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Letters to the Editor

Objects to letter

To the Editor:

Mr. George Koffler,
In response to your letter to the editor concerning the halftime performance at the district basketball tournament.

I am a member of the Athena community and have a daughter who is in the Pipe and Drums band. I am also part of a large crowd of Athena people who applauded loudly for the Heppner Dance Team. They were terrific. But, I am not part of the

adult generation, as you, who criticize the hard work and efforts of a group of young kids, who had no part in determining who was to win the award. A letter written like yours, shows the young people from Athena and Heppner that some of the "adults" are actually very small and narrow minded people. I am sorry a nice community such as Heppner has a Mustang Booster such as you. (s) Jan Perkins
Athena, OR

Come again?

To the Editor:

I am surprised and many times humored over the reasons some people give for not coming to church. These people may verbalize to me on Friday or Saturday that they will be in church on Sunday, I would like to believe them. But alot of the time something comes up and they just can't make it on Sunday. When I see these people the next time (much to their discomfort) their reasons for not showing up are amusing, to say the least.

Allow me to share a few of these tender morsels with you in a tongue in cheek fashion. It amazes me how a person can get up early for hunting, fishing, field work, or regular work, but habitually over sleeps for church.

An excuse? Come again. These people call it a miracle when somehow they can find time to go here and there on the weekend, but are most always too busy to go to church. An excuse? Come again. The truth is, they are not serious about the things of the Lord. They are still determined to do things their way no matter what. Our priorities show themselves by those things that we make time to do.

If we used some of the same excuses we use for not coming to church in other areas it would be laughable. For instance: Sunday is the only day we have to rest, so we are not telling you we are going skiing this afternoon. Come again. Yeah, that's right boss, I'll not be coming in for a few days. I just don't like the way they do things down there at the office. Come again. No, I just can't make it to work. Company just came. Come again. Or no, nurse, Johnny doesn't want to go to the dentist and if I make him go I'm afraid he'll develop a complex and won't go when he is grown. Come again. Or say, Boss, I didn't get home until 1 a.m. last night so I don't think I'll get up to go to work tomorrow morning. An excuse? Come again. Or, I don't know how long we will be in town so don't

hook up the electricity. Come again. Or, it's too cold to go to work today. I think I'll stay home. Come again. One of the kids have a cold so the whole family has to stay home to help him blow his nose. An excuse? Come again. We could go on but I hope you get the picture by now.

We need to be honest to ourselves and others when we rationalize our lack of effort towards attending church. It is a matter of what we feel is important. So we really want to instill a Biblical sense of morality in our lives, our families, our communities. So we really want to learn about living the good life seen through the godly life? So we really want to learn about God or do we just want to lean on God when we need something? Do we really want more of God or do we just want more from God? God doesn't want rationalization from us but realization. If you find yourself being a rationalizer towards church, I want to invite you to be a realizer and come again to church. You need to do this before Jesus Christ comes again or his response to your answer will be, "an excuse? come again."

Sincerely,
(s) Pastor Glen Anderson
Lexington

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues. March 19	
Soft	White
March-June	\$3.25
July	\$3.26/\$3.27
Aug.	\$3.27
Barley	
March	\$100
April	\$101
May	\$102
July	\$99
Aug.	\$100
Pik	99½ %

Reform land use system

To the Editor:

A top priority for the legislature should certainly be reform of Oregon's land use regulatory system.

After 17 years, both rural and urban Oregonians are asking for change. They want the system to be fair, flexible, and realistic.

We must look at the original intent of Oregon's land use laws and compare that with what has actually happened:

* The original intent was to impose controls to keep our best farm land in farm use, but regulators imposed very tight restrictions on near-

ly every acre of rural land in the state—regardless of its productivity.

* The intent was to regulate matters of local concern at the local level but, in most areas, the state dominates land use regulation—particularly on rural land.

It's time the legislature adopted corrections—to restore more fairness and flexibility to the system and to help spur additional economic opportunity.

Sincerely,
(s) Wes Cooley, Sr.
25550 Walker Rd.
Bend 97701

Supported PACT

To the Editor:

The community based "Parents and Adolescents Can Talk" (PACT) program just completed its seven sessions. The major purpose of PACT is to help adolescents build positive self concepts, while improving their communication and decision making skills.

Community organizations, educators and concerned parents all networked together to deliver PACT in Morrow County. The following people and organizations offered special assistance.

All Saints Episcopal Church provided their facilities at no charge for seven weeks;

Heppner United Methodist Church-child care facilities for seven weeks;

Heppner Soroptimists, Heppner Lions and Beth Bryant, United Methodist Women—a light meal for a session;

Doug and Kathleen Lowe, Bucknuns-cookies, rolls, and soda for the light meals and snacks;

Father George Izzett-facilitating, counseling and working with youth; Merilee McDowell-promoting PACT and recruiting families;

Kathy Clark-facilitating, recruiting financial support from community organizations;

Liz Curtis-facilitating, arranging for child care and promoting the program;

Betty Carlson-facilitating, providing a soup meal and supporting fellow facilitators;

Kathleen Lowe, R.N.-being our health professional and for using her computer skills to enhance many activities.

Morrow County can be very proud of the wide community involvement and support for the PACT family communication program. Please join me in expressing appreciation for their service on behalf of our youth.

Sincerely,
(s) Carol Bennett
Extension Agent

Justice Court Report

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

Chad Michael McDonald, 21, Tygh Valley-No Valid Elk Tag, \$58 fine;

Perry Ellis Hawk, 54, Heppner-No Operator's License, \$16 fine; Angela Yvonne Connell, 25, Heppner-No Operator's License, \$16 fine;

James Edward Davison, 18, Lexington-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$43 fine;

Dean Polston, Hermiston-Negotiating a Bad Check, \$590 fine, 60 days in jail, \$300 and jail sentence suspended with one year probation, making check good and no further violation of the law, excluding minor traffic;

Robert Talley, Heppner-Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor, \$401 fine, 30 days in jail, jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of the law; Robert Lee Botefuhr, 34, Heppner-Violation of Road Closure, \$58 fine;

Budd Richards, Heppner-Permitting Dog to Run at Large, \$29 fine;

Phillip Estberg, Heppner-Permitting Dog to Run at Large, \$43 fine.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

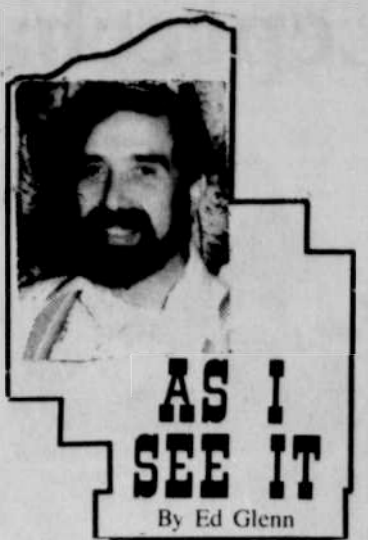
Someone said to me as we watched the rain "fall softly on the fields" that they are now firm believers of the luck of the Irish. What a beautiful St. Patrick's weekend it was. Everyone must be exhausted. It's hard work for the Heppner community...an Irish celebration for the many visitors who choose to be Irish for a day and a weekend of work for the rest of the folk. Visitors leave with a good feeling and want to return...that's what it's all about. Within the next two weeks, the St. Patrick's Committee will be holding an evaluation meeting. Please share your thoughts, ideas, comments for next year with committee members, or join us for that meeting during the first week of April.

It's Rose sale time again for Heppner Chamber of Commerce. This is our non-dues income event which enables the organization to continue to promote Heppner programs, activities and events. Selling roses helps to meet expenses for the office, phone, mailing brochures, etc. The roses are \$15 per dozen and may be ordered for "that special someone" by calling the Chamber office on Tuesday or Wednesday, 676-5536; Bob Kahl, 676-9113 or LoRayne Bowman 676-9061. Deadline for ordering is Friday, March 29. Delivery date is Thursday, April 11.

Next week at Chamber: Marcia Sweek will report on the Governor's Conference on Tourism.

Thought for the week: "Consider the postage stamp: it's usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing until it gets there..."J. Billings.

We Do Have A Role To Play



AS I SEE IT
By Ed Glenn

The Morrow County School Board accepted Superintendent Doyle McCaslin's resignation Monday night and set in motion the process of selecting his successor.

McCaslin has led the district through some trying times in the seven years he has been here. The teachers' strike a couple of years ago required a cool head. McCaslin's administration has hired a good number of the teachers and other staff and has played a role in the selection of three building principals and almost a whole new slate of Head Office personnel.

The superintendent's lead sets the pace and tenor of board meetings as well.

No mistake about it, the superintendent is the absolute key to a smooth running, effective and efficient school district. The selection of a new one will be the most significant decision this school board will ever make.

Present school board policy directs that the board alone will screen, interview and select a new superintendent. It's all very clear and simple, the job belongs exclusively to the board. But there was discussion about broader involvement. Seven years ago when McCaslin was hired, a screening committee included some principals, a teacher, a classified employee and the chairmen of the three advisory committees.

That same process was suggested Monday night with little enthusiasm. When a process with even broader opportunity for public involvement was suggested, chairman Bill Doherty remarked "We'll do it our way."

Several years ago, I sat on a school board that hired a new superintendent. And we made a big mistake. Oh, he was a prince of a guy, well educated, superbly experienced and full of enthusiasm. He was perhaps the most capable administrator I have ever seen. He worked hard, was full of innovative ideas and was well liked by fellow administrators, teachers, staff and the board.

But he was not accepted by the community. And in just a few years he was fired.

There are some pretty capable people on the Morrow County School Board. They were elected to represent us in most of the matters that come before them. But as board member Scott Bauska said at Monday's meeting, "We look for different things in a superintendent than they do." That's exactly the problem.

Board members do look for different things in a superintendent than do most parents and taxpayers. The right candidate, of course, has both. But, if the board finds what they are looking for, the new man (or woman) can never do that job if he does not also have what the patrons of the district look for.

Selecting a new superintendent is such an important job that you'd think the board would be anxious to have all the help they can get. And if they don't open the process to broad public participation, we may never know whether he can do the job or not. That's because we'll feel so shut out of the process that we'll be prejudiced against the new man from the very beginning.

Yes, it is true that most of us don't know what it is that we're looking for. To major extent the board members are the same way. Only Jerry McElligott has ever been through the process. The rest of the board have never done this before either. But the important thing is to have the opportunity to be involved. Without providing that, the board runs the risk of losing our faith and confidence in their decision.

I would certainly not suggest that the board turn the ultimate decision over to a citizen's committee. But as a bare minimum, they must involve the staff and citizens in the screening process and allow the public to know something about the leading candidates prior to final selection.

More importantly, they must adopt a sincere attitude that no matter how irrational, unsophisticated or ignorant you and I might be, we do have a vital role to play in the selection of a new school superintendent.

The Pioneer Memorial Clinic will be closed March 18 through March 22.

Emergency medical services will be available at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

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