

School Policy Discussed at Heppner High

(Ed. Note: This continues a series of articles on opinions of parents and students on school policies at Heppner High as compiled from a recent questionnaire presented to them.)

Question 18—Would you be in favor of a combined Baccalaureate and Commencement exercise on a Sunday afternoon rather than two separate services?
 Parents: Yes 27, no 14. Students: Yes 6, no 12.
Parents' comments:
 "No, these events are important to the seniors."
 "Yes, if both speakers are limited to a reasonable time."
 "No, the two separate occasions increase the value of commencement if it has any value."
 "No, a commencement exercise is all that is needed."
 "I would like them to be combined, maybe morning hour."
 "Yes, use more students in services as speakers."
 "The seniors should have final choice."
 "An excellent idea."
Students' comments:
 "Yes, these are too long and boring and you might just as well get them over with."
 "No, it would be terribly long to sit through."
 "Yes, I would like to get it over with as soon as possible. Baccalaureate is not long enough to warrant such devotion."
Question 19—Do you believe that any student should be allowed to drive a car to school if they have a drivers license?
 Parents: Yes 36, no 8. Students: Yes 19, no 1.
Parents' comments:
 "No, if bus service is provided the students should be required to use it."
 "Yes, as long as they obey traffic laws."
 "Yes, with parental improvement and compliance with the law."
 "No, only those who need the car for transportation for school related activities."
 "This is up to each parent. If they are not abusing the privileges."
 "Yes, speed should definitely be controlled around the school grounds."
 "No, seniors only."
 "This should be a parent-child decision."
 "If they obey all rules on school property."

"Yes, until the student proves he cannot accept this responsibility."
Students' comments:
 "Yes, the state trusts them so why not the school."
 "No, if the students drive terrible, it should be taken away by the school or the state."
 "I don't think school officials should be the judge of any student driving to school. I think all students should be allowed to drive to school, provided they have a driver's license."
 "Yes, as long as they realize they are responsible for their car and what goes on in it."
 "Yes, if they follow the set speed limits."
 "It is not only sometimes a necessity but also a lot easier and handier for many students."
Question 20—Do you favor the students having the privilege of driving to town at noon hour?
 Parents: Yes 25, no 13. Students: Yes 19, no, none.
Parents' comments:
 "If it is necessary."
 "No, they should learn to use the car as a tool rather than as a toy."
 "I believe that parents should notify the school of limitations on car use."
 "If there is a necessity, otherwise not."
 "Don't feel this is really necessary, serve good meals at school, could devote time to school work. Up to parent and student."
 "I feel this is up to the parents."
 "Students decision."
 "Juniors and seniors only."
 "Only on clearance through the office."
 "Yes, until the student abuses the privilege."
 "Not to town, but home for lunch if he or she wishes."
Students' comments:
 "If there is going to be an open campus situation at school on noon, this is the only way to go downtown."
 "Yes, unless proven otherwise."
 "Only those who are not tardy or absent for afternoon classes, more than twice during a semester."
 "Sometimes many students don't especially care for meals at school. The only way for some students to enjoy their lunch is to eat downtown."
Question 21—Do you favor the students having the privilege of leaving the school grounds at noon hour?
 Parents: Yes 42, no 1. Students: Yes 20, no, none.
Parents' comments:
 "If it is necessary."
 "As long as there isn't habitual skipping afternoon."
 "For juniors and seniors only."
 "Parents should have control but complete control is impossible."
 "Should have school officials permission."
 "Only with permission from parents especially freshmen and sophomores."
 "No, a 40 minute lunch hour hardly leaves time to eat lunch and make any major accomplishments off the school grounds."
 "Only if it is for a good reason."
Students' comments:
 "Only if they aren't absent or tardy for class more than two times per semester. If they are the privilege should be revoked for the full semester."
 "Leave as is."
 "Noon hour is the students own time."
 "Their lunch is up to the student, if they don't like eating in the cafeteria or need something downtown, why not?"
 "It should really depend on whether or not they have permission."
Question 22—Do you favor a P.T.S.A. type of an organization?
 Parents: Yes 42, no 1. Students: Yes 16, no 2.
Parents' comments:
 "I believe the high school student is old enough to participate in the PTA organization so they can voice their opinions."
 "Yes, if all work together."
 "Yes, if students will participate."
 "This is good and hope it works for parents, teachers and students."
 "Yes, if we can get student enthusiasm."
 "Only if it would accomplish more than the PTA."
Students' comments:
 "I think that the students know of more problems or solutions to problems than others because they are involved."
 "Yes, but I feel the name should be changed to sound more appetizing."
Question 23—Will you be willing to attend four or five meetings of this organization each year?
 Parents: Yes 43, no 1. Students: Yes 18, no 2.
Parents' comments:
 "If something was being accomplished."
Students' comments:
 "It would depend on when the meetings are held."
Question 24—Do you believe that the PTSA should have any fund raising activities or have a membership fee?
 Parents: Both 2, One 5, None 28. Students: Both 1, Fund 4, Membership 2, none 10.
Parents' comments:
 "The success of this organization should not be predicted on a bank balance or special entertainment."
Students' comments:
 "None, you'd make it like a club, when really it shouldn't be, it should be open to all, not have a closed membership."
Additional comments:
 "Some sort of person or persons should have the responsibility of coordinating rather than dumping on the administration."

"Certainly favor fewer rules and strict enforcement of them. Can student council make rules regarding student conduct with public relations in mind?"
 "Have the results published in local paper so that the joint opinions of this group may become public knowledge."
 "A speed limit sign should be placed by the school and enforced."
 "I think there should be a limit on fund raising activities."
 "I think a council, parent, student should decide on policy."

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THESE YOUNGSTERS represent Morrow county in the America's Future series, now being run weekly in the Gazette-Times. Pictured at the left are Deann, 5, and Gregory, 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Connor Heppner. Three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Flanagan in the center photo are Cindy, 4½, Christy, 3½, and Debbie, 2½, and at the right are Iva Lou McDaniel, 8, and her little sister, Vicki Lynn, 1, both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McDaniel of Rt. 1, Heppner.



JOHN RIETMANN, 13, and younger brothers, Joe, 10, and Jerry, 6, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rietmann, Ione, are shown at left as the Gazette-Times presents the second in a series of America's Future pictures. Center photo is Kimber Lee Pettyjohn, 6, Kelly Ann, 4, and Kristina Marie, 3, all children of Paul Pettyjohn, Jr., Ione, and at right are Scott, 7, Todd, 6, and Brett, 5, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sherer, Ione.

50 Shows Slated At Umatilla Fair On at Hermiston

The 1968 Umatilla County Fair, scheduled for August 7-10 at the fairgrounds, Hermiston, officially opened its gates at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday. A total of 50 different shows, including programs, events, and division exhibit displays, are scheduled during the four days of annual county fair activities. There will be something to interest every man, woman, and child, such as arts and crafts, a flower show, farm machinery displays, fine livestock, or entertainment such as fair follies and carnival attractions. Many youth contests are on the agenda for 4-H youngsters and the Future Farmers of America.

The evening of Wednesday, August 7, featured the coronation program during which time the fair court princess, who has been selected for her cooperation, appearance, attitude, and dependability, was crowned queen of the 1968 county fair.

Fair Follies, under the capable direction of Bryan Branstetter, will be held Thursday evening at the high school stadium. Branstetter has a top notch program arranged.

The third annual junior rodeo events will come off in a mighty burst of energy during the last two evenings of the fair, Friday and Saturday. This program promises to be jam-packed with action.

The parade, under the direction of Hermiston Jaycees, is scheduled to start at ten o'clock Saturday morning. Release time for livestock exhibits is set for 8:00 p.m. Saturday evening. All other exhibits may be checked out at 9:00 p.m. The fair board reserves the right to withhold payment of premium money on any exhibit removed from its place prior to authorized release time.

Mrs. Wayne (Loy) Harsin returned Sunday from Pendleton Community hospital where she spent about five days in traction last week for relief of a back ailment.

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Neighborhood Center Needs Story Tellers

Mrs. Patricia Brindle, coordinator of the Heppner Neighborhood Center, requests the need for volunteer story tellers to take part in weekly story telling sessions for the youngsters on Monday mornings at the center.

Attendance on Monday, August 5, totaled about 50 youngsters and indicates the interest of the younger set in the weekly sessions.

Volunteers who have been assisting will be leaving the area, and Mrs. Brindle states that if the story sessions are to continue, additional helpers will be needed.

Anyone interested may contact the Heppner Neighborhood Center, 676-5873.

Umatilla Parade Entry Forms Here

Entry blanks for the Umatilla County Fair parade, to be in Hermiston on August 10, are available in Heppner at the Heppner Barber Shop, according to Al Frost, parade chairman.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. on Main Street, Hermiston, after leaving the fairgrounds on Orchard Ave. at 9:15 a.m. Assembly starts at 8 a.m.

Many prizes are offered for floats, musical units, drill teams, mounted entries, comic entries and kids entries.

Those interested in entering may pick up entry blanks at the barber shop.

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