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**Letters To The Editor**

**Trust your budget committee**

Morrow County does not have funds available to launch an advertising campaign in order to win votes for the Tuesday, June 29 election in support of the operating budget. There will not be display ads asking for "yes" votes, and there will not be ads with neighbors names asking you to join in.

In the past weeks there have been newspaper articles explaining the cuts that were made to the previously defeated budget. In a previous letter, I explained the savings resulting from those cuts. To recap, the tax levy requested is lower by 38 cents than the current tax rate. The proposed expenditures are lower than this year's by \$47,100. The budget committee has tried to find the most economical way of providing service to the citizens of Morrow County.

It will now be up to the voter to decide if more information is needed before voting. Anyone desirous of more details is invited to contact any of the following Budget Committee members: Terry Thompson, Heppner; Elden Padberg, Lexington; Chris Lovgren, Boardman; Warren McCoy, Irrigon; Dorothy Krebs, Ione. (Don McElligott is still recuperating from recent heart surgery. Please, no calls to him.)

Put trust in your committee. Show them you appreciate their efforts on your behalf. It is not easy to produce a practical budget in a time of economic chaos. Give the committee a vote of confidence. Vote "yes", June 29 on the tax levy.

Dorothy Krebs,  
Chairman,  
Morrow County  
Budget Committee

**Support the freeze**

To the editor:

The Soviet Union and the United States now have 50,000 nuclear warheads. With only a small fraction of those devastating weapons each side could obliterate the other. In a nuclear exchange there would be no winner and few survivors. Those who did survive would be without food, water or electricity. Most would be wounded without hospitals or medical care. The nuclear exchange would make vast areas uninhabitable because of radioactivity. The ozone would be damaged, food production would cease, most animals, including us, would be blinded. Civilization would be destroyed.

Surely a nuclear freeze - with 30,000 warheads still in our arsenal ready to go at the touch of a button - does not endanger us. Rather, it is a first step to reduce nuclear armaments. To go forward on the nuclear arms race is to march to oblivion.

In Oregon we are urging people to sign an initiative petition that would place the critical issue of mutual, verifiable nuclear freeze on the general election ballot in November 1982. The Oregon Secretary of State requires 54,669 signatures of registered voters before it can be voted on. If you have not signed the petition, please do so before June 25, 1982. Take out a petition yourself for your neighbors to sign. The voice of Oregon must be heard in Washington, D.C.

The nuclear freeze coordinator for your region is Duane Ponsy at 382-5615 or contact your church representative.

Join us today. Support the freeze!

Sincerely,  
Jim Weaver  
Member of Congress

**Thanks for the opportunity**

To the editor:

This letter is to offer thanks for the opportunity of running for governor of Oregon, and for the chance to speak out on vital questions which needed to be addressed.

I am proud to be a democrat in 1982. Solutions to Oregon's economic dilemma are not coming from the current, republican administration. We will need strong leadership to propose and implement solutions to the problems of nuclear versus renewable energy, help for small business, wise use and development of our human resources and natural resources. Simply blaming Reaganomics is not enough. There are still work-

able alternatives in spite of federal fiscal policies.

Now is the time to rally behind the progressive democratic nominee, Ted Kulongoski. I congratulate Ted, and I enthusiastically support his election.

Thanks again to the many individuals around the state who supported my effort. We conducted a credible campaign, and I am proud of the way we conducted it. Thank you for helping me make this contribution to Oregon politics. The issues raised still remain; the concerns are deep, but I am confident that we will continue to work for a better Oregon.

Jerry Rust

**A.F.S. Counselor to be gone until Wed., July 17**

By NEOLA MACKAY

Adult and Family Services counselor Janet Phillips of Condon will not be available at the Heppner Neighborhood Center again until Wednesday, July 7. She will be at the center that Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

A Social Security representative will visit the center on Friday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. A representative visits the center the second Friday of each month.

Pat Brindle, center coordinator will be away from the

**Weddings**  
**Barrow - Childers**



**Mr. and Mrs. Merle Barrow**

Laurie Ann Childers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Childers of Ione, became the bride of Merle Duane Barrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Barrow of Canby.

The afternoon ceremony was read May 15 by the Rev. Cathy Barker at the Ione United Church of Christ.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore the gown in which Francis Carlson, Ione, was married 40 years ago. The princess style gown had ice blue slipper satin with a modified court train. The lace trim was made in Paris. The head piece was a flower garland with a train length veil. She carried a Rainbow Bible with spring flowers and a cascade of ribbons.

Mrs. Sue Proudfoot was matron of honor. She wore an off-white gown, and carried a nosegay of spring flowers.

Best man was George Bodyfelt of Cloverdale. Ushers and candlelighters were Harvey Childers and Roger Childers, brothers of the bride.

Flower girl was Maci Childers, niece of the bride. She also wore an off-white gown trimmed with ribbons of spring colors. She carried a basket of spring flowers.

Ring bearer was Jason Proudfoot.

Roger Childers was vocalist, accompanied by Rikka Tews, who also played the wedding march.

The reception was held in the church basement. Cutting and serving the four tier wedding cake was Francis Carlson and Margo Sherer.

Bobbi Childers was in charge of the corsages. Jason Proudfoot passed out scrolls and Eddy Rietmann, colored rice bags. Coy Childers, grandmother of the bride, attended the guest book, Mary Bechtel, another grandmother of the bride, was in charge of the gift table with Elizabeth Brock and Barbara Brock, cousins of the bride, helping. Punch was served by Beverly Brock, an aunt of the bride. Pouring coffee was Anne Bodyfelt.

Hostesses were Marie Boor, Margaret Akers, Vera Lou Rietmann and Mary Ann Palmer.

After a wedding trip through California, Mexico and Nevada, the couple is at home in Ione.

**Anniversaries**  
**Ruhls to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Ruhl of Lexington will be honored at a golden wedding reception, hosted by their children; Mr. and Mrs. Skip Ruhl and children, Dick Ruhl and Fran Wong on Sunday, July 4, Holly Rebekah Lodge Hall, Lexington, from 1 to 3 p.m.

A potluck dinner will follow the reception at the Ruhl ranch.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

**Marriage Licenses**

Marriage License applications were received at the Morrow County clerk's office at the Morrow County courthouse in Heppner from:

Leslie Lee Thompson, 20 and Kimber Lee Pettyjohn, 20, both of Ione;

Beryl Lynn Stillman, 27 of Heppner and Susana Jo Smith, 26 of Lexington;

Rodney Allen Britt, 20 of Pilot Rock and Camelle Lynn Moyer, 18 of Heppner; and

Jeffrey Mark Sherlock, 32 and Melissa Marie McElligott, 27, both of Helena, Mont.

**Local residents attend Cunningham reunion**

A Cunningham family reunion was held June 19 and 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cunningham, Goldendale, Washington.

Those attending the reunion included Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cunningham, Karen and Sharon of Ontario; Mike Cunningham of Warm Springs; Mrs. Betty McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Sherill McDonald and daughter Rhonda, all of Heppner; Mrs. Dean Byers and daughter Kathy of Liberty Lake, Wash.; Mr. Clarence Cox of Colville, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bietell of Heppner; Kelli and Marty Brannon and Russell Brannon of Tillamook; Mr. and Mrs. Steven Cunningham and children, Ryan and Erika of Connell, Wash.; the hosts' daughter, Joy of San Francisco, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ownby of Goldendale, as well as friends of the family.

"Weather was beautiful and everything was great," said Mary Bietell. The next family reunion will be held in two years, she concluded.

Roller skating was introduced to America by James L. Plimpton in 1863. He invented the four wheel skate, which worked on rubber pads.

**Sheriff's Report**

The Morrow County Sheriff's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following calls and cases during the past week:

On June 14, a vehicle fire was reported at the Willow Creek Dam site near Heppner. The Heppner Fire Department responded.

On June 15, a house fire was reported just off Church St. in Heppner. The Heppner Fire Department responded. One fireman was treated at Pioneer Memorial Hospital for smoke inhalation.

Also on June 15, William H. Stoddard, 32 of Union City, California was arrested for allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Stoddard was lodged at the Umatilla City Jail.

On June 16, Henry D. Judd, 32 of Lexington was arrested for alleged Fourth Degree Assault. He was lodged at the Umatilla City Jail.

On June 17, Robert Louis Kitchens, 21 of Boardman was issued a citation to appear in court by a Boardman police officer for alleged menacing.

In another June 17 incident, Carolyn Ann Agulla, 30 of Boardman was issued a citation to appear in court by a Boardman police officer for alleged harassment.

On June 19, Larry D. Leichter, 39 of Boardman was arrested for alleged Third Degree Assault, Resisting Arrest and Violation of a Restraining Order by a Morrow County sheriff's deputy. A Boardman police officer and an Oregon State Police trooper assisted with the arrest.

Also on June 19, William H. McClure, 29 of Boardman was issued a citation by a Boardman police officer for allegedly Driving While Suspended.

On June 20, a Heppner ambulance was requested at the W.C. Walters residence in Ione for Mr. Walters. He was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

In another June 20 incident, Jerry A. Stefani of Ione was arrested for alleged Criminal Trespassing I and Criminal Mischief I by a Morrow County sheriff's deputy. He was released on his own recognition.

**Local Adventists attend camp in Washington**

Gunnar Sjoren, pastor of the Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church and many of the members of the church are returning this week from the church's annual camp meeting held at Walla Walla College at College Place, Wash. said a church spokesperson.

During the 10-day event as many as 2,000 attendants gathered during the week and 7,000 during the weekend for meetings, Bible study, fellowship, college-style classes and special events for all age groups, the spokesperson said.

Although the large canvas tents that were the staple of camp meetings during the past are not in evidence, the spirit of the series of meetings was no different this year than years in the past, reported the spokesperson.

Many Adventists, including those from Heppner, plan their vacations around the annual spiritual retreat, the spokesperson concluded.

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**DA's Report**

Jose Mario Mendoza Verdugo, convicted of murder by a Morrow County jury July 15, 1981, appealed May 14 to the Oregon Court of Appeals on the basis of lack of Chicano representation on the jury panel, according to Morrow County District Attorney Ann Spicer. The decision of Judge William Wells in Morrow County Circuit Court was upheld, Spicer said.

Verduzco was found guilty of the April 25 slaying of Antonio Delgadillo Guzman near the H-Bar-W tavern in Boardman.

In other news, Ron Palmateer, 31 of Ione appeared for a change of plea in Morrow County Justice Court (Heppner) on June 17, Spicer reported. He pleaded guilty to charges of First Degree Criminal Trespass, Fourth Degree Assault and Resisting Arrest. Palmateer was sentenced to a 30 day suspended jail sentence

a \$525 suspended fine, was placed on probation for one year with required mental health counseling and must reimburse a Morrow County sheriff's deputy for watch repair, the district attorney said.

Arnold Otis Wilson, 61 of Heppner was tried in Morrow County District Court last week for allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. A hung jury required a new trial. No new trial date has yet been set, Spicer concluded.

**Baptist group to offer classes, free services**

Friendship Baptist Church in Heppner is sponsoring a week-long visit of the Mini-Mop Team to Heppner. Ten young people and two adult advisors from the West Linn First Baptist Church who make up the team will be in Heppner June 28 through July 2.

The youths will be leading Backyard Bible Clubs Monday through Friday mornings. There will be sessions for pre-school through second grade students and third through sixth grade students.

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