, and purchased various other properties for future development. Most recently, Mr. Donovan owned and operated Boardman Wrecker Service.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf and playing "skins" with his golfing buddies at Wilson's Willow Run Golf Course in Boardman.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley, at the home; sons, Jerry of Columbia City and Jack of Boardman; daughter, Carol Ann in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; brothers, Dennis and Steve, both of Portland; sisters, Roma Kusah of Vancouver, Wash., Reine Wilds of The Dalles, Connie Killham of Salem, and Loretta Pachmayer of Portland; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverside High School Golf Program, c/o Mike Wetherell, Route 1, Box 27, Boardman, Ore. 97818, or to Vange John Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 306, Hermiston, Ore. 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Janet J. Skoubo

Janet Julia Skoubo, 72, of Corvallis, died Wednesday, July 31, 1996, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis.

The funeral was Monday, Aug. 5, in the chapel of McHenry Funeral Home, in Corvallis. Private burial will be later at the Boardman cemetery.

Mrs. Skoubo was born June 19, 1924, at Enterprise, to Glenn and Nellie Bain Luhrs. She grew up in La Grande and attended school there.

On Oct. 14, 1946, she married Ed Skoubo at Vancouver, Wash. The couple lived at Pendleton for two years then moved to Boardman where they lived until 1962 when they moved to Corvallis.

Mrs. Skoubo worked at Umatilla Ordinance Depot as a practical nurse during World War II and later helped maintain the family farm at Boardman. After moving to Corvallis, she was employed as a cook by the Corvallis School District, primarily at Lincoln Elementary School, until her retirement.

Mrs. Skoubo enjoyed cooking, sewing, and reading. She liked working outdoors in her yard and garden and enjoyed her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Ed, of Corvallis; sons, James Getchell of Prosser, Jerry Getchell of Hermiston, and Dave Skoubo of Corvallis; a daughter, Janell Jensen of Gervais, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Roger, and brothers, John Luhrs, Jim Luhrs, and Claude Luhrs.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association through McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. 5th, Corvallis, Ore. 97330

Cecil Franklin Hicks

Graveside funeral services for Cecil Franklin Hicks were Mon-

day, August 5 at the Riverview Cemetery of Boardman.

Mr. Hicks, 82, of Boardman, died Friday, Aug. 2, 1996 at his home.

He was born Aug. 6, 1913, at Bristol, Tenn., to Andrew and Mary Hicks. He was raised by George and Mary Fichter.

He was a sheep herder and secretary of the Sheepherder Assoc. of Gilliam County. He had several hobbies such as deer and elk hunting, fishing and camping.

He was active in rodeo and owned and operated grocery stores in Lone and Boardman for many years. He was his own butcher in his stores. Mr. Hicks was active in community service, a volunteer fireman and served on the City Council.

He married his wife, Evelyn Robinson in Kinzua, in July of 1945. They later divorced and Robinson died in 1996.

He was preceded in death by his brother Bill Hicks. Survivors include his son, G.L. Hicks of Irrigon; daughter, Shirley of Boardman; brother, Mattlon Hicks of Lonerock; sister, Pauline Freauff of Portland; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to any local fire department.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Ronald W. Broadfoot

Ronald Wayne Broadfoot, 50, of Hermiston, died Friday, Aug. 2, 1996, in the Black Snake area outside of Walla Walla as the result of a logging accident.

The funeral was Tuesday Aug. 6, in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston with burial to follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Mr. Broadfoot was born Aug. 2, 1946, at Poplar Bluff, Mo., to Lindell L. and Vergie M. Bunch Broadfoot. He was raised at Milton-Freewater and St. Maries, Idaho.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1964, and served during the Vietnam conflict until his discharge in 1967. He attended Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton and later worked for the Pendleton Police Department.

In 1970, he returned to the St. Maries area where he owned and operated a cedar mill and logging company.

On May 26, 1973, he married Mary Ann Yokum at Post Falls, Idaho. They moved to Hermiston in 1977 where he owned

and operated his own log truck. Most recently, he owned and operated Broadfoot Logging, which he had started in 1984.

He enjoyed playing guitar, fishing, archery, hunting, watching basketball, and logging.

He was a member of the Heppner BPOE Lodge and Associated Oregon Loggers. Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann of Hermiston, his mother, Vergie Broadfoot of Milton-Freewater; sons, Bryan, Jason and Jerod, all of Hermiston, and Don and Jim, both of Colfax, Wash.; sisters, Donna Schroeder of Spokane, Linda Walcker of College Place, Judy Lambertson of Brewster, Wash., and Joan Lavrovich of Ashland; and one granddaughter. His father, Lindell Broadfoot, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Associated Oregon Loggers through Burns Mortuary, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, Ore. 97838.

Tourney at WCCC

The Willow Creek Country Club golfers will have a Jack and Jill mini-tournament on Friday, Aug. 9 at 6 p.m.

The activity will involve a nine-hole modified couples type of play with the format determined by the committee in charge.

Prizes will be awarded for low scores and special events. The charge will be \$4 per couple for members and \$10 per couple for non-members.

Light snacks will be provided by the committee in charge.


Hosts will be Duane and Robinai Disque, Dave and Corol Mitchell, and Wayland and Pat Hyatt.

Wheeler Co schools reunion on Aug. 10

Alumni of Wheeler County High School and Wheeler High School are invited to attend a potluck picnic during the Wheeler County Fair at the Glover Memorial Center Hall at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds in Fossil on Saturday, Aug. 10, around 5 p.m.

The fair opens Wednesday, Aug. 7 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 11. A parade will be held Saturday, at 11 a.m.; the rodeo at 1:30 p.m.; and a fair dance at 10 p.m. A rodeo is also scheduled for the previous day, Friday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Midge Geer, 763-2386, Mildred Williamson, 763-2013, or Joyce Clodfelter, 333-2558.



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IT IS BEST TO CUT GRASS OFTEN AND LEAVE CLIPPINGS

In case you've been wondering what to do with your grass clippings, just leave them on the lawn, advises Tom Cook, turf grass specialist at Oregon State University.

Unless you've let the lawn grow excessively long, or the clippings are in thick clumps, grass clippings are a good source of nutrients. Leaving clippings helps save fertilizer costs and thereby prevents ground and surface water contamination.

Grass clippings contain up to the equivalent per weight of 7 percent nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, explained Cook.

"Our research has shown that we can cut the fertilizer application rate almost in half when we return clippings with a mulching type rotary mower," said Cook. "And on lawns growing in clay soils, I have produced acceptable quality turf for as long as 12 years without adding any fertilizer at all."

If you plan to leave the clippings, mow the lawn often, advised Cook.

"Frequent mowing, about once a week during the growing season, will have a greater impact on turf quality than any other lawn care practice except irrigation in the summer," he said. "I consider mowing more important than fertilizer if clippings are returned via a mulching mower. If clipping are removed, then the only way to keep fertility up is to keep adding more fertilizer."

Your grass should be cut often enough so that not more than one-third of the grass blade is removed at any one time, advised Cook.

Don't leave piles of heavy, wet clippings on the lawn, he advised. You need to rake them or the grass underneath may be smothered.

Be sure the mower blade is sharp and cuts, not tears, your grass. A sharp blade will also help chop the clippings into smaller pieces as you mow over the lawn time after time.

A mulching mower works even better, because it is designed to chop up clippings very fine and then deposits them down in the turf canopy, said Cook.

Despite rumors to the contrary, clippings do not promote thatch build up, said Cook.

"Virtually all research conducted with turf has shown that grass clippings do not increase thatch," he explained. "In most cases, thatch increases as mowing height increases."

Clippings break down quickly, often in a matter of a few weeks, he said.

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