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Letters to the Editor

Morrow County Road Department employees air grievances

To the Editor:
Negotiations between Morrow County and the road department employees have broken down. The county commissioners have rejected the factfinder report that would give employees a 3% raise in 1987, even though the commissioners voted themselves a 23% raise in 1987.

Also, the county commissioners have refused to meet face to face with the employees. Instead, they

have paid about \$8,000 to a Salem attorney to deal with the employees. If that money had been spent on wages for Morrow County workers, the contract would be settled now. Citizens of Morrow County could help avoid a crisis by calling the commission and asking them to settle this contract.

(s) Jay Papineau, Heppner
Tom Bedortha, Ione

To the Editor:
There is a problem in the Morrow County Road Department. Morrow County residents should know that the county budget has 45,609 for wage increases for workers in the road department. This budget was passed by a vote of the people.

employees to take a 2% raise. The county commissioners have not said why they are being so unreasonable, and have refused to meet face to face with the employees. Maybe it's because they gave themselves a 23% raise this year.

The employees want to avoid a strike on the contract. Please call the commissioners and ask them to meet with the employees and settle this problem.

(s) Franklin B. Gentry, Heppner
Ronald Cecil, Heppner

To the Editor:
It's time someone told the people of Morrow County what is going on at the Road Department. We are negotiating for a contract. We are the lowest paid road department in the eight Northeast Oregon Counties, except for Gilliam County. For example, an equipment operator in Morrow County makes \$1,546 per month. Compare the same job in

Hood River: \$1,645; Wasco \$1,821; Sherman \$1,837; Umatilla \$1,716; Union \$1,737; and Wallowa \$1,661.

The county budget, passed by the people of Morrow County, has \$45,609 to give wage increases to road workers. The county commissioner's are refusing to give a 3%

raise recommended by the state factfinder that would cost only 10,920. The employees have accepted this factfinder report.

These are the same commissioners that gave themselves a 23% raise this year, making them the highest paid commissioners in the counties listed above.

It's only fair that road department employees receive the raise recommended by the factfinder. We need your help. Please call the commissioners and ask them to provide a fair wage for the road department employees.

(s) Kim M. Gutierrez, Heppner
Bob Gates, Ione
Dennis Thompson, Ione

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Ralph Jackson	Roy Orwick	Elton Pier
Gordon White	Samuel Worley	Alton Yarnell
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(Ladies Night Dinner-Thursdays 6:30 p.m.)

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Let's Celebrate Life

To the Editor:
Recently I read this most disturbing statistic: "Since 1982 sales of war toys has increased 700 percent." Thinking about the meaning of this statistic prompts me to write here.

Here we are in the middle of a holiday season that celebrates life, and yet eleven of the top twenty best-selling holiday toys have themes of violence. We need to think more seriously about the meaning of such statistics, to remind ourselves that every time we buy a toy and give it to a child, we communicate our adult values to the child. All the studies I've seen on the affects on children of violence toys, TV shows, cartoons, and movies have shown that all these cause aggressive behavior, more hitting, kicking, choking, pushing and holding down other children. Yet we continue to give "dolls" of GI Joe and Rambo, games like Dungeons and Dragons and realistic looking battery-powered submachine guns, nuclear weaponry and megaton particle

beam weaponry. Do we really want kids having fun playing nuclear war?

This coming year the average eight-year-old will watch the equivalent of 22 classroom days of pro-war entertainment on TV. Cartoons have an average of 50 acts of violence an hour. We need to recognize that by shaping our children with violence toys and TV shows, we are legitimizing violent behavior. Worse yet, we are desensitizing them to the danger of violent behavior and the real horrors of war and military combat. Learning to take pleasure from aggression decreases their ability to learn sympathy, empathy, and cooperation, to be human.

We must see that children do need to learn how to deal with aggression, but there are more constructive ways. Cooperative games do exist. I urge parents to think more about the statistics given here and not to allow violent toys in their homes, but to purchase non-violent, constructive toys this Christmas.

Let's celebrate life.
(s) Jane Rawlins

D A's Report

The District Attorney's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Gerry Kirkpatrick, Washington-appeared for arraignment on the charge of Sexual Abuse in the first degree on November 19, 1987 before Judge Ralph Currin. Entered a Not Guilty plea. No trial date has been set.

Lester Moen, Boardman-appeared for arraignment for Failure to Appear on the charge of Driving While Suspended before Judge Ralph Currin on November 19, 1987. He entered a plea of Not Guilty. No trial date has been set.

Anthony Wayne James, Umatilla-appeared for arraignment on the charge of Theft in the First Degree before Judge Ralph Currin on November 19, 1987. He entered a plea of Not Guilty. No trial date has been set.

Kent Cate, Irrigon-Failed to appear on the charge of Theft in the Third Degree, warrant issued by Judge Ralph Currin on November 19, 1987.

Francisco Santa Cruz, Umatilla-Failed to appear on November 19, 1987 on the charge of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, and Kidnaping in the Second Degree. Warrant issued by Judge Ralph Currin.

Correction

In last week's article on Wilbur Jackson, it was inadvertently reported that he rides a red four-wheeler. It is blue with a red wagon. I got carried away with the season, I guess. Also it was not clear that Wilbur is a member of the city council. Sorry Wilbur for the mistakes.

It was inadvertently omitted from last week's paper that Buzz Lynch donated the space where the town Christmas tree is located this year. Sorry Buzz, for this error.

Marriage License

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the Courthouse reports issuing the following marriage license during the past week:

Edward Carl Springer, 31 and Dawn Renae Imper Sandlin, 21 both of Boardman.

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I hunt with my Brother



Most folks either hunt alone or with someone. I have the worst of both worlds, I hunt with my brother, and he hunts with Don and Judy.

Elk hunting is sort of an institution in Eastern Oregon. And to some extent I think elk hunters should be institutionalized. Take my brother for example. This year he showed up with a brand new Remington model 700 in a 7 millimeter magnum caliber with hand-loaded ammo that would knock a freight train off the rail at 800 yards. Having missed a shot at a big bull the first day out, he shot a grouse on the way back to camp. We had just enough to kind of flavor the gravy.

Judy went along, of course. It was her granddad's cabin so we couldn't say much. She saw a couple of cows and went crazy screaming down the hill to tell someone and we spent most of the second day trying to find her rifle. It was stuck in the crotch of a tree about 20 yards from where I figured she first heard those old cows. Don fixed the cracked stock with some masking tape.

I was glad to have Don along. He knew the country like the back of my hand. He put Jerry and I on a long down-hill drive and when I got lost, there Don was driving the road to pick me up. Jerry hitched a ride with some other hunters and we all talked them into guiding us back to the cabin. Don still thinks of granddad moved it over a couple of canyons.

Nobody shot any elk. But it was a good hunt, anyway. We hunted hard and went to bed early. Got up early and hunted hard. We ate well, drank everything and even played a little pinochle. I was awful proud of the pictures of the sunrise I took, except I forgot my camera at Don's and it got broken when he shipped it back.

Altogether it was a great time. Especially the warm shower and thick beef steak Francie had waiting when I got home.

Chief Rathbun's Tips

Children-always tell your mom and dad if anyone tries to give or sell you drugs. When it comes to drugs, users are losers, and winners don't use drugs.

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