

Certificates presented to task force members



By Mindy Nix

The Morrow County Task Force met Wednesday, October 5, at the Boardman City Hall to present certificates of appreciation to individuals who have volunteered to help support local youth programs and review the report sent to Governor Neil Goldschmidt on August 1.

Certificates were presented to Beatrice Rangel and Tammy Davis of Boardman Farms, Kathy Pointer of Simplot, John Prag of Mountain Valley Land Company, Dana Burk of Lamb-Weston, and Jack and Kim Carmine of Bardman. Certificates were presented by Sharon Barrick, co-chairperson of the Governor's task force, Bill Broderick, an extension agent of Oregon State University, and the other co-chairperson as well, and Pam Minster, Morrow County Juvenile Services chairperson.

The task force is a non-partisan group of concerned citizens for youth, from every community in Morrow County. Their goal is to get programs going to help the youth in Morrow County have the best opportunity possible for growth and success.

Morrow County has the second highest number of family conflict in the state of Oregon, the need has been expressed to keep our Latch Key/Day Care programs operating, considering the number of working parents. Parent education is also desperately needed in our county. We are sixth highest in the number of teenage pregnancies, and have inadequate prenatal and maternal care, according to statistics provided by the state.

Morrow County expends the third lowest in the state for the human resources budget for youth, monies that contribute toward programs to help youths, such as adult family services, children's services division, public and mental health, and youth employment.

A survey completed by over 180 of our high school youth revealed the urgency for jobs and recreational op-

portunities. The student's responses showed the number one reason for high school drop-outs is due to drug related issues. Morrow County is not unique with this problem, however. The Oregon Attorney General quoted, "Oregon is awash in drugs." Drugs are everywhere,

destroying families and lives. The Morrow County Task Force is willing to endorse any legislative action Governor Neil Goldschmidt might take to halt the drug traffic in Oregon.

Morrow County is the third highest in unemployment for the age sixteen and up group. The Morrow County Task Force is now forming subcommittees for community plans of action. There will be a workshop on the employment of youth November 15 in Boardman, with representation from both local and state levels. They will focus on employment issues and how to go about making changes in our situation.

Morrow County's press conference with Governor Neil Goldschmidt last May 25 could result in changes in the state guidelines. The task force is doing all they can to make our problems known to the Governor, so the appropriate changes can be made.

If the Governor's Task Force can start making changes in our youth today, we can greatly change the outlook on our future-our youth.

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Heppner Police Report

The Heppner police department reports handling the following business during the past week:

Oct. 10: 12:33 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 11:18 a.m.-false alarm; 11:20 a.m.-Domestic problem; 11:26 a.m.-false alarm; 4:30 p.m.-false alarm.

Oct. 11: 6:43 a.m.-false alarm; 8:20 p.m.-motorist assist.

Oct. 14: 12:35 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 1:34 a.m.-chemical leak; 10:02 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 11:36 p.m.-report of Prowler.

Oct. 16: 6:40 a.m.-false alarm; 7:22 p.m.-citation issued for Driving While Suspended; 8:37 p.m.-citation issued for Failure to Yield to Pedestrian in Crosswalk.

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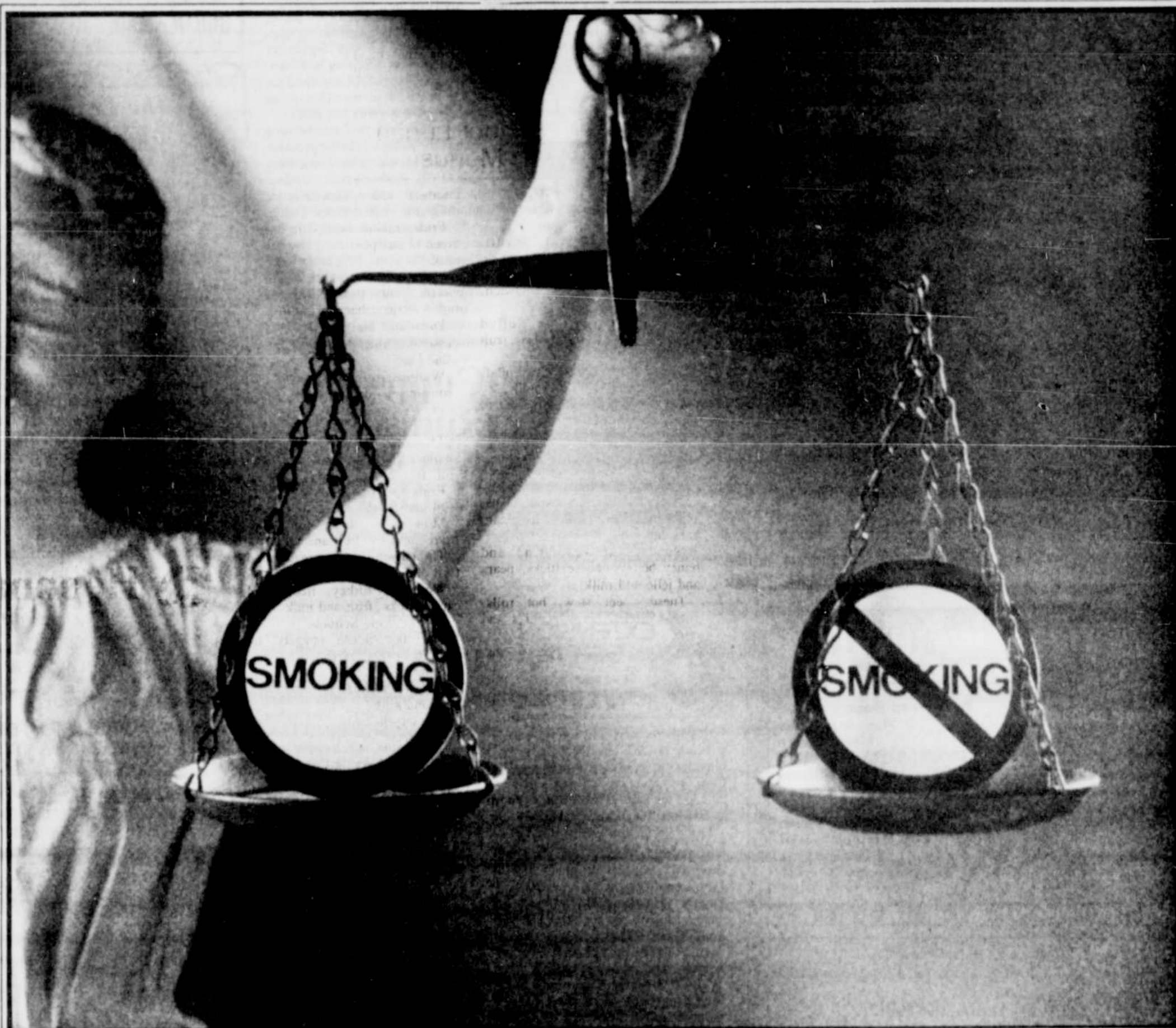
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Measure 6 threatens to upset the balance that Oregonians have worked hard to achieve in protecting the rights of non-smokers and smokers. Our indoor air policies are fair and they work. Let's keep our current system of fairness and justice intact.

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