



Off The Wall...

By Marilyn Robinson

A popular cartoon comic strip featuring word definitions could define "par-a-dox" as waterfowl that love water. With some creeks dry as year-old cow pies, there's less available habitat for quackers however. The proper dictionary definition of 'paradox' lists statements that seem unbelievable or contrary to common belief such as recent newspaper commentary by influential citizens.

I'm not referring to the running discussion in the East Oregonian concerning "one nation under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance - religion has fueled struggles ever since Biblical times.

What jumped out at me from print was a statement by a well-known former local radio announcer who says, "Snake River dams between Lewiston and Pasco should be breached - and no water should be taken from the Columbia and Snake rivers for irrigation without an equal amount returned, bucket for bucket" for salmon restoration. This would supposedly restore salmon runs, according to him.

This year's salmon runs have been the largest in recent years. Does this man grow all of his own food using recycled water? Destroying dams would devastate the commerce and economy of the region. The small percentage of irrigation water taken from rivers is only a drop in the bucket compared to the gallons that flow downstream to the ocean. "Kinda" fishy thinking, according to many.

Everyone has solutions for problems including the economy. The East Oregonian editor thinks that there's no excuse for anyone going hungry in this country and finds it disgraceful that Oregon is at the top of the lists with more people seeking food assistance than any other state. Thankfully there are non-profit agencies and programs that stave off hunger and perhaps more needs to be done. But in his opinion the government should take care of the following: "access to medical care, food, housing and a safe neighborhood." Terrific, then no one would have to work and all property could be divided equally or perhaps added to the acres already under government ownership.

If farmers and ranchers received fair market share, there would be more surplus food to be given away. I question the statement that one reason Mexican residents immigrate here is to do work that Americans will not do. The creation of our overly dependent welfare system during recent years has contributed to people who decline to do manual labor. This was not true during the Great Depression of the '30s, when people were willing to work for room and board. Nor was it true of both students and adults once willing to pick berries, dig row crops or ditches to survive.

There is great waste in government spending, but no one seems willing to economize. It's a paradox for sure when billions are spent on the survival of one whale while school systems are sorely in need of more funding. It's said that 1/3 of Oregon students fail to earn a diploma. Perhaps public education also needs fine-tuning with more hands-on job training courses, like our defunct Vo-Ag program.

Now our forests are going up in smoke because wildfires have been aided by elimination of selective logging or thinning timber stands and a policy of fire suppression. Environmentalists promote wilderness areas for forest preservation and wildlife habitat, although current intense fires are hardly conducive to animal or plant life.

On our "drier than dirt" home scene - thanks to wildlife predators, we are now duck-less - so we need a "par-a-dox" to quack on our pond.

Softball game benefits McElligott family

The softball benefit for the Paul and Charity McElligott family of lone drew "lots of community support and everyone had a lot of fun," said organizer Lynn Dee Ramos of lone.

Proceeds from the games will go into a fund to help the family, which also includes children, Jeremiah, Salli and Diana, with medical expenses and travel. Paul McElligott was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

Ramos said that seven teams paid an entry fee to join the

tournament, held August 10-12, with various people paying for teams and others sending donations. She added that the team raising the most money, not necessarily the team that played the best, won the tournament. Sunflower Junction was the tournament champion.

Co-chairs besides Ramos include Melissa LaRue and Shilo Svetich.

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School Sport Schedule

Fall sports schedules have been released for the lone and Heppner schools. Following is a list of games as of Monday, August 26:

IONE HIGH SCHOOL

Varsity Football

Sat., Aug. 31 - lone vs. Alsea at Dufur, 3 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 6 - lone at Cove, 2 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 13 - Spray at lone, 7 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 20 - Dufur at lone, 7 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 27 - Condon at lone, 7 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 4 - lone at Lyle, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 10 - lone at Echo, 7 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 18 - Arlington at lone, 7 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 25 - Bye.

Fri., Nov. 1 - lone vs. South Wasco Co. at Maupin, 7 p.m.

Junior Varsity Football

Mon., Sept. 30 - lone at Heppner, 5 p.m.

Volleyball

Thurs., Sept. 5 - Heppner at lone, 5 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 6 - lone at Cove, 4 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 7 - Summit Springs Tournament, Condon, 9:30 a.m.

Fri., Sept. 13 - Spray at lone, 5 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 14 - Wahtonka Tournament, Wahtonka, 10 a.m.

Tues., Sept. 17 - lone at Heppner, 5 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 20 - Dufur at lone, 5 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 21 - South Wasco Tournament at Maupin, 9:30 a.m.

Sat., Sept. 21 - JV tournament at Heppner, 9 a.m.

Fri., Sept. 27 - Condon at lone, 5 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 4 - Helix at lone, 5 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 5 - lone vs. Wheeler at Fossil, 4 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 10 - lone at Echo, 5 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 12 - Wheeler at lone, 4 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 15 - lone at Helix, 5 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 18 - Arlington at lone, 5 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 19 - Dufur tournament at Dufur, 9 a.m.

Tues., Oct. 22 - lone at Condon, 5 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 29 - Echo at lone, 5 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 2 - District tournament at Moro, 2 p.m.

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL

Varsity Football

*Denotes league game

Fri., Aug. 30 - Central Linn at Heppner, 7 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 6 - Vernonia at Heppner, 7 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 13 - Heppner at Amity, 7 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 20 - Umatilla at Heppner, 7 p.m.*

Fri., Sept. 27 - Heppner at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m.*

Fri., Oct. 4 - game cancelled

Fri., Oct. 11 - Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 7 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 18 - Heppner at Culver, 2:30 p.m.*

Fri., Oct. 25 - Sherman Co. at Heppner, 7 p.m.*

Fri., Nov. 1 - Heppner at Stanfield, 7 p.m.*

Junior Varsity Football

Mon., Sept. 9 - Riverside at Heppner, 5 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 16 - Heppner at Umatilla, 6 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 23 - Wahtonka at Heppner, 6 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 30 - lone (tentative) at Heppner, 5 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 7 - Hermiston Frosh at Heppner, 5 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 14 - Pilot Rock at Heppner, 5 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 21 - Heppner vs. Weston-McEwen at Athena, 5 p.m.

Volleyball

*Denotes league game

Thurs., Sept. 5 - Heppner at lone, A/C, 5 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 7 - Riverside Tourney at Boardman, A, 9 a.m.

Mon., Sept. 9 - Umatilla at Heppner, C, 5 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 10 - Riverside at Heppner, A/B/C, 5 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 12 - Condon at Heppner, A/B, 5 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 17 - lone at Heppner, A/B, 5 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 19 - Heppner at Umatilla, C, 5 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 21 - JV Tourney at Heppner, B/C, 9 a.m.

Tues., Sept. 24 - Heppner vs. Weston-McEwen at Athena, A/B/C, 5 p.m.*

Thurs., Sept. 26 - Heppner at Pilot Rock, A/B, 5 p.m.*

Tues., Oct. 1 - Stanfield at Heppner, A/B, 5 p.m.*

Thurs., Oct. 3 - Weston-McEwen at Heppner, A/B/C, 5 p.m.*

Sat., Oct. 5 - Heppner vs. Sherman Co. at Moro, A/B/C, 1 p.m.*

Tues., Oct. 8 - Pilot Rock at Heppner, A/B, 5 p.m.*

Sat., Oct. 12 - Culver at Heppner, A/B, 1 p.m.*

Tues., Oct. 15 - Heppner at Stanfield, A/B, 5 p.m.*

Thurs., Oct. 17 - Heppner vs. Weston-McEwen at Athena, A/B/C, 5 p.m.*

Sat., Oct. 19 - Heppner vs. Wahtonka at The Dalles, A/B/C, 1 p.m.*

Tues., Oct. 22 - Heppner at Pilot Rock, A/B, 5 p.m.*

Sat., Oct. 26 - Umatilla at Heppner, A/B/C, 1 p.m.*

Tues., Oct. 29 - Stanfield at Heppner, A/B, 5 p.m.*

Thurs., Oct. 31 - Makeup/Playoff

Sat., Nov. 2 - District Tourney at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.

Nov. 7 & 8 - State Tourney at Monmouth

HEPPNER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL Football/Volleyball

Fri., Sept. 13 - Heppner at Stanfield, 3 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 20 - Umatilla at Heppner, 3 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 27 - Heppner at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 4 - Heppner vs. Columbia at Irrigon, 3 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 10 - Athena-Weston at Heppner, 3 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 17 - Sunridge at Heppner, 4 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 19 - 7th grade VB Tourney, TBA, 9 a.m.

Sat., Oct. 19 - 8th grade VB Tourney, TBA, 9 a.m.

SWCD, Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 6 p.m., at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner.

Agenda items and discussion items include: irrigation, measuring devices, BPA contract update, DEQ-AFO/CAFO assistance update, director elections, weed management plan update and agency reports.

The meeting is open to the public.

"Oregon's Best" cooking competition results in

Meredith Walters of Heppner was a double winner in the "Oregon's Best" cooking competition at the 2002 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

She took first place honors in the shrimp salad contest co-sponsored by the Oregon Trawl Commission and her homemade cupcakes were winners in the Hurst's Berry Farms Blueberry Cupcake contest.

Bonnie Wenberg, also of Heppner, was awarded first place for best homemade bread in the Bob's Red Mill Favorite Bread contest.

Winner of the Super Muffin contest using Santiam products was Tina Palmer.

The annual "Oregon's Best" competition was sponsored by the Agri-Business Council of Oregon and event co-sponsors.

The nonprofit Agri-Business Council is an educational, information and promotional arm for the state's agricultural industry. It promotes the industry and Oregon-grown products through its "Oregon's Best," "Landmark of Quality" and other ABC programs.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

-MCSO deputy cited Michelle Lucas, 19, for Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 85 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO deputy cited Joel Walter Burlingame, 24, for Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 81 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO deputy cited Enrique Vazquez Venegas, 26, for Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 83 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO deputies arrested Michael Howard Jenkins, 36, on a Umatilla County warrant for Distribution of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Frequenting a Place where Controlled Substances are Used. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail with \$20,000 bail. The vehicle was towed.

Willow Creek Symphony and Singers to begin rehearsals

The Willow Creek Symphony and Singers will hold their first fall rehearsals on Friday, Sept. 6, at the Heppner High School band room. The symphony will rehearse at 6 p.m. and the singers will rehearse at 7:30 p.m.

Auditions for new symphony members will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 6 at the band room. Basic instrumental proficiency is a requirement. Players should be prepared to play a scale and a piece of their choice. Auditions are not required for those wishing to join the singers.

The Willow Creek Symphony and Singers include both youth and adults from throughout Morrow and Umatilla counties. The director is R. Lee Friese of Athena, and assistant director is Wendy Appleton of Heppner.

For more information, call Myrna Van Cleave at 676-5448.

Willow Creek Local Advisory Council to meet

The Willow Creek SB1010 Local Advisory Council will meet Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office Building conference room, in Heppner. The purpose of the meeting is to review current updates to the DEQ 303(d) list for 2002 and to discuss the current draft of the Willow Creek Ag Water Quality Management Plan for the Willow Creek Watershed.

The public is invited to attend.

WCCC Golf News

The Willow Creek Country Club held their Eddi Skow 18-Hole Tournament on August 20. Results are as follows:

Low gross of the field: first-Karen Bishop and Dana Reid, second-Eva Kilkenny, third-Jan Paustian.

Long net of the field: second- Jackie Allstott, third-Corol Mitchell/Loa Henderson and Lois Hunt.

Long drive: Flight A-Mary Kincaid, Flight B-Lois Hunt, Flight C-Jackie Allstott.

Least Putts: Mary Kincaid.

Most Putts: Carol Norris.

Long Putt #3 & 12: Karen Bishop.

KP #6 & 15 third shot: Loa Henderson.

Chip In: Loa Henderson #3, Jackie Allstott #6.

Birdie: Janice Paustian #1 Mary Kincaid #1.

The net winner was Betty Christman.

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If you've got questions, please contact us:

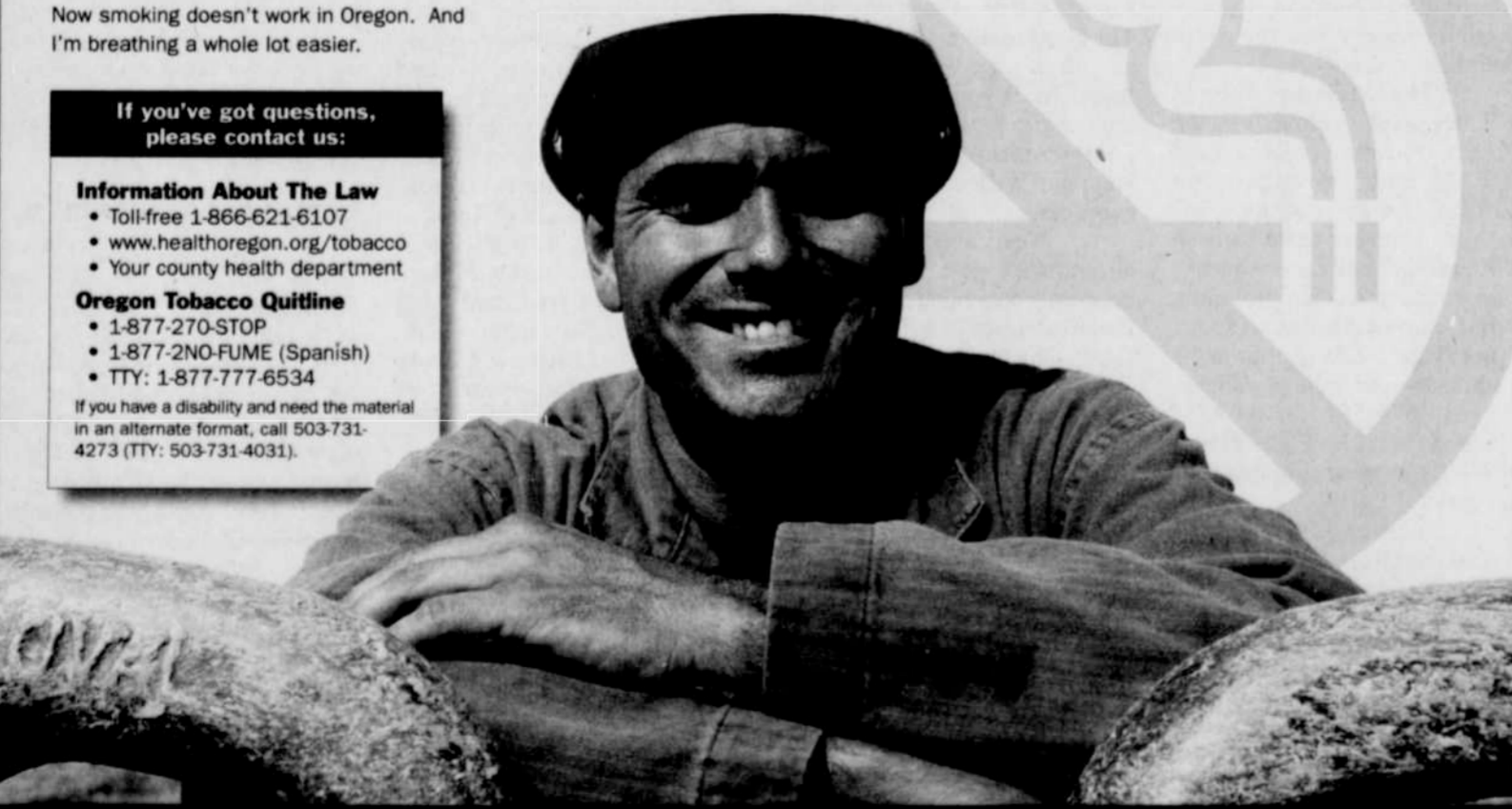
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