

~ Letters to the Editor ~

No, we will never forget.

Editor's note: The following is a follow up to an article about my Uncle Guy Sykes which appeared in the Nov. 8 edition of the newspaper. Because of the number of positive comments I received about the article, I thought readers may be interested in what followed. After the article ran in the paper I forwarded a copy to Jim Lankford, the official editor of the 14th armored division web site and newsletter. Following is his reply:

Dear David,

"Thank you for sharing the wonderful newspaper article you wrote about your Uncle Guy. You have done him a great honor by remembering him and telling his story to others. I am gratified to have been of assistance to you in your thoughtful and patriotic work. Darrell Todd is quite a fellow. Like most real heroes he is quiet and when asked, simply tells things the way they were. I am proud to call him friend.

I know your family is proud of what you have done, and your Uncle Guy is too. I have attached for you a copy of the message sent by the 14th Armored Division Association to the citizens of the Hatten and Rittershoffen for their 60th Annual Commemoration of the battle and their subsequent liberation from Nazi tyranny. I wrote the message, and it was read in both French and English to the assembled citizens by the granddaughter of a veteran of the 14th A.D. who speaks fluent French. My good friend Rev. Georges Pfalzgraf, who lives not far away, was in attendance. He told me that many tears flowed when the message was read.

You can rest assured that your Uncle Guy and the other veterans who fought and died for their freedom, and ours, have not, and will not be forgotten by the French people of Hatten, Rittershoffen, and the Alsace in general."

With Best Regards,
Jim Lankford
National Historian and Website Editor
14th Armored Division
"Liberators"

**Message to the Citizens of Rittershoffen and Hatten
12 June, 2005**

Greetings to our Friends of Rittershoffen and Hatten, from the Men of the 14th Armored Division:

It has been many long years since those dire, dark days of mid-January 1945 when we came here to share in your suffering and make our sacrifice.

Although the years have brought us to the twilight of our lives, we have not forgotten you nor have we forgotten what we did here.

We will never forget.

Even after we have left this earth, we will still be here with you.

For in your soil is our blood.

It is mixed with yours, shed together in the cause of liberty.

No, we will never forget.

Vive l' France! Vive l' American! Vive l' Liberty!

Sincerely,

The Men of the 14th Armored Division

Births

Mason Orem - a son, Mason, was born to Eric and Brandi Orem of Ione on November 14, 2006, in Pendleton. The baby weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was 20½".

Mason joins sisters, Morgan and Madison, and brother, Matthew, at home. Grandparents are Bob and Bonnie Ball of Ione, and Joe and Anita Orem of Ione.

Drama club plans can and bottle drive

The Heppner High School Drama Department has planned a can and bottle drive on Saturday, November 25, and Saturday, December 2, to raise funds for a Drama Club trip to New York.

Club members will pick up the cans at your home or, if you are not going to be at home or live out of town, call 676-8161 and club members will pick them up at your convenience.

Extension Service closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas

The OSU Extension Service in Morrow County will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. They will also be closed on December 22, 25 and 26 for the Christmas holiday.

Sheriff's Report

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

Nov. 16: -MCSO received a report from reporter advising that he hit a dog in the back end and the dog was still alive. The reporter was unsure on how to handle the dog. MCSO gave an emergency vet number to the reporter.

-MCSO received a report that an Irrigon reporter made a report regarding a threat.

-MCSO arrested Zachary D. Acock, 24, for failing to appear for Misdemeanor Treatment Felony and for failing to appear for Reckless Driving.

-MCSO received a report from a reporter that was having a problem with his neighbor's dog and the reporter had talked about the problem with the neighbor and it had not been resolved. The reporter later called back and had taken care of the problem.

-MCSO received a request for extra patrol in Ione for the reporter and several other people who had gas stolen from their vehicles. The reporter also requested extra patrol in Ione for right after school ends because vehicles are racing down the road.

-MCSO arrested Onofre Estrada, 18, for Theft III.

-MCSO issued a citation to Joyce Ann Becket, 54, for violation of the basic rule by going 84 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report that a reporter spotted a large black dog foaming at the mouth running west on Thomas Ave. in Irrigon.

-MCSO received a report about approximately 20 juveniles throwing bark at each other at Heppner High School. A clean-up community was set up and the basketball coach and principal are addressing the issue.

-MCSO received a request for extra patrol after the reporter's daughter's car had an attempted break in.

-MCSO responded a domestic involving a stepfather versus the stepson. There were weapons in the house.

-MCSO received a report that a female pulled into the back of Bake's in Irrigon for a rest from driving. MCSO advised her for safety reasons to maybe choose another location.

-MCSO received a report that a gang at the mini-mart in Irrigon assaulted the reporter's son.

-BPD received a report about a check fraud in Boardman.

-BPD assisted with a verbal domestic dispute.

Nov. 17: -MCSO received a report about a possible drunk driver. The subject was swerving in and out of lanes.

-MCSO received a report that a bottle of liquid hydrocodone was taken

from the reporter's residence in Heppner.

-MCSO received a report that Salem PD arrested John Christopher Thompson, 23, for failing to pay fine for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

-MCSO received a report that the reporter had

a female subject destroying property at his house and she hit the reporter in the chest.

-MCSO received a report that a subject found a dead bird by the river in Heppner. ODWF was notified.

-MCSO received a report that an Irrigon subject had his computer stolen from him at his home while he was away.

-MCSO issued a citation to Yessica Valencia, 27, for failing to maintain lane and failing to use a seatbelt.

-MCSO received a report from Irrigon City Hall advising of a citizen complaint about code violations on a house in Irrigon.

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