

Get County back 'on track'

To the Editor:

Did you know what the defeat of the budget and serial levy and subsequent closure of our public schools in Morrow County may mean?

Your child may return to school upon re-opening to find his teacher may have located employment elsewhere. Under terms of lay-off, each teacher is no longer held to his contract. Forced mid-year hiring by the administration of replacement teachers may result in the placement of your child in the classroom of a teacher that "had difficulty finding a job" for the normal school year.

Subsequent defeat spells of a dismal economic forecast for Morrow County in attracting quality new teachers and holding exceptional current teachers on staff. Did you know that one teacher has already declined employment with the Morrow County School District for 86-87 school year because of this issue? Please do not let Morrow County continue to have this kind of reputation. Teachers now on contract may think seriously of relocating to more stable school districts in view of the past history and "could be" future history of Morrow Co.

Current year seniors may lose credits postponing graduation. Seniors may have difficulty in obtaining entrance to the college of their choice because of incompleteness in classes needed to qualify for entrance.

Delay in the school schedule may mean that our high school youth may have difficulty obtaining summer time employment because the school year would extend into the normal summer months to make up for the time lost during school closure.

260 employees on unemployment means cutting back on monthly spending in households resulting in less money going back into the Morrow County economy. Possible delinquency on monthly obligations may result.

Paying unemployment benefits this year means the premium for that insurance next year will undoubtedly rise substantially because of the forced usage of it now.

Individual households will be responsible for providing an education for their children at other facilities and pay tuition in the approximate amounts as following: Hermiston----elem. \$17.85 secondary \$19.58 per child/day. Stanfield---\$320.00 (+) per child/month. Umatilla---\$445.00 per child/month. If they were taking students. New Life Christian School will only take students on an individual applicant basis after screening.

Umatilla won't even take tuition paying students because of over-crowding.

Can you afford to pay tuition at a substitute school?

Do you have 8-10 spare hours a day to place your child in home study?

In addition, households will have to provide transportation to and from those substitute facilities. Hostility at these facilities may occur from the faculty and students due to the increased load/stress that Morrow County has forced on them.

The economic impact of attracting future business in Morrow County is stymied. A great percentage of families moving to a prospective new town will undoubtedly "check out the schools" for their children's future.

The defeats thus far have already had a negative impact on Morrow County.

If you are displeased with the budget, approach your School Board member, Advisory Committee, member and Budget Committee member. Think hard and long how this possible closure will affect you personally and all of Morrow County. Vote yes - pass this budget and get on with the educational system in Morrow County. Apathy is a poor excuse - attend those school meetings in the future to voice your displeasure at specific items instead of negatively gossiping about it to your neighbor. That is counter productive. The Morrow County School District welcomes your attendance at any of the above meetings. Let's move positively toward getting Mor-

row County back "on track".

Sincerely
(s) Wanda Tracy
Boardman, OR 97818

Tells benefits of lone schools

TO THE EDITOR:

We moved to Lone 4 1/2 years ago from Sandy. On a doctor's advice, we had been teaching our daughter at home. We entered her in school at Lone because it was a small school and there would be less stress for her.

Our daughter will graduate this year. She is in the National Honor Society, reporter and business manager for the Lone High School paper, member of the Letter Club and Outdoor Club, secretary of Entrepreneurship and active in all sports. She is now planning on going to college in either the teaching or nursing field.

We thank the faculty and teachers at Lone for this turnaround in her schooling. Lone may be small, but the teaching and caring are not.

Please vote yes for kids in Morrow County. Our kids are our future. Take pride in our schools and communities. We certainly have pride in Lone for what they are doing for our kids.

Jim and Marie Rudisill
Lone, Oregon

P.S. Have you added up all the hours the teachers spend at home in class preparation and grading papers?

Vote 'yes' for county's future

To the Editor:

For the future citizens of Morrow County, vote "yes" for the school budget.

(s) Hazel Mahoney
(s) Happy Graham

Obituary

Marie Clary was born in Sedro Wooley, Washington, and taught school in Washington and Idaho before moving to Alpine, in 1928 where she taught all class levels from kindergarten through high school, in a one-room school. About 1932 she moved to Hardman and taught high school there until 1940, when the high school was closed and they moved to Heppner. She taught in lone for a while until an opening was available at Heppner High School where she taught, under special permit, until she retired at age 70.

After retiring she moved to Lake Oswego where her son Irl was practicing dentistry and remained in the area until her death on August 28, 1986 at the age of 98. She enjoyed all aspects of teaching. Students came to visit with her in Lake Oswego, even some from Hardman, after she had been retired 20 years or more.

She is survived by her son, Irl, who is now living in Hayward, California. Her daughter, Mildred, passed away in 1978. Mrs. Clary has seven grand-children and eight great-grandchildren.

Chamber Chatter by Claudia Hughes Chamber Manager

Our Sister City, Estacada, extends an invitation to visit. Built on either side of Highway 224, along the banks of the Clackamas River, it is on the most direct scenic route between Portland and Bend. Founded in 1905, Estacada was originally a weekend resort for families of railroad and power house construction workers. Visitors from Portland picnicked on the banks of the Clackamas River and early settlers farmed the hills around the area, raising ginseng berries and vegetables.

Incorporated in 1968, Estacada Chamber of Commerce is housed in a gazebo on the front lawn of City Hall alongside Highway 224. They invite Heppner people to drop in. If you're a runner, you will want to join them for "The Best Dam Run In Oregon," September 21. Entry forms are available at the Heppner Chamber office, Ray Boyce Insurance.

Of course, be sure to invite them to visit Heppner. There's much more to Morrow County than just a county line, Jonathan Nichols. (More about that next week.)



Sign honors championship team

A sign honoring the State 'A' championship Fillies basketball team has been erected at the east end of Heppner. Coach Mike Royer and team members (Theresa Lindsay and Kathy Martin are not pictured.) pose with the sign which was constructed by Jay Coil Fabricating. Ken Bailey Heavy Equipment Repair and

Jim Roy of Van Arsdale Construction helped set the sign in place. Howard Pettyjohn donated the site, Miller and Sons furnished the loader, and Bud Englert of Heppner Ready-Mix furnished concrete. The project was partially sponsored by the Heppner Booster Club and donations from sports fans.

Five file for lone council positions

By Avon Melby
Five candidates filed for three city council positions in Lone. No one filed for mayor.

Current Mayor Wayne Hams said the city is having an attorney look over the city charter, which gives the council authority to have final approval of the person taking office of mayor. If the charter is declared illegal in this respect, the office for mayor will have to be filled by write-in votes. Hams had filed for one of the three council positions.

Three incumbent councilmen also filed. They are Billie J. Rietmann, Jim Boor, and Harvey Childers. John Ekstrom, who has not served on the council, also filed. All openings are four-year terms.

4-H Clubs

Two Trackers will begin the new 4-H year with a meeting Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds 4-H Annex building.

Prospective members need to bring at least one parent, \$4.50 registration fee, record book, and any friend interested in the coming year's program outlined and record book materials.

For more information, call Al Brazell, 989-8132.

Election for the city will be in November.

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Hunter safety classes offered

Certified instructors will conduct hunter safety classes in the Heppner area before hunting season.

All 10-18-year-olds must complete eight hours of hunter safety instruction before they can get a hunting license.

Time and location of the classes will be announced in next week's Gazette-Times and at Heppner Elementary School.

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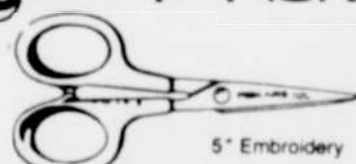
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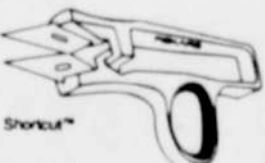
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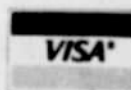
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