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Letters to the Editor

Support shown for Doherty and Kemp

To the Editor:
I would like to encourage everyone in Morrow County to mail in their recall petitions in support of Bill Doherty and Marcia Kemp.

How nice it's going to be the next time we have an opening on the school board: I presume everyone that signed the recall petitions is willing and eager to serve on the board. The pay is so good (nothing) and the hours of donated time mounts up fast. As a past board member, I have a few scars remaining and personally know how things can get turned around by the time the public gets it. It's truly a thankless job.

I put my trust in the entire board as our democratically elected representative and refuse to be swayed, in my opinion, by emotional rabble-rousers.

Now is the time for the entire county to get behind our schools and attempt to heal the wounds of the

past few months. If we keep throwing salt into each other's scars, guess who is going to suffer the most?

Students should be what this is all about and I think the poor things have been lost in the shuffle. I can tell you for sure that my niece's and nephew's children don't care if the district hired legally eligible strike breakers or not, etc. All they want is a warm body there each morning as a caring teacher.

Things are tough all over. I recognize the teacher's complaints but daily run into many who have equal or worse problems.

Remember, just because it is your opinion, doesn't make it right—I also have right for mine and, in a Democracy, the majority rules. Sometimes this isn't equitable to all, but I want it no other way.

Sincerely,
(s) Pat Wright
Lexington

Nelson assistant gives high praise

To the Editor:
For the last year I have had the great privilege of being able to work with State Representative Michael Nelson. First on his campaign and then in his political office.

As I now leave for college, I would like to thank Mike Nelson on behalf of Eastern Oregon for all he has done for our region. Mike's untiring ambition, his unrivaled integrity, his heartfelt compassion, and his sense of fiscal responsibility have set

him apart from so many other politicians.

While we continue on with our daily lives, Representative Nelson is hard at work representing rural perspectives and promoting this region. We all need to remember to say thank you for this often times thankless job.

Sincerely,
(s) Michael B. Payne
Duke University student
1300 Walnut
Baker, OR

Striving for excellence in schools

To the Editor:
To the voters in Morrow County, as I look over the names on the school board recall list over 95% of all the signatures are citizens who have never questioned me personally about the charges.

Here is my opportunity to tell them and others who I am and why I am serving on the school board. Education is the truly the most important asset we can ever give our children.

Morrow County education is of vital importance to my life as our two children are the seventh generation to be educated in this county. My interest in education began as a volunteer for three years at Heppner Elementary School. I was involved in starting the Heppner Parents Club with the goal of parent involvement in the schools. About the same time I was elected to serve on the Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee. For numerous years I have worked on and chaired many school levys, functions and special events.

For the past two years on the school board I have been honored to serve with individuals who are honest, hard working and dedicated their time to achieve "Excellence in

Education" in Morrow County. We spend many hours away from our personal lives, families, and occupations to ensure every student receive a quality education with the tax dollars allotted. We place great importance in seeing our students have reliable transportation, nutritional lunches and safe/maintained buildings as well as a good instructional staff.

As a school board member I am committed to keep local control of our schools and vow to represent the views of the majority of the people. I am always available to listen, answer questions and take concerns of all individuals.

I believe Morrow County has a good education program contributed to a team effort from the many volunteers, parents the community along with all school employees working together.

I urge each and everyone of you to vote on Sept. 19 and let's get on with the most important job "educating our children."

(s) Marcia Kemp
MCSB Member
Rt. 2 Box 2230
Heppner, OR 97836

Humane Society needs help!

To the Editor:
To the people of Umatilla and Morrow Counties:

Right on, Kelly Brady, you said it right. (East Oregonian, Saturday, Aug. 12 letter to the editor).

Pioneer Humane Society is broke...annual memberships have not been renewed, people bringing animals to be euthanized have refused to pay their minimal share of the cost, and, in general you who live in these two counties do not realize that our volunteers serve you, whether you call us or not, just by being on duty and ready to serve you, and that, therefore, every household needs to support the Society with its nominal \$10 annual membership.

(To clarify: Many people still think Humane Societies are supported by taxes...or should be. No. Dog control districts are supported by taxes. Humane Societies are non-profit charitable organizations, donations and memberships are tax deductible, and they cannot, therefore, be tax supported.) Comparable organization: the Red Cross...we all support it, (even though few of us receive benefits, personally from it), just so it will be there if we ever do need it. So with

the Humane Society, all should support it, just so we will be there to help you if you need us.

Of the 30,000-plus households in Umatilla and Morrow Counties, less than 250 are members of the Society, and to these loyal people you owe our being here these past 14 years.

We are currently mailing flyers to boxholders detailing our plight. We urge that you do not wait for your literature to arrive, but get out your checkbook and send your membership or contribution today, now, to Box 361, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Failing these appeals, this is our phase-out plan. August 1, we stopped subsidizing euthanasia (killing unspicable animals) September 1, unless sufficient funds are on hand, we shall shut off the Pendleton phone; October 1, there still being insufficient funds, our central Hermiston hot-line will be shut off, and our volunteers will no longer be available to serve you.

Organizations, heads of businesses, private citizens: Think about it...Do you want to live in an area without a Humane Society? It is up to you.

(s) Rose Hoosier, President
Rt. 2 Box 28 Hoosier Lane
Stanfield, OR 97875

Heppner Police Report

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

August 14: 11:19 a.m.-report of theft; 9:24 p.m.-citation issued for Expired Vehicle License.

August 15: 5:25 p.m.-report of Harassment.

August 16: 8:48 a.m.-arrest for Criminal Trespass; 11:20 a.m.-assist Wheeler County; 7:50 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

August 17: 12:43 a.m.-assist Pendleton Police department; 1:10 a.m.-Two Juveniles taken in custody; 7:53 a.m.-assist fire department.

August 18: 9:22 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief; 10:53 p.m.-problem at hotel.

August 19: 12:16 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 12:37 a.m.-request officer for Security Check; 6:29 p.m.-citation issued for No Operator License; 10:04 p.m.-motorist assist.

August 20: 12:07 a.m.-citation issued for Minor In Possession; 5:32 p.m.-Found Property; 6:12 p.m.-Civil Matter.

Chief Rathbun's Tips

Home Safety
Your family also shares responsibility for firearm safety-not just the handgun owner. All family members should know the rules of safety and how to handle your gun. Do not keep handguns a mystery to children.

Keep all firearms safely secured and out of reach from children. No amount of lecturing will prevent a curious youngster from playing with a handgun if they discover it.

Store your guns under lock and key.

Never store ammunition in the same place as your guns.

Congratulations
Donnie & April
When's Dinner?

Justice Court Report

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

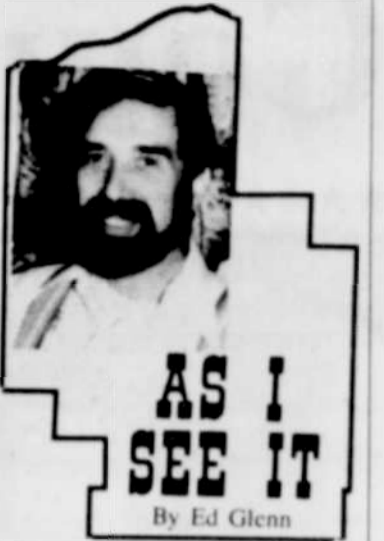
Keith Roy Morter, Lone-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 82 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$57 fine;

Matthew Wayne Hillebrand, Hermiston-Casting Light on Game Mammal While Armed, \$110 fine;

Clarence Edward Akkerman, Lewiston, Id-Truck Speeding, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$57 bail forfeited;

Larry Edward Copenspire, Clarkston, WA.-Overwidth, \$31 bail forfeited.

My Turn



(Once in a while, an idea for a story is hard to come by. That happened last week, but Frances had one. So in spite of the by-line, this column is by Frances Glenn.)

The days are shorter, the evenings cooler, county fairs open everywhere. That can only mean one thing—summer is coming to a close. It always amazes me how quickly the summer can go by. I have so many things to do during the summer months but I never seem to have enough summer to do them all.

The end of summer means school must be about to start again. I have started school now for 33 years. Like an old fire horse who's ready to run when he hears a bell clang—when the mornings are crisp and fall is in the air, I'm ready to go back to the classroom.

I remember the five years I took off to have my family. The first autumn with no classroom was one of the hardest I have ever had to endure. I was like an alcoholic on withdrawal watching young students climbing aboard the yellow busses. I wanted so desperately to be back in the classroom, putting up bulletin boards, preparing lessons for eager young minds, renewing acquaintances with my students and meeting new ones. I don't think I ever really enjoyed any of those autumns I was not teaching. It was only when my own children started school and I could return to the classroom did I enjoy another one.

Like all the years before, I am eagerly awaiting the start of a new school year. I am already making plans for my bulletin boards. I have started to write some lesson plans that will utilize the schooling I had this summer and have bought a new blouse or two. I'm counting the days until the students arrive and I will have them in my room.

This summer I spent three weeks in Salem with teachers from fifteen of the western states. It was one of the most educational summers I have had as an educator. In several of our group sessions when we talked about our districts/schools I felt proud of the education that was taking place here in Morrow County. The first week at the seminar was spent on new technology in education. I was one of the more experienced in my group. Because of the foresight of our district I was familiar with video discs, hypercard, long distance learning via modem and satellite systems, basic word processing and data base processing. Where some of the participants said their school districts had barely scratched the surface of modern technology, I was able to say that my district was willing for our students to be competitive in the modern world. Of course, there were other districts that had everything in the way technological gadgets (like Park City, Utah and Kamiama School, Honolulu, Hawaii). I am glad my school district is progressive.

Other topics that we talked about included images of teachers, developing critical thinking skills, co-operative education, scarcity of teachers (this is quite real in some states and in some areas).

I'm eager to begin to apply some of my summer's work in my classroom this coming school year.

Along with the eagerness this year I also have a bit of trepidation. I will be having a new principal and the unknown always presents questions. My previous principal was the only one I have had here in Morrow County and we worked well together. I knew how he wanted things done, our educational philosophy meshed, and I knew I could count on him for support for the various projects I had my students do. He encouraged me to enter my students in contests and make it possible for them compete. Questions go through my mind about my new principal: What changes will he make in the educational philosophy of the building? Does he consider academic interscholastic competition worthwhile? What basic changes does he have in mind for our students? I can expect change; changes will be made. The uncertainty for me is what? Change is a characteristic of life. Without change there is no life, so change is not all bad. Many changes are good.

I am also apprehensive about the new teachers in our building. One will be teaching our daughter. Another will be teaching a class I helped develop in my department. As department head, I feel a sense of responsibility for how well that class is taught by a brand new teacher. Riverside High School was lucky. We lost only a few teachers this year, not nearly so many as some other schools. But I'm a little nervous about that.

I have a little apprehension about the board and the administration. With two new members and others under fire, the board may not notice what we're really doing down in the classrooms all across the county. There are two new key people in the District office and each will be feeling their way for a while.

So as a new school year is about to begin I am eager but also apprehensive. I want the year to be a positive one with great things happening in our district. I want Morrow County to regain its reputation as one of the better districts in the state. I want students leaving our schools to go to college or to enter the work force prepared to compete well with other students. I am fearful that too many of us can not, or will not, put the past behind us and begin anew to accomplish this. This is why I am apprehensive. I, for one will put the past in perspective, learn by it and try to make the future better. That is why I am eager.



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Clem gushed, "Gee Hon, I can't fix it today. It's raining too hard."
On the first clear day...
Grazelda screamed, "Hey, Clem. Fix this danged roof!"
Clem purred, "Gee Hon, why fix the roof? It isn't leaking any more."
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