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Letters to the Editor

When is a scholarship a scholarship

To the Editor:

When is a scholarship a scholarship in Morrow County? To me a scholarship is a reward and an incentive to achieve a college education. In Morrow County it appears to me to mean something else.

On graduation from high school you get the accolades of receiving them and then it does not matter if you get passing grades or not. I know personally the grades received by some recipients of the full tuition Blue Mountain Scholarship and the Carl Troodson Memorial Scholarship did not get the required GPA. Because I was named an alternate to the Carl Troodson Scholarship I called Mr. McCaslin and asked if I would possibly be eligible. He told me quite abruptly that "we will be putting the students that didn't meet grade requirements on probation for one more term and we will call you; don't call us if you become

eligible."

If this is the way the scholarships are administered I do not think it is fair. I have maintained a 3.6 GPA and like so many other college students need all the financial help I can get. The GPA rules for the scholarships are clearly stated on the applications and if the applicants are not dedicated and mature enough to abide by them the rest of the scholarship should be awarded to the alternate.

It appears to me that Mr. McCaslin has no concern for graduates once out of the system he administers. Athletes of school age would have been banned from playing sports at midterm if they hadn't met the required GPA. I guess once out of high school anything goes.

Sincerely,
(s) Jim Putman
Pendleton, OR 97801

No health district now in Morrow County

To the Editor:

Some people, including part of the media, seem to be under the impression that there is a health district in Morrow County. This is not the case.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital has its own fund within the county budget. The hospital is operated by a non-elected board of directors, which is composed of people appointed by the county court. At various times the hospital budget has been presented as a separate vote ballot, but this has been either because the hospital board, or the county, thought it would be easier to receive approval

of the voters that way.

North Morrow Medical Clinic, North Morrow Ambulance, and county mental health, all are entities of the county, operating under their own budgets. But these are included in the total of the county budget.

If a district is formed for the total county, board of directors would no longer be appointed by the court, but would be elected. A tax base, separate from the county, would be set up by a vote of the people.

(s) Avon Melby
P.O. Box 295
Heppner, Oregon

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling or dispatching the following business during the past week:

January 20-a Sheriff's deputy investigated a report of an animal problem in the Irrigon area.

January 21-a deputy investigated a complaint of the theft of extension cords from Heppner Transfer Co. in Boardman.

January 21-a deputy responded to a report of a possible burglary in progress at a Wilson Road residence in Boardman. Tires were stolen off a vehicle at the Wilson Road address.

January 21-a deputy investigated a complaint of theft of two grills from the fronts of pickups parked at a training site on Tower Road. Pickups belonged to Associated General Contractors of Boardman. The loss is estimated at \$138.

January 22-the Sheriff's Office arrested Jo Jesus Gonzalez, 36, Irrigon, for alleged Kidnapping I, Coercion, Sexual Abuse I, Assault III, Menacing, and Reckless Endangering. The arrest followed a domestic incident that took place just outside Irrigon. He was lodged at the Umatilla City Jail. He was also arrested on a Hermiston Municipal Court warrant for Contempt-Indirect.

January 22-a deputy responded to a complaint of vehicles doing damage to personal property. The problem was resolved between the involved persons.

January 22-a deputy responded to a Boardman business to investigate a report of a Theft of Vehicle parts.

January 22-a deputy responded to investigate a report of damage to personal property.

January 23-a deputy responded to lone after receiving a complaint of vehicles driving carelessly around town.

January 24-the Sheriff's Office responded to a one-vehicle rollover accident on I-84 at milepost 158. The vehicle apparently hit some ice causing it to roll. The Sheriff's Office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the scene. The ambulance transported two adults and two children to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

January 24-the Sheriff's Office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to fire at the Estes residence on Church St. in Heppner.

January 24-a deputy responded to assist the Heppner Police Dept. locate and arrest Donald D. Bond, 37, Heppner for alleged Assault IV. He was released on his own recognizance.

Meeting Notices

School Budget Committee
The Morrow County School District Budget Committee will begin budget deliberations at a 7:30 p.m. February 9 meeting at the School District office in Lexington.

County Budget Committee
First meeting of Morrow County budget committee will be at the courthouse at 9 a.m. Jan. 30. Budget Officer LoRayne Bowman said the budget calendar will be set at that meeting.

School Budget Committee
Morrow County School District budget committee will have its first meeting at 7:30 p.m., February 9, at the Lexington office. Budget Officer Doyle McCaslin will present the budget and budget message.

The school district is aiming for a May 20 vote.

Park District Board
The Willow Creek Park District board of directors will meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Columbia Basin Electric offices in Heppner.

H.H.S. Class of 1977
Members of Heppner High School's class of 1977 are beginning preparations for a class reunion. Class members interested in planning this event are asked to call Patti Allstott at 676-9125 or Rhonda Wishart, 676-5137, prior to Tuesday, February 3.

Sheriff outlines year's activities

Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago has submitted the following summary of cases by type of crime which his office handled between January 1 and December 31, 1986:

Robbery-1, Burglary-40, Theft-67, Unauthorized use Motor Vehicle-6, Recovered Stolen Vehicle-8, Criminal Mischief-28, Negotiating Bad Checks/Worthless Document-3, Drugs/Investigations-6, Assault/Menacing/Reckless Endangering-29, Disorderly Conduct/Harassment-5, Rape-1, Sexual Abuse-6, Bigamy-2, Reckless Burning-1, Fugitive Arrests-32, Motor Vehicle Accidents-30, Driving Under the Influence Intoxicants-24, Driving While Suspended/Revoked-13, Hit and Run-7, Reckless Driving-1, Unattended Death-3, Miscellaneous-41.

(Includes Livestock at Large, Maintain Public Nuisance, Assist Other Agency, Transports to Eastern Oregon State Hospital, Furnish Alcohol to Minor, Runaway Juveniles, etc.)

Dispatcher-Handled-260:
(Includes Computer Entry of Stolen Property, Assist Other Agencies, Warrant Arrest by Other Agencies, Entering Restraining Orders, Runaway Juveniles, Missing Persons, etc.) Total Cases: 614.

In addition to our regular cases, this department handled-958

Miscellaneous Service Reports. These are broken down by categories listed below: Alarm-5, Animal Problem-77, Assistance Rendered-353, Check Building-34, Check Occupant-12, Civil Matter-27, Deliver Message-12, Disturbance-31, Hazard-19, Juvenile-28, Noise Abated-3, Person-15, Suspicious Circumstances-100, Towed Auto-2, Traffic Problem-72, Unfounded Call-23, and Other-145.

Other activities included: Polygraph Exams-16, Assist Outside Agencies-234, Citations Issued-342, Traffic Warnings Issued-690, Civil Process Served-1498, Civil Process Attempted-437, Total Custody Arrests-79, and Total Miles Driven-233,819.

An average of 4.1 civil papers were served each day. An average of 641 miles were driven each day. 16.8 miles per gallon was the average overall mileage. These figures based on 365 days from January 1, to December 31, 1986.

Prisoner transport: Total Prisoners Transported-120, Total Number of Transports-171, Total Man Hours Used-611.2, Total Miles Driven-21,566. Officers spent an average of 3.6 hours per transport. Average miles driven were 126 per transport. Each prisoner was transported an average of 1.4 times.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes
Chamber Manager

A month of the new year has come and gone already. We've passed the school levy, pulled together for one health district, pledged support to the St. Patrick's Day Celebration committee which is hard at work to make this the biggest and best Heppner event yet, sent representatives to a joint tourism meeting to promote Heppner, held a successful banquet where two of Heppner's volunteers were selected Man and Woman of the Year, and we're working on a variety of programs to please all chamber members.

February 3 will be the regular Chamber business meeting. On February 10, Richard Kuczek, Pendleton author of Labor Trends, will be featured speaker.

"Passion For Excellence" will be offered by BMCC Small Business Development on February 17. This is your chance to laugh, think, and learn as Tom Peters explores the passion that America's most dynamic business leaders share.

Changes in Case Activity

Crime	1985	1986	% Change
Robbery	1	1	0%
Burglary	31	40	+29%
Theft	55	67	+22%
Stolen/Recovered Vehicle	7	13	+100%
Vandalism	30	28	-7%
Drug Cases	5	6	+20%
Assault/Menacing, etc.	18	29	+61%
Rape/Sodomy/Sexual Abuse	7	7	0%
Fugitive Arrests	28	32	+14%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	27	30	+11%
Drive Under Infl. Intox.	24	24	0%
Miscellaneous	75	76	+1%
Dispatcher Handled	189	260	+38%
Total	505	614	+22%

Grand Marshals chosen for St. Pat's Day

Eb Hughes, Heppner, and Josephine Rands, Boardman, have been chosen Grand Marshals of this year's St. Patrick's Day Celebration March 14 and 15 in Heppner. Both are descendants of the Hughes family that came to this area in the 1870s.

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police Dept. reports handling the following business during the past week:

January 21: 1 p.m.-report of Hit and Run.

January 22: 10:15 a.m.-false alarm.

January 24: 1:15 p.m.-report of Burglary, 3:10 p.m.-assist Fire Dept.

January 25: 12:41-citation issued for Assault IV; 7:42 p.m.-recovered Property.

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

Roger Henry, Heppner-admitted January 21, discharged January 22; and Edith Dee Crist, Heppner-admitted January 21, discharged January 25.

Benjamin Powers, Ione, who was admitted to the hospital January 24, was still receiving care Monday.

Service News

Airman 1st Class Christopher Cole
Airman 1st Class Christopher P. Cole, son of Theresa A. Cole of St. Petersburg, Fla., has graduated from the U.S. Air Force munitions maintenance course at Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.

During the course, students were taught to inspect, assemble and dispose of explosive munitions. They also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

His wife, Paula, is the daughter of Paul and Betha Heinrichs, both of Heppner.

He received an associate degree in 1983 from Portland Community College.

School Lunch Menu

Heppner High School

Monday, Feb. 2-weiner wraps, corn, carrot and celery, Ground Hog cookies, and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 3-fried chicken, baked beans, vegetable, salad, nut bread, and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 4-turkey chow mein, fried rice, oranges, fortune cookie and milk; or salad bar and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 5-barbecued beef on a bun, peas, coleslaw, desert and milk; or salad bar and milk.

Friday, Feb. 6-soup and sandwiches.

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