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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Deserve better county services

To the editor:  
 I am truly amazed at the court system in this county (Morrow). As a native of Morrow County I have been more than impressed by men and women who have administered the law. C.J.D. Bauman, in my opinion, was one decent man that for years served this county with distinction. I can't exactly remember the total number of deputies that Clarence had, maybe one or none. How many do we have now, are the citizens receiving any better service now?

Phil Mahoney used to be the district attorney of this county. I might not have agreed with Phil but he had at least the sand in his craw to talk to anyone there was, as it should be an open and available means to county files that pertain to individuals that have questions.

The present district attorney, in my opinion, hides behind his office and creates personal vendettas against citizens. The time was when people in this county, would if there was any dispute with a neighbor, face that person and lay it all out. The person in the position now runs like a little child to an office and refuses to be open.

This date, February 21, 1984, I observed a so called trial in the courthouse. The lady judge yawned and acted as if she was bored stiff. On making a point of law in a ruling, the judge stuttered, never

quoted an Oregon law or anything else.

I hear a great deal about injustices around the world, and courts and officers of the court are supposedly open, yet when pertinent information from the district attorney's office was asked (for), the information was refused.

On the 26th of November, 1982, a false court order was filed against me, it had Judge Ralph Currin's name on it without Judge Currin's knowledge or permission, yet when I asked the district attorney's office about it, I was denied a copy of the false court order. I also asked the presiding judge for a copy and she stated she was unable to do so (provide a copy). What is the D.A.'s office attempting to hide? Is it above board or is it operating a cloak of secrecy? The document (false) is somehow not available, although both Judge Currin and the ex-district attorney had knowledge of the false document, along with several other people. I wonder what became of it?

This county, in my opinion, is filled with hard working men and women who are not afraid to stand tall with their faces to the sun. You deserve better services in the above mentioned areas of Morrow County.

Sincerely,  
 Art Bergstrom  
 Box 564  
 Arlington, OR 97812

### Vote to keep good schools

To the editor:  
 There is a season and a purpose for all things.

The season of casting a ballot is with us again. Nationally, the state primary elections for presidential candidates have begun. Locally, we will be casting our ballots, March 27, on the Morrow Co. School Dist. R1 budget.

The purpose of each of these is to reaffirm a "right" that is denied to a great part of the world's population. Yet, some of us take it so lightly. Perhaps, for a different perspective, we could change the spelling to "rite," which means the performance of one's duty in a solemn ceremony.

Of the 1,316 registered voters in the Heppner-Hardman-Ruggs area, 546 voted on the first County School Dist. budget in 1983 which was defeated. A total of 552 voted the second time when the budget passed. This means that less than half of the registered voters are rejecting or passing the budget. A lot of us are letting others have an impact on our "rights" — when we

neglect our "rites."

The proposed budget for 1984-85 is not inflated for the purpose of surviving a first round "no" vote, even though the Heppner area has defeated the school budget on the first vote every year since 1976. A very competent budget committee of tax paying citizens has worked with school people and the school board to propose the best budget possible for our tax dollars.

The tax rate of \$7.17 per \$1,000 assessed value for 1983-84 testifies to the diligence of these people. Compare our tax rate of \$7.17 to those of Pilot Rock, \$16.30; Echo, \$28.12; Umatilla, \$17.49; Hermiston, \$14.16; Stanfield, \$17.88; Athena-Weston \$13.24; Helix, \$17.73.

I urge those who recognize a bargain when they see it to unite with the other communities in Morrow County School Dist. R1 to pass the budget and avoid the added expense of a second election. Protect your investment — vote to keep good schools.

Aloha DeSpain  
 Heppner

### Local students to take achievement tests

During the second week in March, Morrow County School District ninth and eleventh

graders will take standardized achievement tests which have been given annually since 1974, the district has announced. Later in the spring, students in grades one through eight will also be given achievement tests.

According to John Edmondson, assistant superintendent, classroom teachers can use achievement test results to analyze individual students' strengths and weaknesses in subject matter areas. Tests cover reading, mathematics, language arts, social studies and science.

The school district board and administration uses the district results to identify areas that need more emphasis within the district or within given schools.

In general, Morrow County's students score at or slightly above national averages in the various grade levels and subject areas, according to Edmondson.

## Health Dept.

Friday, Mar. 9 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Morrow Co. Health Department office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 13 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, north Morrow annex, Irrigon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 16 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, north Morrow annex, Irrigon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 16 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Morrow County Health Department office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 20 - free blood pressure clinic, Heppner Neighborhood Center, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 21 - free blood pressure clinic, Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon, 3 to 4 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 23 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Morrow Co. Health Department office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 27 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, north Morrow annex, Irrigon, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 30 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Morrow Co. Health Department office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

## District Court Report

Morrow County District Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following traffic cases during the month of February:

Charles Robert Patching, Weston - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (67 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$20 fine.

Lonny Edward Maynard, Kennewick, Wash. - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (67 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$20 fine.

Jeffrey Bennett Harris, Beaverton - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (65 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$26 bail forfeited.

Harold Allen Broeckel, Dufur - Allowed Operation of Illegally Equipped vehicle, \$19 fine.

## D.A.'s Report

Four men who had been arraigned on charges of burglary in Morrow County District Court have waived a grand jury investigation and were arraigned in Morrow County Circuit Court last Friday, reports Morrow County District Attorney Richard McNeerney.

Randy Dean McNabb, 22, and Edward Roy McNabb, 26, both of Stanfield were arraigned on two counts of alleged First Degree Burglary for incidents occurring at the Heppner Elks Lodge and at Heppner Bowl between February 12 and 13.

Henry Mitchell Carr, 27, and Albert Bruce Carr, 21, both of Hermiston, were arraigned on charges of three counts of alleged First Degree Burglary for incidences occurring between February 12 and 13 at the Heppner Elks Lodge, Heppner Bowl and Vern's 76 station in Heppner.

The cases are now ready to be set for trial, the D.A.'s office said.

## Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week:

Thomas Edward Kinsey, Irrigon - Expired Operator's License, \$9 fine; Parking in Highway, \$15 fine.

Leona May Winters, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (50 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$36 fine.

Bruce Blair Duff, Irrigon - Possession of Open Container of Alcoholic Liquor, \$30 fine.

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## Sheriff's Report

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

On February 26 - Dean Evan Kennedy, 23, of Boardman, was arrested by Boardman police on a warrant for alleged Failure to Appear on a Theft of Services charge. He was lodged at the Umatilla City Jail.

On February 28 - Morrow County sheriff's officers responded to a tractor trailer accident at milepost 17 on Highway 207 near Anson Wright Park. Driver of the vehicle, Douglas N. Horton, 48, of Portland, was uninjured.

Also on February 28, Sebero V. Andrade, 37, of Irrigon, was arrested by a sheriff's officer for alleged Fourth Degree Assault and menacing. He was lodged at the Umatilla Police Department.

In a third February 28 incident, a Boardman ambulance responded to the Hitchin' Post lounge in Boardman and transported one male to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

On March 1, a Boardman ambulance responded to a Boardman insurance office and transported a female to the North Morrow Medical Clinic in Boardman.

On March 3, a Boardman ambulance responded to a call from an employee at Simplot. A battery had reportedly blown up in one of the worker's faces. He was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

In a second March 3 incident, a Heppner ambulance responded to a call in the Blake's Ranch area. A female was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

In a third March 3 incident, Wade Bothwell of Heppner reported the theft of a camera to the Heppner Police Department. The camera was taken from the front seat of his vehicle while it was parked behind the Heppner Elks Lodge. The theft occurred during the morning hours of March 3. The camera is valued at about \$148.

On March 4, Heppner City

Police arrested William R. Maddern, 32, of Heppner, for Allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

On March 5, Heppner City Police and a Heppner ambulance responded to a Heppner residence for a female with a possible shoulder injury. She was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Also on March 5, a sheriff's officer arrested Sebero V. Andrade, 37, of Irrigon on a charge of alleged Menacing. He was lodged at the Umatilla Police Department and was to appear in district court on March 6.

## Obituaries

### Frances L. Williams

LEXINGTON - Frances L. Williams of Hermiston, formerly of Lexington, died February 28, 1984, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

She was born November 19, 1916, in Northport, Wn, and attended schools in Kellogg, Idaho. In 1936 she graduated from the Lewiston State Normal School in Lewiston, Idaho and later received her bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas.

She taught school in Kellogg and in Heppner until her retirement in 1978.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Cremation was on February 29. At her request, no services were held.

She was preceded in death by a son, Warren.

Survivors include Clifford A. Williams, her husband of 46 years, in Hermiston; a son, Lt. Norman W. Williams, in the U.S. Coast Guard; and a sister, Rose Ann Hopkins, Vallejo, Calif.

Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the American Cancer Society, Box 404, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

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