

## Letters to the Editor

### Board asked to bring harmony and unity to Morrow County

To the Editor:  
The Morrow County School Board has adopted the goal of containing costs. This is an admirable goal for any governing board of a public body. It should not, however, be the single, overriding goal of a board responsible for the education of the children of Morrow County. If carried to its logical conclusion, the end result of this goal would be to close schools and not have any costs at all.

The uncompromising pursuit of this goal has brought the teacher contract negotiations to a halt. The board does not seem to feel that it is their responsibility to negotiate. They want to dictate a contract on their terms alone. This refusal to negotiate is resulting in open strife and confrontation. It is up to the citizens of Morrow County to convince their elected board to negotiate

a settlement with their teachers. If the board thinks that dictating their own contract would be winning, they are sadly mistaken. The board is responsible for educating our children. If they, by their actions, continue to drive away good experienced teachers, it is our children that suffer. If they continue to offer substandard wages, the best new teachers will continue to turn their backs on Morrow County. Why would any young teacher want to come into a district with such turmoil and low wages to boot? It is our children who will suffer and our single-minded board is responsible. Surely their reputation would be better served by bringing harmony and unity into Morrow County instead of discord and strife.

(s) John Dawson  
Boardman, OR

### The future of Morrow Co. is the schools

To the Editor:  
"The future of Morrow County is in our schools today." Great cliché isn't it? It's also fact. Here's another one. Morrow County is a very small segment of the world and in this day and age we have to know what is going on and how to interrelate throughout the world. We can no longer hang on to our small towns with small town ideology and expect to function in the world society. Our community needs intelligent and up to date thought just to survive. We also need people who know how to communicate these ideas and work with people for the betterment of their community. Where are our

young people going to learn these skills? That's right. In our schools with, hopefully, very good teachers who can meet their needs.

Some of the students in our schools will not stay in Morrow County. They will move to many places throughout the world, but they will still need the skills we must provide in order to function productively. Those that do stay are the future of our county. Doesn't it make sense to give them the best education possible? Believe me, we need it. Don't sell Morrow County education short.

(s) Katherine Melby Hoskins

### Umatilla resident moves to Morrow Co. partially because of schools

To the Editor:  
I am writing out of my concern for the future of public education in Morrow County. I brought my family to Boardman in 1978. We came here, instead of staying in Umatilla where we owned a home, primarily because we believed that the schools here would offer a better education for our children. I believe that this has been true. I thought the people of Morrow County held their schools in high regard and were willing to support them.

I still believe that the people of Morrow County are willing to support their schools. I believe that they see value in trying to compensate their experienced teacher with a salary and benefits comparable with other districts around them. I believe that the people are not willing to let their school's educational quality slip away because their experienced teachers are leaving for better pay and more trust in their abilities.

In watching the actions of the school board in these needlessly prolonged negotiations, I have become convinced that they are not acting in

the best interest of Morrow County. I do not pretend to know why they are taking their stance of refusing to negotiate. Is it possible, as Mr. Don McElligott has suggested, that they are trying to "bust the union"? Why would they try to do that? Aren't unions and associations of common interest and goals an integral part of American life? How would our farmers like it if a public board tried to "bust" the Oregon Wheat League or the Oregon Cattlemen's Association? How would our merchants like to have the Chamber of Commerce under attack? If our school board thinks that the Morrow County Education Association is the only union in Morrow County, they are sadly deluded.

If the school board can not see beyond their prejudice against the teacher's association and negotiate a contract in good faith, I suggest that they give up their positions, positions of public trust, and let people who are really concerned with education take their places.

(s) John Dawson  
Boardman, OR 97818

### Stand behind our teachers

To the Editor:  
This letter is for Morrow County's parents. I read a letter that mentioned Bill Doherty, a current board member and his views on Teachers contract negotiations. He said that the public is 9 to 1 in favor of the boards position. It also stated he expressed a "let 'em go on strike" attitude. This really angered me.

If this is true, then I think those nine out of 10 people should volunteer one or two hours just once to be a teacher's aide or helper. I feel then they will be able to understand what our under paid teachers must deal with 190 days a year. These teachers have many problems and situations to deal with everyday. How many of you could handle 20-30 children a day and the problems that do arise? Some of these children do have attitude problems and some of the behavior and language problems are very unreal.

In another letter in Monday's E.O. it said teachers make \$179 a day. If that is also true, I feel they deserve it and they earn every penny of it. They work long and hard for their money. They are at school long before our children get there and they are there after they are gone. How many nights do you think they spend hours of their own time at home preparing assignments and grading papers for our children? My 7 year old daughter told me she thinks teachers should get \$100 an hour.

There is one teacher at Heppner Elementary School that I had the privilege of helping a few afternoons last year. I feel she is greatly underpaid. That is Ms. Cherry Weber. She must deal with 40-50 new 5 and 6 year olds every Fall. For

many it's the first time away from mothers for any length of time. She treats them all and loves them all like they were her own. She is always there with smiles and hugs and words of praise. She takes turns providing snacks with her own money just like the parents. She makes school a happy and special place every day. All the teachers do the best they can with students and parents alike. Most all the teachers I know go out of their way to help our children. They will stay late and work with them if the students need the help. Better attitudes from parents would also help out alot. I'm sure many teachers have heard "Johnny wouldn't do that" or have had parents who have refused to hear that Johnny needs help with reading or spelling, etc. We as parents need to face the facts. That our children are exactly that "children". They will do anything and everything that they think they can get away with. We need to start listening and believing what adults tell us or where will these children that people think are angels and can do no wrong end up.

I also want to say that if things don't work out and the teachers strike even if this is not what they want, I will be one of the first ones that will not send my kids to school. Why send them to teachers the board brings in. It will not help out our teachers any. I would be willing to stay home with my children and probably pick up a sign and join the picket line. I hope there are many other parents that feel this way. We all need to join together and voice our opinions. Stand behind the teachers. We need the teachers we have. They don't need us.

(s) Barbara Judd  
Heppner

## Obituaries

### Robert M. Leslie

The graveside funeral for Robert Maurice Leslie will be Thursday at the Sunset Hills Cemetery in Umatilla. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Nazarene Church in Hermiston.

Leslie, 69, of Umatilla, died Monday, Jan. 16, 1989, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

He was born in Reedley, Calif., on Sept. 23, 1919.

Leslie had been a resident of Umatilla since 1956. He was employed by Bonneville Power as chief sub-station operator, retiring in 1982.

He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene and was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, former member of the Umatilla Hospital Board and Umatilla School Board.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Esther, at home; son, Chester Maurice of Lexington; sisters Emyllyn Dieter in California and Alice Clement at Magalia, Calif.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the building fund at the Hermiston Nazarene Church.

Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

### Ethel 'Neola' Parker

The funeral for Ethel 'Neola' N. Parker was held Saturday in the chapel of Burns Mortuary at Hermiston. Burial was at the Desert Lawn Cemetery in Irrigon.

Mrs. Parker, 83, of Irrigon, died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1989, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

She was born at Big Springs, Texas on April 22, 1905 to Walter and Menona Willis.

She had been a resident of Irrigon since 1955 and was a member of the Irrigon Lions Auxiliary and a former member of the Eagles Auxiliary in Pasco.

Her husband William H. Parker, died in 1984.

Survivors include sons, Lloyd and Dwight, both of Albany, Harold of Kennewick, and Joe of San Gabriel, Calif.; daughters, Barbara Meeker of Federal Way, Wash., Ruth Adams of Irrigon, Janice Witherspoon of Hermiston and Val Taft of Echo; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy through Burns Mortuary in Hermiston.

### Wallace D. Eldredge

Funeral services for Wallace Douglas Eldredge, 84, Winchester Bay, was held Friday, January 6 at the Unger Funeral Chapel with Bishop Jerry McDaniel conducting. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Reedsport Ward. Interment was at the family plot, Reedsport Cemetery.

He was born July 29, 1904, in Coalville, Utah and died January 3, 1989 at Eugene.

Mr. Eldredge worked for 16 years until his retirement in 1969 with the Oregon State Highway Department in the Parks Division as Parks Division Supervisor. He was instrumental in developing the Lake Marie Park near the Umpqua Lighthouse. He was a member of the LDS Church. He moved to Winchester Bay in 1952 from Stanfield.

Survivors include his step son, Paul Warren, Heppner and six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Thurza Eldredge in 1977 and one step son, Willard Warren in 1982.

He was the son of Wallace Earl Eldredge and Mary Elizabeth Allen Eldredge.

### Heppner Police Report

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

Jan. 16: 4:15 p.m.-Dog Complaint; 4:55 p.m.-report of Theft; 5:47 p.m.-report of Harassment.

Jan. 17: 9:18 p.m.-citation issued for Illegal 'U' Turn.

Jan. 19: 2:15 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 2:24 p.m.-25 warning tickets issued for Keys in Vehicle; 9:10 p.m.-report of Harassment; 9:15 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief.

Jan. 20: 1:27 p.m.-report of Abandonment; 2:45 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 3:45 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 10:29 p.m.-assist Fire Department; 10:46 p.m.-report of Shots.

Jan. 21: 11:32 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 3:32 p.m.-report of Vehicle in Bus Zone.

Jan. 22: 4:55 p.m.-Found Property.

## Sheriff's Report

The Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

Jan. 17: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Ambulance to Dodge City Inn Motel office. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with abdominal pains;

Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted the Irrigon Police in return of a missing juvenile;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a possible burglary in progress near Estergard Estates. Call was unfounded.

Jan. 18: Morrow County deputy responded to a theft of a pump at Eldon Olsens residence in Irrigon. Value was unknown and investigation is continuing.

Jan. 19: Morrow County deputy responded to a possibly intoxicated driver on I-84, eastbound. Driver was located but not intoxicated. He was very tired and was advised to stay off the road and get some sleep;

Morrow County deputy assisted Heppner Police department with report of harassment in Heppner.

Jan. 20: Morrow County Sheriff's office received a report of cattle being out. Owner was contacted by Morrow County Sheriff's office;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the clinic to transport a patient to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire department to a flue fire on South Court;

Morrow County deputy began the investigation of a theft of a woodstove an other items from a carport in the Boardman area. Value was unknown.

Jan. 21: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to 324 NE Boardman Ave., in reference to a young child with burns. Subject was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to H Bar W. A 60 year old female fell, injury was unknown. There was no transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Delbert W. Kelley, 64, Vancouver, WA., for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants on I-84 at the Gilliam Co/Morrow line. Subject was arraigned per Gilliam County JP.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a Boardman residence. One female, 78, with unknown illness was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office received a report and began investigation of a dog complaint in the Irrigon area.

Jan. 22: Morrow County Sheriff's office received a report of an animal problem in the Boardman area. Deputy and Boardman Police department officer responded to the area and located cattle at-large. Owner was contacted to secure the area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office began the investigation into a possible break-in of an Irrigon rural residence. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy received information and responded to Boardman area to investigate report of offensive littering. Citations were issued;

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 eastbound milepost 180 to secure scene of accident until Oregon State Police could respond. Report of truck overturned blocking one lane of traffic, possible injury.

Jan. 23: During the week of Jan 15-22 Morrow County deputies assisted one disabled motorist.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager  
Some days it's hard to clear the cobwebs and arrive at one specific Chatter topic, so today is one of those "bits and pieces" days.

Schools: One of Chamber's goals is to support quality schools. When inquiries about Heppner come across my desk, one of the first concerns are our schools. Because of the current unsettled situation, I don't feel comfortable replying even though Morrow County has some excellent teachers. What can we, as a community do? Speaking as an individual, I suggest replacing apathy with empathy. Call teachers, administrators, board members to research the reasons. Learn to really listen to each other. Visit classrooms. Go to the source with your complaints and follow-up. Encourage teachers to share who they are and their concerns for our youth out in the community. Know your facts before trying to influence others. Do everything possible to make sure our young people are learning everything they need to know to someday be a part of this or another community. There's an old Indian saying: "Don't judge someone until you've walked a mile in his moccasins." Could it be time for all of us to exchange moccasins long enough to change apathy to empathy?

Beautification: Another Chamber goal is to have welcome signs at each entry into Heppner and to get our community in ship-shape condition. Again, it takes everybody working together for Heppner to reflect the pride that results in people wanting to make their home here. Sunset Magazine is publicizing our St. Patrick's celebration, so we want to be on our toes.  
Heppner known far and wide: From Oklahoma came a request for two "Best Little Dam By A Townsite" buttons. Seems they had read about our Dam Event and renowned dam in the Daily Oklahoman newspaper.  
The community needs you at the next St. Pat's meeting February 1, 7 p.m. Extension Conference Room. No Chamber January 31, 5th Tuesday.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Call for Bids:  
Morrow County is accepting sealed bids for a copier for lease or lease/purchase. For a list of copier requirements, please contact the office of the County Court at PO Box 788, Heppner, OR 97836. All bids must be in the office of the County Court by 12:00 noon, Friday, Feb. 1, 1989. Morrow County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Morrow County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, National origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment or the provisions of services.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of Heppner Rural Fire District, Morrow, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990 will be held at Howard Pettyjohn Residence Heppner-Condor Highway. The meeting will take place on the 8th day of February, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. The purpose is to receive the budget message and document of the district. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained after 2-8-89 at Bev's Bookkeeping Office, 228 N. Main St., Heppner, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.  
This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
There will be a Port of Morrow Commission meeting and work session on February 1. The work session will start at 12 noon. The regular commission meeting will follow at 3 p.m. at the Port of Morrow Office, No. 1 Marine Drive.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED USE HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989-90  
A public hearing will be held wherein citizens comments may be received on the proposed use of State Revenue Sharing Funds, so that they may be considered in relation to the entire budget. The hearing will be Monday, February 6, 1989 during the City of Heppner council meeting 8:00 P.M. at 188 W. Willow Street, City Hall, Heppner, Oregon. Marshall Lovgren, City Administrator  
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## BOWLING

Koffie Kup Keglers		
Jan. 19		
	Won	Lost
No Pin Hitters	12	4
The Pyts	10	6
The Hi Ho's	10	6
M.C.G.G.	10	6
The Hopefuls	9	7
Beecher's Alley Cats	6	10
The Dregs	5	11
The Gutter Dusters	2	14
Splits converted: Maude Hughes 5-8-10; Jan Paustain 5-7; Millie Hanna 3-10; Rene Ledbetter 3-10		
High game: Linda Schultz - 189		
High series: Linda Schultz - 521		

Thursday Night Ladies		
Jan. 19		
	Won	Lost
Kinzua	12	0
Jordan Elevator	9	3
J & J Ceramics	7	5
M.C.G.G.	7	5
Kahl Ins.	5	7
Depot Nursery	3	9
B & C Repair	3	9
First Interstate	2	10
Splits converted: Theo Greenup 2-7; Della Heideman 3-10; Della Laitinen 3-10; Jossie Kindsfater 3-10		
High game: Sandra Halvorsen - 205		
High series: Alvina Padberg - 528		
High team game: Jordan Elevator - 791		
High team series: Jordan Elevator - 2235		

Dime A Dozen		
1-22-89		
	Won	Lost
No. Seven	8	0
No. Four	6	2
No. Five	5	3
No. Three	4	4
No. Six	3	5
No. One	3	5
No. Eight	2	6
No. Two	1	7
Splits converted: Dave Zachry 5-10; Bebe Munkers 2-6-7-10; Jim Rudsill 3-10; Paul Ploskumak 3-7-10; Marie Rudsill 4-7-9; Willie Maddern 2-5-7; 5-10; Darrell Padberg 4-10		
High game: Marie Rudsill - 205; Harry Hartley - 200		
High series: Marie Rudsill - 547; Elmer Heath - 536		
High team game: No. Five - 784		
High team series: No. Five - 2171		

Friday Nite Mixers		
Jan. 20		
	Won	Lost
VanArsdale	4	0
R&J Rollis Trucking	4	0
Del's Market	4	0
Pettyjohn's Lumberjacks	3	1
Kinzua Keglers	1	3
Black Mtn. Electronics	0	4
Lexington Auto Body	0	4
Heppner Bowl Alley Cats	0	4
High game: Women: Phyllis Piper - 190; Men: Terry Smith - 204		
High series: Women: Billie VanArsdale - 501; Men: Terry Smith - 563		
High team game: Pettyjohn Lumberjacks - 753		
High team series: Pettyjohn Lumberjacks - 2165		

Spartaneters		
Jan. 17		
	Won	Lost
T.J.'s Camera	14	2
Gardners	10 1/2	5 1/2
Country Rose	8 1/2	7 1/2
Petersons	8	8
Central Market	8	8
Les Schwab	7	9
No. 8	5	11
R&W Drive In	3	13
Splits converted: Ineta Cantin 6-7-10; Susan Johnston 3-10; Judy Barber 4-5; Millie Hanna 2-4-5-7-10		
High game: Ineta Cantin - 190		
High series: Ineta Cantin - 547		

Thursday Night Ladies		
Jan. 12		
	Won	Lost
Kinzua	8	0
J & J Ceramics	7	1
Jordan Elevator	6	2
Kahl Ins.	4	4
M.C.G.G.	4	4
Depot Nursery	2	6
First Interstate	1	7
B&C Repair	0	8
Splits converted: Jani Beamer 5-8-10; Della Laitinen 5-10; Debbi Rhodes 4-6; Jossie Kindsfater 5-8-10		
High game: Katie McRoberts - 207		
High series: Gayle Gutierrez - 526		
High team game: J & J Ceramics - 842		
High team series: J & J Ceramics - 2355		

Dime A Dozen		
	Won	Lost
No. Seven	4	0
No. Six	3	1
No. Five	2	2
No. One	2	2
No. Eight	2	2
No. Four	2	2
No. Two	1	3
No. Three	0	4
Splits converted: Stub Lewis 5-10; Joanie Scroggins 4-7-10		
High series: Marie Rudsill - 491; Dave Zachry - 536		
High team game: No. Six - 781		
High team series: No. Six - 2192		

Friday Nite Mixers		
Jan. 6		
	Won	Lost
VanArsdale	36	24
R&J Rollis Trucking	35	25
Kinzua Keglers	33	27
Del's Market	32	28
Pettyjohn's Lumberjacks	30	30
Lexington Auto Body	28	32
Heppner Bowl Alley Cats	27	33
Black Mtn. Electronics	19	41
Splits converted: Jim Judd 5-10; Barb Judd 3-10		
High game: Vern Laitinen - 203; Billie VanArsdale - 183		
High series: Garry VanArsdale - 595; Maude Hughes - 509		
High team game: R&J Rollis Trucking - 751		
High team series: R&J Rollis Trucking - 2169		

Friday Nite Mixers		
Jan. 13		
	Won	Lost
VanArsdale	38	26
(Winners - 1st Half)		
Kinzua Keglers	37	27
R&J Rollis Trucking	35	29
Pettyjohn's Lumberjacks	34	30
Del's Market	34	30