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## Letters to the Editor

### Parents need a voice in school

To the Editor:  
Dissatisfaction, grumbling, and complaining are not new issues in a small town. Views and opinions are shared over partylines, morning coffee, and in the aisles of the stores. But lately, it seems that the dissatisfaction over education and discipline in our schools is becoming a main topic.

Problems have existed for years in the public schools. The frustration arises when parents feel that they have little, or no say, in how the schools are run. Administration feels that it is their job, but who do parents voice their feelings to when they feel that the Administration is not doing an effective job?

They turn to each other, and they do something about the situation. These are our children. Our children are in the care of teachers each day of the school year, and we do have a right to make judgments on the responsible care provided by the school system for our children. When we hire a babysitter for our children at home we want to be reassured that it is responsible care. Can we expect any less for our children while they are at school? When did it become policy for teachers to tell parents "what is best for your child"?

I know the final say in decisions concerning my children lies with their father and I, but too often I have felt frustrated and "up against the wall" trying to resolve problems.

When my children have a concern I take the time to find out whether or not the problem is with the teacher, or (in more cases than not) with my child's opinion. My kids are not always right, and neither is their

mom. Parents do need a voice...and that is the purpose of the new Teacher Evaluation Form in the lone community. When there is a valid concern, but maybe not serious enough for the Advisory Board, parents can document that concern and submit it for the principal's review. This saves his time from angry parents storming into the office, and yet the parent can be sure that the principal will look into the situation and follow-up with the teacher, coach, bus driver, parent, and the student involved.

The form may be viewed with apprehension, but anything new must be understood for what it is, and not what people would like to think it is. It is not to cause problems. It is to help parents, and the school maintain a balance of communication with less hostility.

It's time we, as parents, take a vocal, and responsible role in the education of our youngsters. When problems arise, and we feel that the administration "isn't handling it", or we feel brushed off, we can document and put the word out that we are dissatisfied at times.

If circumstance arises that a teacher receives several complaints by parents through the evaluation system then maybe that teacher should be reviewed more closely. Maybe then we will raise the teaching standards for lone. We need more quality, rather than retaining teachers that are not the best choice for educating or disciplining our children. Because the children come first. And the first deserve the very best.

(s) Robin Baker

### Excellent camping facilities are close by

To the Editor:  
I don't think that the residents of North Eastern Oregon realize what an excellent recreation spot we have at Cutsforth Park. Orville Cutsforth and his family have really given us a park to be proud of. Outside of the beautiful setting, the park is close to hunting, hiking, fishing, and mushrooming, and is an outstanding campground. There are plenty of tent sites and full hook-ups for RV's at a very nominal fee.

Charlene and Earl Papineau are doing an outstanding job of taking care of the park and are to be commended for their work. They are friendly to everyone and enjoyable. They love the park and are proud of it. Users notice this and make a special effort to pick up litter and keep the areas clean.

Let us all use it so we don't lose it.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Fay and Gene Pierce  
Heppner, Or

### Congrats to HHS track team

To the Editor:  
May I congratulate the Heppner Track Team, Barney Lindsay, Mike Correa, Jason Dougherty, Gene Lancaster, Bryan Padberg and Duane Ball for doing such an exceptional job in their competition at the District Track meet in Umatilla to allow them to go to the State meet in Springfield where they became the State A Champions.

If all of the members of the team hadn't given their best efforts at District, there would have been no

chance to win the State Championship.

It makes me proud to see these boys and girls put forth so much extra effort in their own events and to cheer each other on to greater goals.

Congratulations to the two coaches Dale Conklin and Steve Brownfield who I know are proud of their teams' efforts.

Looking forward to next year, Bryan!

Sincerely,  
(s) Betty Fullerton  
(Grandmother)

### Thanks received from Cook

To the Editor:  
Tuesday, May 17, was a very important day in my life and I hope in the life of your readers. The voters in Morrow County gave me a strong endorsement for election to the Oregon Supreme Court.

It was a hard fought campaign, albeit without much in the way of campaign funds on my part. We came out first statewide. I believe this victory was a result of my active participation in government since 1952, when I first became active in public affairs. The people know me and what I stand for.

I want to extend my thanks to your readers for their support. With that support I became one of two lawyers who will be considered for election to Position 4 of the Supreme Court this November. I hope they can see fit to support me again, for the final round.

Thanks again for your readers help, support and prayers. God willing, we shall be successful in November.

Sincerely,  
(s) Vern Cook  
Candidate for Supreme Court Justice

### Senior News

The Heppner Mealsite is having a Father's Day Dinner of baked ham on Wednesday, June 15. The dinner will be served at noon.

The last Wednesday of each month a birthday dinner is served with cake and ice cream.

### Obituaries

#### George E. Kruger

Graveside service was held Tuesday, June 7, at Gibbs Cemetery at Sherwood, for George E. Kruger, Lexington.

Kruger, 78, was born March 17, 1910, at Sherwood, OR. He died Saturday, June 4, at Good Samaritan Center, Hermiston.

Mr. Kruger married Helen, August 12, 1934 in The Dalles. They were married for 53 years. He was a resident of Lexington for the past 15 years, formerly of Sherman County. He was a member of Veteran of WW II, SeaBees and a life member of I.O.O.F. Lodge in Athena.

Survivors include his wife Helen of Lexington, brother Cyril Kruger of Corvallis, sister Gertrude Pitt of Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Burns Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

#### Clarence W. Johnson

Clarence W. Johnson, a former resident of Heppner died June 1 in a Portland hospital. He was 72.

He was born in Douglas, North Dakota, and served as an infantry officer during World War II.

Mr. Johnson resided in Heppner from 1950 to 1964. He was a teacher, grade school principal, and high school librarian.

In 1964, he accepted an administrative position with the Lane County Education Service District, in Eugene, retiring in 1977. In 1982, he and his wife Janina, moved to Portland.

Survivors besides his wife include, daughter Mary DeVall, son John, and grandson Jeff DeVall, all of Portland.

#### John A. Forsythe

Military funeral was held Tuesday, May 24 for retired Air Force Col. John Adelbert "Jack" Forsythe of Portland and Otis, who died Friday, May 20, in a Salem hospital. He was 67.

Col. Forsythe joined the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1942, winning his wings as a bombardier, navigator and pilot. He survived 25 bombing missions over Europe in World War II and 51 missions during the Korean War. Returning to reserve status, he rose to command the 63rd Troop Carrier Squadron at Portland Air Base.

In 1959 he assumed command of the 304th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Portland Air Base. He served from 1967 to 1971 as deputy assistant to the commander of the Military Airlift Command and adviser to the commander of the aerospace rescue and recovery service.

He retired in 1973 after logging 7,012 hours of flying time during more than 37 years of duty.

He was a past president of the Oregon chapter of the Reserve Officers Association and active in the Air Force Association, the Air Rescue Association, the Elks Lodge and the Quiet Birdmen, an organization of pilots who had flown in the European theater.

In civilian life he operated the airfield at Lexington in 1945-1946 and flew for Heppner Lumber Company and as an executive pilot for Skyways Aviation company at Troutdale.

He was born in Ashland. For the past 14 years he had homes in Portland and Otis.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Lepschat; son, Lynn of Glendale, Ariz.; daughter, Nancy Usinger of Lebanon; mother, Edna C. of Lincoln City; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests that remembrances be contributions to charity.

Private burial was in Willamette National Cemetery.

### Chief Rathbun's Tips

Remember school is out so start watching for young kids playing in the streets, following balls into the street.

### DA's Report

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

Darrell Pete Hottel, 21, Irrigon, appeared for Change of Plea and plead guilty to Driving While Suspended on June 3, 1988, before Judge Ralph Currin. Hottel was fined \$100. Victims Assistance Fee of \$50; Board of Police Standards and Training assessment of \$10. One year probation on condition defendant have no further arrests leading to conviction for Major Traffic offenses within the probation period.

Teresa Lynne Ross, 25, Boardman appeared for arraignment on June 3, 1988 before Judge Ralph Currin. Entry of Plea set for June 17, 1988.

### Births

Brent Marion Parks-a son, Brent, was born June 2, 1988, to Debra (Palmer) and Craig Parks of Hermiston, at Oregon Health Sciences Center, Portland. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmer, Ione; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parks, North Bend.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Marion Palmer, Ione and Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash, Heppner.

Ashley Ann King - a daughter Ashley Ann was born to Wendy and Dan King May 29, 1988 at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, Wa. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Grandparents are Nancy and Jerry Meyers, Heppner and Norma and Ray King, Richland, Wa.

Great grandmother is Lila Myers of Hermiston and great grandfather is Walt Schuler of Aurora.

### Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

And the rain fell, and fell, and fell. The fields turned green, the wildflowers bloomed in abundance, the grass grew, and the rains fell again, and again and we complained. (Well, at least it could rain at night and the sun could shine during the day). Are we ever satisfied? It's just human nature, I guess.

While you're waiting for summer and our "drought", take a drive out in the country. You'll see how blue our mountains really are and a beautiful variety of wildflowers. Morrow County looks clean and fresh.

Meanwhile, your Chamber is still functioning with the following programs scheduled for June:

June 14-Genetic Improvement and Yields In Our Forests by Nancy Lankford;

June 21-European Hunt: Tourism and Recreation In Eastern Oregon by Clint and Phil Carlson;

June 28-Associated Oregon Industries and their relationship with Chambers.

Remember, if you have program ideas, they are more than welcome. Sometimes "the old well runs dry" and the rain doesn't seem to help. See you at Chamber.

Heppner Booster Club's

## RENO NIGHT

Saturday - June 18, 7 p.m.

Elks Lodge Upstairs  
(21 & Over)

Vern Mabley Auctioneer

**AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE:**

Trip for 2 to Reno	Half Beef Chain Saw (MCGG)
4 Sports Passes (HHS Home Games)	2 PAC-10 Basketball Tickets (Package Tour)
100 Gal. of Gas (Devin Oil)	OSU Basketball Tickets
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Western Family Thin Lunch Meats 2 1/2 oz.	<b>2 for 89¢</b>
Green Solid Head Cabbage	<b>19¢</b> lb.
Fresh Asparagus	<b>79¢</b> lb.
Western Family Dinners Macaroni & Cheese 7 oz.	<b>3 for 99¢</b>
Honeydew Melons	<b>39¢</b> lb.
Fresh Mushrooms 8 oz. pkg.	<b>79¢</b> ea.
Beef Rib Eye Steak	<b>\$4.59</b> lb.

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## Governor Never Grew Tomatoes



**AS I SEE IT**  
By Ed Glenn

The Governor came to Boardman a while back and you could sure tell he has never grown tomatoes.

Some tomatoes are grown in a hothouse where they can control the temperature so that it hardly varies from the ideal. The humidity is just right and there's not a bit of draft.

Hothouse tomatoes have just the right amount of a whole list of soil nutrients, all in proper balance. Insects are absolutely excluded and diseases eradicated at the first sign. Under these conditions, tomato vines set and bear hundreds of perfectly shaped, uniformly sized tomatoes.

But the hothouse tomatoes we buy in the store are pale, bland and tasteless.

Not at all like the backyard tomatoes we grow. There they have to fight the elements, the wind, hot sun, rain and cool nights. The insects come and take a few bites and diseases take their toll, not to mention the kids, dogs and neighbors. When those tomatoes finally get ripe, we wonder how they could have made it.

It's those backyard tomatoes that are bright, bright red, honestly wholesome and contribute so much to a wonderful meal.

As I see it, it's that way with kids which is what the Governor came to see about.

We've protected our kids from competition, sheltered them from corporal punishment, isolated them from hard work, insulated them from the cold, hard, cruel world. They've been pampered, coddled and fussed over until they're like a hothouse tomato, pale, bland and tasteless.

We should shoo the kids out to back yard, talk to 'em in plain language (and insist they use the same when answering), put 'em to hard work, let 'em take a few scrapes and bruises and smack 'em good when they get out of line.

And they'll be just like backyard tomatoes, turn out bright, honest, wholesome and contribute so much to a wonderful future.

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### LANDFILL RATES CHANGE

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1988 - Rates will be determined per vehicle and vary for citizens living inside the Heppner City limits and those who live outside.

**RATES WILL BE:**

Basic vehicle (car or pickup) inside city limits	..... \$6.00
Flat bed truck inside city limits	..... \$25.00
Basic vehicle (car or pickup) outside city limits	..... \$10.00
Flat bed truck outside city limits	..... \$35.00

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### THANK YOU

The members of the graduating class of Heppner High School, 1988, and parents would like to give a big round of applause to the following people for their donations to the graduation "Senior Night". The kids spent graduation night at the Pendleton Athletic Club and enjoyed a full evening of using the facilities. The following people donated items either as door prizes or "munchies" for the class. A big "Thank You" to all of you:

Cal's Service Center	McDonald's of Hermiston
Heppner Booster Club	Judy Handbury
Shanna Geer	Pendleton Bottling Company
Janet Tucker	Court Street Market
Central Market	Lott's Electric
Peggy Fishburn	Betty McLaughlin
Pat Dougherty	Susan Johnston