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Letters to the Editor

Rawlins asks support for Fresh Start

To the Editor:

For many years I have been proud of Morrow County schools and thankful for having been a student here, a parent of four children who graduated here and a teacher in high schools here for 19 years. People here have a history of supporting schools (with ups and downs, of course), but steadily moving toward better and better schools.

But now we have come on bad times. In the fall of 1983 our present supt. came and sold the board on hiring a professional negotiator from the OSBA and strongly recommended the faculty hire one from the OEA (which they did not want to do). Trouble began. Most of us took little note of it then; we were accustomed successful negotiation between board and faculty. But since '83 our school problems have grown progressively worse until they are at the lowest eb in 50 years I can well remember. Through it all, the board has supported this superintendent's policies and the professional negotiator. As conflict mounted, our children and young people seemed to be largely forgotten. While schools were torn apart, faculties divided, principals put "between a rock and hard place," and every group in our communities, even families were in controversy, the board and supt. did nothing to alleviate it. Even when a group of concerned citizens made a proposal which the board accepted and which returned teachers to their classrooms, an insulting letter of reprimand was sent from the district signed by board members to each one in that group. Then the board changed the wording of the agreement and contracts are still not signed. The public is given only vague information, but it seems both we and the faculty have lost control, turning suit and counter-suit over to the union attorneys who care more about

winning their case than for children in Morrow County classrooms. When will it end?

No one has won anything. But the biggest losers are our children and young people whom we owe the best schools we can provide that they may have informed, perceptive, productive lives. Isn't it time we stood up for them? Isn't it time to dismiss a supt. who has in six years proven that he is unsatisfactory for Morrow County? Time we said a plague on both the OSBA and OEA negotiators? Only the board can accomplish this. Since they refuse, what choice have we other than replacing them? After months of dismay and sleepless night hours, I have accepted the difficult task of assisting the Fresh Start group in circulating petitions for their recall. I have nothing personal against any of them, but in conscience, I must just do this, trying to return us to more of a focus on our children and our young people, what schools mean in their future. We must accept a worldwide truth that the strength of any school (from one-room country to the greatest universities) derives from its faculty in its classrooms. We must try, as former boards and supts. have, to provide a climate that will attract good teachers, one where they can work in harmony with each other, with administrators and the community.

I feel it's time we have an opportunity to vote our hearts and minds on the secret ballot with no fear of recrimination from friends, employers, customers, family or anyone. It's the only way we can know if the people of our county really want these policies to continue.

I'm reaching out for help from those who agree and who want to put their names on the line.

Sincerely,
(s) Jane Rawlins
Heppner

WCCC hosts Jack and Jill Tourney

The Willow Creek Country Club will hold a Jack and Jill Tournament on Friday July 14 beginning at 6 p.m. Hosts for this event are: Gerald and Harriet Pierson, Louis and Betty Carlson and Ray and Norma

French. This will be a nine hole competition. Light snacks will be served before the play and the cost for participating in the play will be \$4 a couple.

Sheriff's Report

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

July 5: Morrow County Sheriff's deputy made contact with a subject south of Heppner in reference to bottle rockets;

Morrow County dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence in lone. One male was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

July 6: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Mitchell fire department to a field fire on Gable Creek on Hwy 26.

July 7: Morrow County Sheriff's office deputy responded to Anderson Ave. in Boardman to assist Boardman police department investigate two suspicious vehicles. Occupants contacted and cleared the scene.

July 8: Morrow County deputy responded to Wilson road to investigate a report of family disturbance. No further action was required;

Morrow County deputy responded to a family disturbance in rural Irrigon. The problem was resolved;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Sentry Parking lot. One male subject was injured by a vehicle. He refused transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to an apartment complex to assist Boardman Police department with a domestic problem. The problem was resolved;

Morrow County deputies responded to a residence on 4th St. West, Irrigon, to investigate the report of a possible prowler. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County Sheriff's office deputy responded to Cherry Street in lone to investigate the report of vehicles racing around and a possible fight. Investigation is to be continued.

July 9: Morrow County deputy made contact with a requesting party on Paul Smith Road outside of Boardman in reference to an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's deputy responded to rural Irrigon in reference to a break-in of a camper. No further information at this time.

During the week of July 3-9, Morrow County Sheriff's assisted two disabled motorists in Morrow County.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

"And the wagons rolled into town! What began as a rainy journey turned out to be a very warm day encouraging many wagon members to gravitate toward the Heppner swim pool. Two hundred plus turned out to eat Kessler's steak dinner. Sitting on the ground to eat a steak dinner was quite an experience, but it is necessary to keep in mind that this was a "pioneer adventure".

Visitors commented on the flowers, planters and how great it was to buy a real hamburger in town, "not the flat kind without tomatoes". Heppner aims to please.

Tuesday, July 11 will be the Chamber business meeting with tourism featured. Fred Lundin will update Chamber on the activities of the Morrow County Tourism Committee and Tony Bullman will share progress of the signage committee. Chamber business meetings give the membership the opportunity to share concerns, new ideas, importance of coming meetings and the overall focus of our community. It's your Chamber and your town.

The Morrow County Intergovernmental Coalition will be meeting for the second time July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Irrigon Annex Building. Some of the topics on the agenda will be roads, medium security prison discussion, Finley Buttes Landfill, early opening of the county parks, and any other burning issues that might need discussing. This is an excellent way to keep communication open in our county and to be aware.

Thought for the week: "One doesn't recognize in ones life the really important moments until it's too late." Agatha Christie.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Arless Faye Seitz, Heppner-No Vehicle License, \$9 fine;

Lance Eugene Whitmore, Jr., Lone-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$87 fine;

Ruby M. Van Nostern, Hermiston-No Trailer License, \$9 fine;

Ella Vivian Smith, Hermiston-No Trailer License, \$9 fine;

Harvey LaGrange Deremo, Pendleton No Vehicle License, (ATV), \$26 bail forfeited;

Jimmy Costello, Portland-Failure to Validate Deer Tag, \$81 bail forfeited.

Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Department lists its following monthly schedule:

Friday, July 7-blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Heppner office.

Tuesday, July 11-blood pressures and immunizations, 1-4 p.m. Irrigon County office.

Friday, July 14-blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Heppner office.

Tuesday, July 18-blood pressures and immunizations, 1:30-4 p.m. Boardman City Hall.

Wednesday, July 19-blood pressures, Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 2-3 p.m. lone.

Friday, July 21-blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Heppner office.

Tuesday, July 25-blood pressures and immunizations, 1-4 p.m. Irrigon County office.

Friday, July 28-blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Heppner office.

In the Service

Army Pvt. Swayne R. Evans has arrived for duty in South Korea.

He is a fighting vehicle system mechanic with the 2nd Infantry Division.

Evans is the son of Ken J. and Jan M. Evans of Irrigon.

The private is a 1988 graduate of Riverside High School, Boardman.

Births

Nicholas Albert Berretta, a son, Nicholas, was born July 1, 1989 to Dr.'s Ed and Jeanne Berretta of Heppner at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs.

Grandparents are the late Dr. and Mrs. P.C. Smith, Condon and Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Berretta, Plymouth, N.C.

4-H News

Ewes R Us
By Kelsie Evans, Reporter

For the past three meetings we have been watching videos on sheep and swine concepts of the '80's. After we watch the videos we did some work sheets to review the videos.

We have done some work sheets on how much our lambs should weigh, also how much they should gain and how much we should feed them. Bill Broderick gave that presentation.

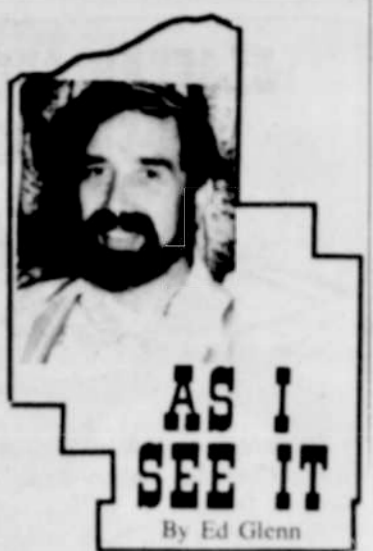
We have been going over the parts on the beef, sheep and swine and animals. We are doing much better.

Nance Wright gave a presentation on caring and fitting of your sheep.

There is going to be a fitting showing and judging day at Boardman on July 22. We will be working on judging livestock. There will be a judge there to help us out on fitting and showing your lambs the correct way.

The last thing we talked about is shearing date. It is going to be on July 23. Gary Level will be shearing our sheep at the fairgrounds from 7:30 to 11 a.m. All 4-H'ers with sheep are invited to bring their lambs.

Symbols or the Real Thing



Symbols can become very important in any civilization.

Religious symbols are some of the oldest known to man and remain some of the most important. A cross, for example, is one of the most widely recognized symbols in the Christian world.

Business symbols are widely recognized, from IBM to the Golden Arches. Political symbols like the familiar elephant and donkey, symbolizing the major political parties in the US, are widely recognized.

Nationalist symbols, usually incorporated in a flag, are some of the most widely revered symbols of our modern world. Our own flag certainly has world wide recognition.

Sometimes a symbol has such intense relation to the thing it symbolizes, that it becomes the thing itself. Take that dollar bill you may have in your pocket at this very moment.

In man's early civilization, most things of value, like food, had a perishable nature. Value was a fleeting thing, here today, spoiled and gone tomorrow. It's no surprise then that man sought and found a store house of value, in the form of a more durable good. Gold: pretty, rare, useful, durable became an early store house of value.

Even in our early history, gold coins were the principal means of storing value from one season to the next, from one generation to the next. Evolution of our money system has lead us from gold coins through gold and silver certificates to mere notes. Our dollar bill no longer has any value except as a symbol of value. And most of the value we store is represented by mere zeros on a bank statement.

Our symbols of money, our dollar bills and bank statements have made the complete transition from symbol to the real thing. If you burn a dollar bill you burn not just the symbol, but you in fact burn the real thing. That dollar is destroyed forever.

But not so with our flag. Our flag is symbolic of a nation in which the free interchange of information, ideas, opinions; the right to speak our mind is one of the most cherished parts. This is a place: a geographic area of the world, 50 states, most of one continent, where the people elect those who will govern. And where ideas are spoken, heard and considered; adopted and rejected on their own merit. Where government is constantly examined, questioned and challenged to the end that it be the best government we can devise.

Without that interchange of ideas, we could fall victim to a government controlled "party line" where we are not permitted to hear about the oversteering on weapons systems, the plight of the poor and homeless, the dangers of nuclear reactors or the peril of farm chemicals. If we cannot hear about those things, we cannot make an informed choice about the politicians who we charge with decisions about them.

And our government is no longer "with the consent of the governed." (Some of us think we need more information, ideas and opinions rather than fewer.)

It is not enough to grant us merely the right to speak our minds. Few voices are strong enough to be heard by many without some kind of aid.

It helps to stand on a soap box in the city park. A sign on the picket line helps spread the idea. Writing it down for publication in the local paper, can spread an idea much wider than mere speaking. An anchorman on network TV has a huge audience.

Everyone does not have ready access to national TV, nor for that matter, the local paper. Many ideas must be presented in a way that captures the attention of those who do. The lunch-counter sit-ins of twenty-five years ago gained newspaper head lines that mere expression of the idea would not have. Both sides of the abortion issue are today spreading the word more emphatically than a soap box in the park.

Some radical ideas require a radical means of communication. The war in Viet Nam prompted some pretty radical attention getters some years ago. And those ideas finally did take hold, spread and became the majority position. Would we still be fighting that war if those ideas had not been radically presented?

As I see it, burning the flag, as a means of conveying an idea, however radical, unpopular, or screwball it may be, is the ultimate proof of the very value for which that flag stands. The nation and the ideals held by its people are so strong, so right, so just, that mere desecration of its symbol to convey an idea, makes it stronger, not weaker and proves the justness of those ideals rather than the contrary.

To outlaw the desecration of the flag of the United States does greater injustice to the ideals that flag symbolizes than the desecration itself.

I'm proud to salute the flag of a nation that is so free it can be receptive to every idea, expoused by every man, in every way.

Hospital Notes

The following patients were reported admitted and discharged during the past week at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner:

Hilda Yocom, Lexington-admitted July 3, discharged July 5.

Ricky Roberts-admitted July 5, still receiving care.

Chief Rathbun's Tips

Look out for yourself, your friends, your community and help me take a bite out of crime.

The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem...

(After Hours)
5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Clem blasted out, "Hey Grazelda, jump up and run on down to Miller's Mini-Mart & Chevron."

Grazelda screamed, "What in the world for? It's five in the morning, did you lose your marbles?"

Clem rasped, "I need an early breakfast. Love, I'm gonna wash & wax the rig, fix the doors and clean out the garage today."

Grazelda sighed, "Oh that's just great Clem, then maybe, if I'm real lucky I'll have a clean rig to drive by Labor Day!"



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Beef	
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