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**Letters to the Editor**

**Tax bill small compared to benefits**

To the Editor:  
We received our tax bill in the mail last week, as did all residents of Morrow County. This time it was with a great deal of interest and anticipation. This bill represented what it would cost us personally to help provide Morrow County students with those specific programs and teachers that were to be cut if the levy had not passed this last time. In our opinion it was a very small amount compared with what it provides for our children. It is too bad that we have hassled and haggled for so many long months and have created such a negative atmosphere in our county over amounts that are reasonably affordable for the majority of individual households. Many of these programs we would have found ways to fund for ourselves for our children, at much greater personal expense, if the schools were not providing them. Were are the savings? And the question remains do we do our saving at the expense

of our children, even when the savings is not the expense that will make or break us?  
For a \$50,000 home, the individual tax payer only paid an additional \$21 in return for providing an active sports program, elementary art and music, and support staff such as aides (who greatly enhance the amount of quality learning time our teachers can spend with our children). In our opinion, it is more than worth it. We do have some hard economic times in our county, but our children's schools are neither the cause nor the solution to them. We have one chance in May to be truly supportive of our educational system. Let's all say "Yes" and do our part to stem the snowball of negativism that's been carrying us downhill. Reach for the best and the view at the top of the hill.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Kerry and John Richtmann  
Lone, Oregon

**Situation effects college students**

To the Editor:  
We are writing to inform readers of a situation that effects our college students. It is entirely possible that this is affecting a college student in this area.  
There are 16 juniors and seniors in Oregon Institute of Technology's Medical Technology program who, upon qualifying, need a 12 month practicum in an approved medical laboratory in order to graduate in this program from OIT. This part of the program is clearly listed in OIT's catalog. But the college has only four practicums available for these 16 students.  
Much time, effort and money has been spent by these students. On February 3, 1987 we wrote to OIT protesting this situation and asking them to let us know what they were doing to rectify this situation. They have not bothered to contact us yet. They did immediately call our

daughter into the Medical Technology office but at no time did they indicate they were concerning themselves with correcting this situation for these students. What do they expect the students to do? Start working on another major? This is what our daughter will do. Some of the other students may not have the luxury of such options. Where does this leave them?  
We feel at best this inexcusable situation must be corrected for these students, and at the least, that people need to be aware of a very real danger for college bound high school students. The medical technology students would also appreciate a postcard of protest to OIT. This could be written to: Larry Blake, Pres., OIT, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.  
Sincerely yours,  
(s) Linda Bauck  
(s) Larry Bauck  
Wallowa.

**Concerned about lack of externships**

To the Editor:  
I am enclosing parts of a letter that I sent to Oregon Institute of Technology concerning a problem. I wrote to them February 3, 1987 and they have not written back. I am very disappointed and I want to share my feelings.  
Dear Admissions Office,  
I am presently a junior at Wallowa High School. I have been working towards going to OIT, but a recent problem is making me question my decision.  
My sister is attending your college. She is looking towards graduating next year in medical technology. However, because of some irresponsible management, she cannot get her year of externship.

Without this, she cannot graduate. Presently there are four positions for externships, with 16 students to fill them.  
I would like to see something done about this. I am not going to attend OIT if it has the poor responsibility I have witnessed. I don't want to spend three years of my life and an estimated \$21,000 only to find I cannot graduate. You should provide everything a person needs to graduate.  
I urge you to look into this problem and come up with some answers. Problems such as this will give OIT a bad reputation.  
Sincerely yours,  
(s) Lee Bauck  
Wallowa, OR

**Recommends increasing CRP limit**

To the Editor:  
I am pleased to have the opportunity to respond to the ASCS recommendation form on CRP enrollment in Morrow County. I recommend increasing the CRP limit to 35% for two reasons.  
I was raised south of Heppner and have witnessed 25 years of erosion in that area. These lands need the 10 year rest to allow technology time to develop to the extent that erodible soils can be farmed with little or no soil loss. Without a more permanent type agriculture in South Morrow County, Heppner's long term future will suffer.  
The CRP program is in the best interest of participating farmers in both the short term and long term. I don't want to see area businesses try to

hold these farmers economic hostages by trying to prevent the expansion of enrollment. Marnie and I have as much to lose as anyone. We operate the area's largest seed business in terms of tonnage. Our sales will be directly affected by 32 customers who are presently participating in CRP. We plan to partially compensate by improving market share, adding a couple more varieties, maintaining top quality, and improving service. The final goal is to help our customers make money.  
We believe the CRP program offers farmers a long term opportunity. It would be disappointing to see area businesses try to block CRP enrollment expansion.  
(s) Eric and Marnie Anderson  
Lone

**Supports hotel project**

To the Editor:  
I would like to express my support for the Heppner St. Patrick's Hotel project. To obtain financial support for the project, it is necessary for the voters to approve an amendment to the City Charter to allow them to go outside the debt limitation to complete the project. The loan would be paid back through the rental of the

hotel units.  
This project is an important step in the continued economic health of the City of Heppner and surrounding area. Please vote yes on the city charter amendment.  
Thank you.  
Yours very truly,  
(s) Jeff Wallace  
345 N. Gilmore  
Heppner

**Vote yes for hotel project**

To the Editor:  
The St. Patrick's Hotel project will bring a sorely needed boost to the community. It will provide a new senior citizen center, new, modern conveniently located senior citizen housing, plus revitalizing the appearance of the community with the added plus of restoring a historic landmark.

The project will also go a long way in helping the community maintain its medical facilities and services.  
This can all be accomplished with an extremely minimal risk.  
Please join us in voting yes for the hotel project.  
Yours truly,  
(s) Larry and Betty Mills

**Objects to rock 'n roll**

To the Editor:  
I want to register an objection to the sponsorship of a rock group by the Heppner Junior Bowlers on March 17.

and witch craft. They are promoting suicide in their lyrics of their music.  
A group entitled the Equalizer in one of their songs says, "Life is so ugly why not kill yourself."

First of all I would like to say that I have no objections with the Jr. Bowlers. I have donated money to sponsor their activities. The opposition that I do have is the means of raising money through a rock n roll concert.  
Here are some of the reasons why I am not in favor of the rock n roll concert.  
Joseph Stalin stated in 1935 if we can enslave just one generation in any country that country will fall to Soviet Communism. The way to enslave that generation is by the means of immorality, music, and drugs. Sad to say the prophesy of Joseph Stalin is being fulfilled today right before our very eyes.  
The beat of rock n roll has become so pervasive and lyrics so filthy that they defy description.  
In 1955 a disc jockey named Allen Freid coined the phrase rock n roll. It was a street term having sexual connotations.  
The average age of those tuned to rock n roll is 13. Now pause for a moment and think what that means. Boys and girls of 10, 12, 13, and 15 are being led down a path of destruction and immorality. They are being literally brain washed by the music of so called perverted rock n roll heroes.  
The lyrics of rock n roll music promotes homosexuality and every type of perversion and filth imaginable. Such as satanic worship

This type of suggestion had been fruitful. Although official figures are hard to obtain, it is clear at least 7000 teenagers commit suicide each year with as many as 400,000 attempts being made yearly. The rate among young people 15-24 has increased 300% in the last 20 years. And the highest ever recorded in the U.S. Suicide is the number two killer of teenagers of America today.  
Last but not least what rock n roll is promoting besides illicit sex, drugs, alcohol, homosexuality, suicide, satanism, rock n roll is concerned largely with rebellion against parental authority.  
According to one rock group, their purpose is to tell the kids the "truth" that America sucks and to encourage kids to rebel against the police, school teachers, parental authority, and the establishment.  
Rock n roll is the greatest vehicle for the rebellion that we are seeing in our youth today.  
I feel it is time that the parents face the facts that the youth of this generation are in need of true guidance.  
The average age for the Jr. Bowlers is 6-13 and I feel that a rock n roll band would not be leading the Jr. Bowlers and the youth of Heppner in the proper direction.  
(s) Roger Britt  
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Heppner, OR 97836  
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**Meeting Notices**

**Port of Morrow**  
The Port of Morrow Board of Commissioners will meet at the Morrow County Courthouse at 1 p.m. Friday, March 6. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss economic development within the county with the Morrow County Court.  
**Port of Morrow**  
Port of Morrow Commission meeting, Wednesday, March 11 at 3 p.m., Port of Morrow Offices, No. 1 Marine Dr. Boardman, Oregon.

**Health Dept.**

Friday, March 6 - blood pressures and immunizations, 8.30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Heppner office.  
Tuesday, March 10 - blood pressures and immunizations, 1-4 p.m., Irrigon county offices.  
Friday, March 13 - blood pressures and immunizations, 8.30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Heppner office.  
Tuesday, March 17 - blood pressures and immunizations, 1.30 - 4 p.m., Boardman City Hall.

**Need to participate in government**

To the Editor:  
Two centuries ago, in May 1787, Representatives from the American States convened in Philadelphia to revise a document which, they hoped, would bring unity and order to their newly created nation. Four months later, on September 17, they completed work on a New National Constitution, a document that laid the foundations for a truly Democratic society, establishing a Federal Government of the people, by the people, and for the people.  
As the 200th birthday of the Constitution approaches, we the citizens of this country should spend some time and effort not only in celebration of its birthday, but in the restoration of its principles. We need to scrutinize or Government at all levels and make certain it is truly government of the people, for the people and by the people.  
We need to be participants in our Government not just be apathetic bystanders. As I review the many bills drafted by our own State Legislators, whom we elected in good faith, I see many bills that not only limit our freedom of choice, but are dic-

tatorial. Particularly dangerous are the bills that give the state more power over the family, they will try to pacify you with the old adage we are just protecting children, not so, if the many bills are passed into law that deal with families, families could become an extinct species.  
We the people have a debt, an old debt of gratitude to our founding fathers, we cannot just elect someone to office and vest them with limitless power, we must monitor their actions, watch their voting records to see that they remain a true servant of the people, ready to do battle when constituents rights are infringing upon. Perhaps the saddest misuse of power I've seen came from a Legislative committee chairman who ridiculed a citizen who came to testify on legislation, the chairman treated this taxpayer so badly that it became embarrassing for the people in the room. The man had been a victim of an overbearing state agency and he had come to tell his story. Is anyone listening?  
(s) Judy Byers  
3221 S. Main Rd.  
Lebanon, Oregon

**Says state agency destroys homes**

To the Editor:  
This letter is intended to make the people aware of the actions of a State Agency that is destroying homes, and the lives of those it was designed to protect. The Children's Services Division was established and directed to protect children from abuse, physical, and sexual. Certainly no one can find fault with the intent of the agency's proposed purpose. I do want it clearly understood the neither I, nor the group that I work with condone true child abuse. We believe that anyone that has truly committed child abuse should receive punishment to fit the crime.  
We now know that the agency has been and is abusing society, with the latitude they have been given, and with they themselves establishing their own broad administrative rules.  
Perhaps what is really happening to our families can best be explained by a brief synopsis from the book "The Child Abuse Industry" by Mary Pride.  
"Last year over one million North American families were falsely accused of child abuse. As a result, their homes were invaded by bureaucrats, dossiers were opened on them; their names were put in central computers, permanently on file; their children were asked leading questions and encouraged to inform on them.  
These were the lucky ones. The less fortunate ended up losing their life savings, their home, their children, everything.  
Sound far-fetched? It's happening everyday, right here in the U.S. and Canada. A network of federal, state, and local agencies are snatching children right from under their parents' noses. This is the Child Abuse Industry, and every year it threatens more and more families. Here's how it works.  
It defines "abuse" so vaguely that all families are "guilty".

It operates hotlines that are open invitations to malicious slander.  
It denies due process and a fair trial to those accused of child abuse.  
It grants immunity to hotline callers and welfare bureaucrats.  
It allows those parents who really are abusing their children to stay in their home if they cooperate and undergo "therapy".  
These are just a few of the shocking facts many pride has uncovered in this eye-opening study. If you are a parent, you owe it to yourself and your children to read this book and find out how you can protect your family from The Child Abuse Industry. Before it is too late."  
I share Mary Pride's concern for the family and urge everyone who cares about the survival of the family to read this book. For order forms write: Lynn Oster, P.O. Box 1446, Albany, Oregon 97321.  
Sincerely,  
Lynn Oster  
Albany

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**TOWN HALL MEETING**  
Tuesday, March 17 - 7 p.m.  
at Heppner Grade School Multipurpose Room

Representatives from the following groups will be present:  
Heppner Hotel Project  
Port of Morrow Candidates  
Morrow County Operating Budget  
Morrow County Health Care Budget

The reason for this meeting is to invite all citizens of Morrow County to meet and discuss current issues of concern.

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