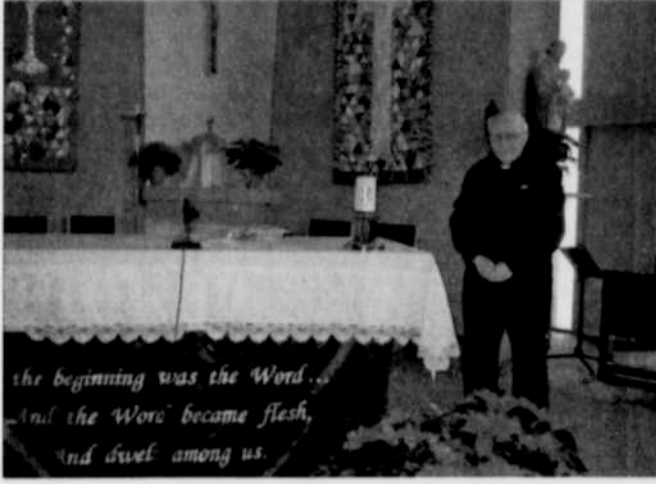


2013...What a Year!

Here are a few events you may remember:



Father Gerry Condon, who served St. Patrick's and St. William's parishes for 22 years, retired in January.



Ione senior Stewert Syverson was awarded 2012 Fireman of the Year award from the Ione Rural Fire Protection District.



The Mustang football team leaped ahead in standings and was unstoppable until it was brought down by Regis in state semifinals.



A debate over park statues sparked controversy.



A mammoth tusk was excavated near Ione.



Temperatures put Morrow County through the ringer, with highs of more than 100 in July (above) and lows that plummeted to below zero in December (below).



The Telestroke robot at Pioneer Memorial Hospital helped save the life of local woman Jean Bennett.



The lone 4x100 men's relay team of Evan Rietmann, August Peterson, Justin Estabrook and Luke Jobes was 1A Special District 3 champion.



A baby, Walker Haak, was born at Pioneer Memorial, only the second birth there since obstetrics closed in 1986.



Morrow County celebrated its centennial fair, with a return of past fair and rodeo royalty.



Puss in Boots paid a Halloween visit to Heppner.



This cougar was shot near Heppner.

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The clock tower on the Morrow County Courthouse was removed for renovation in July.