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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Encourages support

To the editor:

I wish to encourage support for the Morrow County School District operating budget for the coming school year. Support makes good sense both economically and educationally. For one of the lowest tax rates in the state, Morrow County School District offers both a sound basic educational program as well as opportunities for students with special interests and needs.

The program which provides opportunities for academically talented students to develop thinking skills, research topics of special interest, and participate in competition in skill areas is a good example of the kind of pro-

gram that the school district developed once the need was identified. While this program is still in the beginning stages of development, Morrow County is far ahead of other districts (many with more resources in personnel and funding) that have not begun to plan educational opportunities for the advanced student.

This is just one example of the many ways that the school district attempts to provide appropriate educational opportunities for its students at the lowest possible cost. Please support these efforts.

Sincerely,
 (s) Linda A. Shaw
 Reading Specialist
 Heppner Elementary School

Vote for 'Hands on' experience

To the editor:

My name is Eugene Hawes and I am a student at Blue Mountain Community College. My home town is Hereford, Oregon and I am 19 years old. This is my second year at Blue Mountain majoring in Agriculture Production.

I chose BMCC because it is the only community college in Oregon that offers all three technological areas of agriculture (production, business and mechanics).

Other reasons for attending BMCC are that it is close to home, the campus is smaller and gives students a chance to build a closer working relationship with the instructors.

Also, in the production area, such as agriculture the emphasis is on "hands on" experience.

The 1984-1985 BMCC budget is being considered at the present time and needs everyone's support in passing. I encourage all residents of Morrow and Umatilla counties to vote in favor of it not just for the reasons mentioned above, but also for the opportunities that BMCC offers the people of Morrow and Umatilla counties. Again, I encourage your "yes" vote for BMCC's 1984-85 budget.

Thank you,
 (s) Eugene Hawes
 HCR Box 758
 Pendleton, Oregon

Correction

A photo and story appearing in the March 8 issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times about a group of Irish American men was incorrect. The correct name of the organization was The Ancient Order of Hibernians, not the Heppner Hibernia Society.

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Editorial

Urging a 'yes' vote on county school budget

You won't find any "surprises" in the 1984-85 Morrow County School budget; you will be asked to approve it in next Tuesday's election. What you will find is a sound budget, devoted to giving our children a good education.

The budget committee and administrators have worked hard to come up with a budget that will provide for the quality education we all want for our students in Morrow County.

During its deliberations, the committee has eliminated and cut funds, consequently presenting you, the voter, with a sound financial package we all can live with. Any further cuts would impair the educational quality of the school system in our county.

We urge you to vote next Tuesday — and vote "yes" for the school budget.

Think positive for BMCC

To the editor:

I am JoAnn Taylor. I am taking pre-physical therapy at Blue Mountain Community College. I really have enjoyed BMCC this year. It has given me a chance to meet new, interesting friends. It has also given me a chance to stay home with my family and be able to work on my father's farm.

I have another good reason I am glad Blue Mountain is

here. My mother has had arthritis for many years, so I need to stay home and take care of her. So you see, if BMCC weren't here, I would not be able to go to college.

I hope you will take this information and use it in a positive way and vote "yes" on the Blue Mountain budget March 27th.

(s) JoAnn Taylor
 RRF Box 19B
 Pilot Rock, Oregon

Vote in favor of the school budget

To the editor:

I am writing to express my support and encourage all other voters to support the upcoming Morrow Co. Schools' operating levy election. I think the budget committee has done a very good job of preparing this budget proposal and it deserves the support of voters.

There are several new and exciting things going on in the schools, brought about in part by the Talented and Gifted Program, started a couple of years ago. Just to list a few, the District-wide Math Contest, the Quiz Bowl in the north end of the county, additional

computers and computer classes, the junior high Spanish class at Heppner, a class in calculus at Heppner High and science and book fairs at both ends of the county. All these programs add very little to the annual budget, but provide a needed outlet for the talents of students that are not challenged enough with the regular school curriculum.

Again, I would like to ask that all voters get out and vote, and vote in favor of the budget for the Morrow County Schools.

Sincerely yours,
 (s) Ed Struthers
 Advisory Board Member

Student rep. urges 'yes' vote

To the editor:

I, Rhonda Thompson, am currently a student at BMCC, majoring in science. I also am a representative for the students there. Being part of the student council has made me more aware of the issues involving our school.

BMCC has made it possible for me to be able to live at home, in Echo, and attend a small college which was not such a big adjustment for me as if I had gone to a four-year college.

Since I can be in classes of small numbers, I can get to know my professors as well as my classmates. They are there when needed and make time for their students when they need help.

I hope, in closing, that all of you will support our school voting "yes" for the 1984-85 budget.

Sincerely,
 (s) Rhonda Thompson
 Rt. 2, Box 3
 Echo, Oregon

Show appreciation

To the editor:

The people of Morrow County, on March 27, 1984, have the opportunity to show their appreciation for the excellent educational opportunities given their children. The Morrow County School Budget is again before the voters, and while the increase is about five percent over last year, we still are receiving a bargain when compared with neighboring districts.

Fifty-five citizens of Morrow County other than school

personnel have worked diligently to see that Morrow County citizens receive full value for the money spent on education. Our children and our families benefit from the excellent educations available in the Morrow County system, and we can show our appreciation for the excellent job done by our school personnel by supporting the school budget on March 27.

Sincerely yours,
 (s) Robert B. Abrams

Lexington man elected pres. of organization

Chuck Nelson, a Lexington farmer, has been elected as the president of the Grain Transportation Consultants of the Northwest, known as GRATRON, according to the March 16 "Oregon Wheat," an Oregon Wheat Growers

League publication. Nelson is also chairman of the O.W.G.L. Transportation Committee.

GRATRON is funded by the Oregon and Washington Wheat Commissions as well as several grain companies, the publication stated.

Support our children and youth

To the editor:

Our children and youth are our most important product! Not only our own, but everybody else's, too. One of the major factors in a child's life during his or her growing-up years is the school system. Although it is very difficult to always be all things to all people all the time, the school board, administrators, teachers, classified personnel and numerous volunteers try to do their very best for our children.

The school budget committee has tried to give as much value per dollar of taxes as possible. The Heppner Advi-

sory Committee spent six hours oging over every item in the budgets for the Heppner schools and cut some items. Then the county-wide budget committee spent another six hours working on the budgets of all the areas and cut some more items. I don't know of any item still in the budget that could be "cut" without eliminating something we need for our children's education. Please support our children and youth by supporting the school budget.

Sincerely,
 (s) Barbara Hayes
 Advisory Council and
 Budget Committee Member

Ione City Council slates city cleanup

April has been declared "City Cleanup Month" by the Ione City Council, and all residents are encouraged to participate, announced Deena Starr, city recorder for the Ione City Council.

Starr says Ione residents may dump trash, free of

charge at any time during the month of April at the Sanitary Disposal Landfill located on the Hermiston-McNary Dam Highway. However, a permit, which may be obtained by calling the landfill office collect, 567-8842, is required, she added.

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