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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your vote is needed

To the editor:
I am writing this letter to urge you and your readers to support the budget of Blue Mountain Community College on March 29.

This year's budget has been prepared and presented to you by college staff, budget committee and board members after hours of hard work and discussion. In my opinion, after having worked on school and college budgets for many years, this budget is well prepared and stripped of waste.

The college continually makes an effort to meet the changing educational needs of Umatilla and Morrow County residents and at the same time follows a sound fiscal policy. With this in mind, some changes are being made for next year. One full-time and two half-time teaching positions have been eliminated. At the same time, positions have been added in computer science and electronics to meet the tremendous increase in students seeking training in these areas.

To save money, travel funds have been held at the same level for three straight years. Funds for supplies and equipment have been held at last year's level.

Because of these changes I believe the college will be better able to serve the district in an affordable manner.

Your "Yes" vote is needed to make the college service available to students at BMCC.

Sincerely,
Bob Rietmann
Board Member
Ione, Oregon

'Yes' for school budget

To the editor:
Please remember to vote March 29.

One of the items on the ballot is the Morrow Co. School District budget.

Unless you attend meetings and review budgets you may not be aware of the amount of dedicated work done by local people who are also taxpayers. These are the administrators and budget committee members who work with the school board and advisory boards to provide the best education possible with our tax dollars. I believe they have done a good job.

I urge a "yes" vote for the Morrow Co. School District R-1 budget on March 29.

Aloha DeSpain
Heppner

Let's support the budget

To the editor:
In the Heppner-Ione-Lexington area 266 people were enrolled in continuing education (adult) classes offered by Blue Mountain Community College. About 700 students enroll every year in classes in this area, all in addition to the high school graduates and adults attending classes full time in Pendleton. Our family members alone have taken eight classes that have been educational and worth while during the past three years.

With BMCC such a vital part of South Morrow County, let's support the budget with a "Yes" vote March 29.

Jim and Barbara Hayes

Encourage support

To the editor:
I would like to urge Morrow County voters to support the Blue Mountain Community College levy on March 29. As counselor at Heppner High School I am aware of many BMCC programs that benefit not only those who attend college in Pendleton, but also current high school students, former high school students and community members.

Through a combination of grant money and budgeted funds, Blue Mountain has provided a career aptitude testing program for sophomores in all Morrow and Umatilla county schools. Included in this program is a college visitation which allows students to better understand community college, visit classes and instructors. Through this program students can make wiser curricular and career choices while still in high school.

Blue Mountain Community College also provides adult basic education in Heppner. This allows students to make up deficiencies in order to graduate from high school, prepare for the GED or pursue a diploma from BMCC. We are fortunate that these alternatives are available here in Heppner, through Blue Mountain, for a variety of our students and community members.

Many former Heppner High School students have attended BMCC in both vocational and transfer programs. These students are receiving a good and affordable education. In the advent of new entrance requirements for four year colleges and universities, the presence of BMCC will become more important to our area youth.

I can enthusiastically recommend Blue Mountain Community College administrators, staff and programs. I encourage you to support these fine people and programs with a "Yes" vote on March 29.

Sincerely,
Michele M. Portman
Counselor
Heppner High School

Bogus endorsement

To the editor:
It has come to our attention that telephone solicitors for health and accident insurance have claimed endorsement of Pioneer Memorial Hospital for their insurance plan.

This claim is completely untrue! We have not, nor would we ever endorse an insurance program, especially one being merchandised by phone.

If any of your readers could advise us who called and/or what company they represent, we could take steps to stop the practice.

Thank you,
A.K. Felt
Administrator

Vote 'Yes' for BMCC budget levy

To the editor:
I am a student at BMCC majoring in math and science. I am also a student representative supporting the 1983-84 BMCC budget levy. This letter is being written to encourage support among the local population.

This community college offers a wide range of academic and athletic programs for a relatively small amount of money. The cost of attending a university may cost as much as a third more money compared to the cost of attending BMCC. This makes BMCC a sensible and economical beginning step towards a college degree. BMCC is not just for the beginning college student.

Thank you,
Rick Terjeson
Rt. 1 Box 46
Helix, Oregon 97835

BMCC offers many vocational and job related classes for older students.

The benefits of this two-year college at the price of a community college is quite a bargain. A bargain that shouldn't be passed up by any student pursuing a college degree or person wishing to continue their education. It would be a shame to see BMCC become any less than it is presently because of lack of funds. I urge you to show up at the polls on March 29 and vote "Yes" for the BMCC budget levy.

Please Consider

To the editor:
Please consider me a write-in candidate for Position No. 5 on the Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee. I believe we have fine schools in Heppner; I would be willing to spend the time needed to do a good job on the committee.

Remember to write my name in for Position No. 5.

Sincerely,
Peggy Fishburn
Heppner

Support our college

To the editor:
I am a student at Blue Mountain Community College and I would like to urge everyone that is able to vote to go to the polls on March 29 and support our community college by voting "yes" on the budget levy.

Our college is operated by these taxes and if the budget should fail, several programs would have to be cut from the current curriculum. To students enrolled in these programs, it would mean going to another, more expensive school, or dropping out completely.

I will be graduating this spring with a degree in Liberal Arts and transferring on next fall. Personally, I am very glad that BMCC is in our area. Coming from a small town like Heppner, going to a much larger school immediately after graduating would have been very difficult for me. Again, I urge you to vote "yes" on March 29.

Nancy Miller
416 1/2 N.W. Eighth
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Cut could be detrimental

To the editor:
I am a second-year student at Blue Mountain Community College and am enrolled in the dental assisting program. I feel that BMCC has many excellent programs such as this, and a cut to these could be detrimental to the community.

Voting "yes" in the March 29 election is necessary to keep the quality of education at the highest level. Also a yes vote will keep activities, such as the Christmas Eve dinner, at the college. As a member of the rodeo team and student council, I have found that with community support these may be the best.

I plan to transfer to a dental hygiene school and feel that my education at Blue Mountain has been a great asset. Your yes vote on the budget on March 29 will be greatly appreciated.

Patty Pepper
1900 N.W. Carden No. 23
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Appreciates Heppner

To the editor:
The congregation of All Saints Episcopal Church and others of this community should know that the Laotian refugee family, the Thongdys, whom they have sponsored and helped to resettle here, after the most difficult times in Southeast Asia, really appreciate being in Heppner.

Last Friday I traveled with the father, the mother, their sons and younger daughter to Portland where they visited Laotian friends in the very large grouping of Asian families in the area north of Halsey St. and between about 65th and 70th streets. There I walked about with them among hundreds of refugees from Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and other areas, peoples of all ages, many of whom were still wearing their native clothing, most of whom were chattering in their own assortment of languages and dialects. I found the experience interesting and most educational.

After they enjoyed a Friday night party with friends, and I had a visit with my brother and his family, I went again to the Asian community to help the Thongdys homeward on Saturday afternoon. The mother and daughter rode in my car and the father and two sons rode in their family car. As we drove east along the Columbia River, the mother told me how glad she is that they were invited to come to Heppner, that her husband works for M.C.G.G. and that their children can grow up here.

She was disturbed by the Portland situation with which many refugee families and their American neighbors are also disturbed. She found that the Asian women are not even attempting to become Americanized or to learn English. She found that many of the children are soon discouraged and drop out of school and then sort of loaf around and smoke and drink lots of coffee and beer. She said some refugees are working all the angles to get welfare money—and this really disgusts her. Of course, we know that there are some of these people who are adjusting very well and are working very hard at rather menial jobs and that some of their children are excellent students.

It was good to hear that our refugees truly appreciate what this community has given them. After my look around Portland, I feel that Heppner was lucky that this particular Laotian family was chosen to come here to resettle.

Sincerely,
Justine Weatherford,
Heppner

Could benefit you

To the editor:
I am a student and athlete at Blue Mountain Community College. I am here because it costs me one-third of what it would cost me to go to a four-year institution. Also, if I would have attended a four-year school the chances of me making the varsity team would be slim; by attending BMCC before going to a larger school, I have gained enough experience that when I do decide to attend a four-year school my chances of making the varsity squad are greater.

The instruction I have received here is as good, if not

better, than what I received at the previous school I attended. The reason I believe this is true is because there is a greater one-to-one relationship with the staff. At BMCC you are considered a student, not just a number.

As local taxpayers and voters, I urge you to vote "yes" in favor of the 1983-84 school year budget. By voting yes, this could benefit you or a member of your family by providing you with a higher level of education in this area.

Lori Brown
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Stanfield, Oregon 97875

Keep doors open

To the editor:
What is education? To me education is a basic essential for the growth and development of an optimistic population. The variety and quality of this education will set the mold for years to come and ensure the stability of our future.

Why BMCC? BMCC is located in a central area and maintains an open door policy, which makes education readily available. Tuition and fees are only about one-third that of a four-year college. Instructional quality is very good and the transfer and vocational programs offered are superb.

Umatilla County, Morrow County and surrounding

areas contain a wealth and variety of individuals from many walks of life and age groups. At BMCC, students up to age 76 are actively seeking and reaching educational goals.

Why now? Now is the time to strengthen the intellectual and technical capabilities of our community, to ensure our future and stability.

Education is often said to be the key to the future. BMCC is our key. Please help keep the doors open by supporting the BMCC budget on March 29.

Neva Hascall
BMCC Student
Representative
Rt. 2 Box 75 N
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Cherry Blossom Soup, a Japanese delicacy, is made by placing pickled cherry blossoms in hot water.

For Creamer and Tatone

To the editor:
We have an opportunity in the March 29 election to place two new members on the Port of Morrow Commission, a vital economic resource of our County.

It is a time for new ideas and new perspectives for our Port. In Dan Creamer we have a man with a wealth of river experience to help guide our waterfront development.

In Jody Tatone we have a young man with the educational and business background to help guide general business development of our

Port. These two candidates round out the Port Commission, giving it a much broader background for total County representation, input and feed-back for all the citizens of Morrow County.

I urge all of us interested in a progressive, growing resource for Morrow County to VOTE March 29, for DAN CREAMER and JODY TATONE for the Port of Morrow Commission.

Yours very truly,
John A. Prag



Births

Travis Dee Lowe - A son, Travis Dee Lowe, was born March 15, to Kathleen and Doug Lowe of Heppner at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. He weighed 9 lbs., 9 oz.

Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Boyle, and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lowe, all of Bend.

Obituaries

Florence McMillan

HERMISTON — Florence McMillan, a former Lexington resident, died March 16, 1983, at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston at the age of 83.

She was born April 16, 1899 at Cove to Thomas S. and Frances Delpha Horton Spence.

She attended school in Baker, spending her early years in that area.

In June 1925 she married W.E. "Ted" McMillan. They made their home at the ranch of E.D. McMillan, who had homesteaded it until Ted's death in 1961. She then moved to Lexington where she stayed until moving to the Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

Funeral services were held at Lexington Christian Church March 21 with the Rev. Stuart Dick officiating.

Vocalists were Carroll and Gerry Messenger of Portland. Organist was Betty Marquardt, Lexington.

Casket bearers were Bill Padberg, Joe Yocom, Ken Palmer, Gene Majeske, Delbert Piper and Lyle Peck.

Graveside services were conducted by the ladies of Holly Rebekah Lodge of Lexington.

A brother, John, preceded Mrs. McMillan in death last year.

Survivors include daughters Delpha K. Jones of Lexington, Georgia A. Irvin of Irrigon and Patricia J. Cool of Pendleton; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Hospital Notes

The following patients have been admitted and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner during the past week:

Danny Sharp, Heppner - admitted and released March 15;

Jennifer Johnston, Heppner - admitted March 15, released March 18;

Dani Hill, Lexington - admitted March 15, released March 17; and

Wayne Florea, Heppner - admitted March 16, released March 18.

The following patients were still receiving care at the hospital as of Monday, March 21:

Freida Majeske, Heppner - admitted March 15;

Marjorie Wright, Lexington - admitted March 15; and

Kathy Jensen, Heppner - admitted March 20.

Physician from p. 1

Dr. Koznek worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital March 10 and 11 while Drs. Gifford and Wolff both had to be away from the area.

Felt said the doctor and his wife were in Heppner over the weekend to arrange housing.

The hospital is also expecting a decision from Dr. Roy Kent of Sonora, Calif. in April, on whether he wants to establish a practice in Heppner.

Lexington couple has visitors

Mrs. Lena Bristow and son Raymond of Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Maxwell and Darrell and Virgil Spence of Haines and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Groshens of Bend were callers at the C.C. Jones home recently to attend the funeral services for Florence McMillan.

Charlene Whitney of Portland was a Lexington caller on Thursday and again on Saturday and Sunday. She was called here by the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Florence McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hudson, granddaughter Misty were also Sunday callers at Cecil and Delpha Jones' home.

Marisha K. Hyde

CAMAS, Wash. - Marisha K. Hyde, eight, of Camas, Wash., died Monday, Mar. 21, in Vancouver, Wash.

She was born April 9, 1974 in Portland to Jon and Rogenia Hyde of Camas.

Miss Hyde was a student at Camas and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Camas ward.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Mar. 24, 11 a.m., at Brown's Stoller Memorial Chapel, Camas, with Bishop F. Jimmie Dyches officiating. Interment will be at Camas Cemetery.

Survivors include her parents, Jon and Rogenia Hyde of Camas; sister Michelle and brother Michael, Camas; grandparents John L. Hyde of Yuba City, Calif., Mary Domingo of Rancho Cordova, Calif. and Hubert and Faye Wilson of Heppner; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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