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## Letters to the Editor

### Oregon receives A+ in education

To the Editor:  
I hope you will print Vern Duncan's recent message to educators in our state.

Many good things are happening in our schools. Often we hear only the negative aspects of our social institutions.

I strongly feel our local newspaper can do a great deal to create a positive climate for education and business in Morrow County. You can help by spreading the good word that Oregon received an A+ rating in academic performance from Education Secretary, William Bennett.

Sincerely,  
Betty Rietmann  
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(Editors Note: The following article, printed in the Feb. "Edu-Gram" an Oregon Dept. of Education publication.)

#### LET'S MARKET OUR SUCCESS

Oregon education received an A+ for its academic performance in a report card released in February by Education Secretary William Bennett. "Oregon has continued to improve on its already high test score performance," Bennett told the nation, "ranking second out of 22 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) states on SAT performance, and tying for fourth in SAT gains last year."

For once, the media talked about Oregon school successes-not about school closures. "Oregon's Class of '86 Ranks No. 2 in the U.S.," said a headline in The Oregonian. "Oregon is Best in the West" said the Statesman-Journal.

The report card, also called a wall chart, includes the latest available data for state comparisons and rankings, with 1982-the year before "A Nation at Risk" was published-as the benchmark year. It provides data on college entry exams, graduation rates, teacher salaries, expenditures, and characteristics of the student population.

This is the fourth report card issued by a U.S. Secretary of Educa-

tion. But Bennett divided states into those which primarily use the SAT and those which use the American College Test. Only New Hampshire was ahead of Oregon on the SAT list. Oregon's math and verbal scores totaled 930 in 1986. New Hampshire, with 935, was first. Others in the top five were Delaware, 917; Vermont, 916, and Connecticut, 914. That's not bad company.

Although some think the SAT is not the best yardstick for measuring academic performance, the public sees the SAT as the "Dow Jones" of education. Even those who criticize the SAT had to be impressed with Oregon's dramatic 24-point gain in 1985. The best news is our scores are increasing while the percentage of Oregon students taking the SAT increases. Forty-six percent of our seniors take the SAT.

In my travels in Oregon and across the country, people think highly of Oregon education. They know that Oregon schools certainly rank among the nation's elite. They also know that Oregon is a state where schools close. The same day Bennett announced his report card, a reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper called my office to ask about school closures in Oregon.

The Legislature is working hard to submit a "safety net" measure to Oregon voters in May, not just because closures are bad for education, but because they are bad for business and economic development. We need to remind ourselves that high test scores, especially when they are applauded by the U.S. Secretary of Education, are also good for business and economic development. Let's make our academic record be part of "Oregon's Comeback." Let's tell businesses inside and outside Oregon about our educational achievement.

Something right must be happening in Oregon's schools. Recent state and local efforts to improve education are paying off. Much of the credit belongs to those who make it happen in the classroom-Oregon's teachers and students.

### Blue star tattoo threat to children

(Editor's note: The following letter was sent to Morrow County Schools.)

Dear School Principal,  
According to police authorities across the country, a form of tattoo "Blue Star" is readily available to young children in many areas of the United States. This is a new way of getting LSD (ACID) to unsuspecting kids. It is in the form of a white paper containing Blue Stars the size of a pencil eraser. Each "Star" is impregnated with LSD and can be removed from the paper to be placed in the mouth. Absorption can also occur through the skin, simply by handling the paper tattoo. There are also brightly colored paper tabs, resembling postage stamps in size, which have pictures of Superman, Mickey mouse and other Disney characters, and butterflies, clowns, etc. These stamps are packed in a red cardboard box and wrapped in foil in a clear lock type bag. Each package contains five one inch square stamps. This is a new way of selling acid and is designed to promote more addicts through appeal of cartoon characters to children.

A young child could happen upon these stamps and have a fatal "trip". It is also feared that children could be given a free "tattoo" by older children who want to have some fun or by others cultivating new customers.

### Sheriff's Report

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

Feb. 17-The Boardman Fire Department was dispatched to a trailer house on fire in the Wilson Road Trailer Court. An ambulance transported a female, suffering burns on her face and arms, to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston; a deputy was dispatched to back up a Boardman officer at a residence where there was a report of a domestic dispute. No arrests were made.

Feb. 18-a deputy investigated the theft of fishing gear from the Willow Creek Dam area.

Feb. 19-a deputy assisted the Pendleton Police Dept. in attempting to find a vehicle in a possible hit and run incident.

Feb. 21-a deputy responded to investigate an animal problem in the Irrigon area; a deputy responded to investigate a complaint of a person with a weapon in the Boardman area, a deputy responded to a complaint in the lone area of a vehicle racing around town.

Feb. 22-the Morrow County Sheriff's Office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to a flue fire at 305 Linden Way in Heppner; a deputy attempted to locate some overdue campers thought to be at Cutsforth Park. The campers arrived home safely; a deputy attempted to locate some overdue snowmobilers in the vicinity of Coal Mine Hill-Penland Lake area. Weather conditions prevented further investigation, but private citizens volunteered assistance and located the snow-mobilers, who arrived home safely.

Feb. 23-a deputy arrested Darrell R. Duncan, 37, Boardman, on charges of assault IV-domestic. Duncan was lodged at the Umatilla Co. Sheriff's Office; a deputy responded to a report of a one-vehicle rollover on I-84. No injuries were reported; a deputy assisted the Oregon State Police with a one-vehicle accident on Myers Road, three miles southwest of Little Butter Creek junction. An occupant of the vehicle was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital before the deputy arrived.

During the week of Feb. 16-24 the county assisted one disabled motorist.

### Births

Chelsea Ann Britt-a daughter. Chelsea Ann was born to Russell and Katherine Britt, Lexington, on February 10, 1987 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. Chelsea joins a brother Tanner, 1, at home. Grandparents are Jim and Delores Cahill, Athena; John and Nella Britt, Heppner; Larry and Charlene Day, Pilot Rock. Great Grandparents are R.J. Britt Fossil, Merle Cahill, Athena, and Jack and Betty Emter, Vancouver, WA.

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Please alert your teachers to be on the look out for this type of material as it can be extremely dangerous to young people. If any thing suspicious is encountered contact your police department or sheriff's office. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at the Morrow County Sheriff's office in Heppner.

Thank You,  
Sincerely,  
Roy Drago  
Morrow County Sheriff

### Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court at the annex building in Heppner reports the following business conducted over the past week:

LaVerne Van Marter III, 275 S. Main, Heppner, void foreign plate-\$26 fine;

Theodore Edward Dow, 2654 Montego Pl., Medford, no truck license, no PUC permit-\$114 bail forfeited;

Donald Allan Harrington, 3255 6th, Columbia City, hunting prohibited area (shooting from a public highway)-\$80 bail forfeited;

Denny Royce Nave, Box 332, Heppner, no vehicle license-\$17 fine;

Hershel Davis McCurry, 620 N. Main St., Heppner, operator's license suspended-\$292 fine;

Gerald B. Halley, Box 243, Palmory, Wash., open container of liquor in a vehicle (passenger)-\$30 fine;

Levi Eugene Patterson, P.O. Box 357, Pilot Rock, no fire extinguisher-\$30 fine;

Richard Edward Pinyerd, 3007 Fista Dr., Forest Grove, inadequate commercial fish records-\$67 fine;

Jerald T. Lonebotham, 808 S.W. 9th, Pendleton, violation of basic rule (42 miles per hour in a 25 mph designated zone)-\$30 fine;

Dennis Leroy Alexander, Rt. 3, Box 3842-A, Grandview, Wash., no PUC permit-\$57 bail forfeited;

Ray Otis Cody, Box 491, Fossil, overwidth-\$17 fine;

### School Lunch Menus

**Heppner High School**  
Monday, March 2-cheeseburgers, fries, vegetables, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, March 3-rice and gravy, rolls, salad, fruit and milk or salad bar and milk.

Wednesday, March 4-enchiladas, green beans, salad pudding and milk or salad bar and milk.

Thursday, March 5-pizza, corn, applesauce, granola or salad bar and milk.

Friday, March 6-cook's choice.

### Chamber Chatter

by Claudia Hughes  
Chamber Manager

March 1, 2 and 3 Chamber Manager will be attending OWIA (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska) Leaders Conference in Portland. This will be an opportunity for our brochures to be distributed throughout 4 states! OWIA sessions will cover economic development, small businesses, programs, nondues income, membership, visitor development, just to name a few. Conference is for all Chamber members.

March 3 will be Chamber Business Meeting and March 10, the Ministerial Association will be presenting a program on the Farm Crisis in Morrow County.

Be sure to watch for your Chamber members, who shall go unnamed, as they compete in St. Patrick's Bed Race, March 14. They will join Sister City Estacada and City Council.

March 17-Town Hall Meeting. Chamber program will be BMCC.

March 24-Chamber Business Meeting.

March 31-5th Tuesday, no Chamber.

### 4-H Clubs

#### Martingales

By Kimberly Bedortha  
A new 4-H horse club held its first meeting February 4 at Ione High School.

Officers elected are President Kristine Bedortha, Vice President Heidi Nelson, Secretary Michelle Papineau, and club reporter Kim Bedortha.

Martingales was selected as the club's name. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. February 25.

#### Two-Trackers

The Two-Trackers Horse Club will begin its spring program Sat. Feb. 28 beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the fairground pavilion in Heppner.

Participants are urged to bring their horse if it is in, or come without it.

The club will continue with conformation judging and will also cover spring care, basic handling and record books.

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### Hospital Notes

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Cindy Hussey, Heppner, admitted Feb. 16, discharged Feb. 17;

Lois Hunt, Lexington, admitted Feb. 16, discharged Feb. 19;

Hazel Mahoney, Heppner, admitted Feb. 21; and

Hazel Hamlin, Heppner, admitted Feb. 20.

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