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## Letters to the Editor

### Levy passage critical

To the Editor:

I am writing out of concern for the future funding of the Morrow County Schools. My concern stems from general misconceptions and fallacies which have resulted from the passage of Ballot Measure 5 and its assimilation into Oregon's Constitution as an amendment. This new amendment is supposed to replace funds lost by school districts as a result of its implementation. Besides wanting lower property taxes, many people supported the measure for that reason. However, the amendment does not exactly state how the dollars will be replaced or if Basic School Support has to be maintained.

At this point in time, the legislature has agreed to make Basic School Support and replacement dollars available to school districts for the 1991-92 school year. The replacement dollars will be available to school districts based on whatever tax base or levy has been approved by the voters prior to June 1, 1991. The Morrow County School District

is asking for a new tax base this month. The passage of this tax base is essential to the future funding Morrow County School District will receive from the state. These will be critical dollars in the education of Morrow County kids.

The passage of Ballot Measure 5 changed the rules for school finance as we have known them. The state of Oregon will determine school funding from here on out. The last bit of local control we have in Morrow County is to determine the amount of replacement revenue by updating our tax base. It is my opinion that we will be cheating ourselves out of state funds by not passing this tax base. I urge every voter to consider the importance of this tax base and support it in the upcoming election. A yes vote on the Morrow County School tax base is a yes for kids.

Sincerely,  
(s) Sarah Carlson  
Science Teacher HJH  
President MCEA

### Chamber endorses tax base measure

To the Editor:

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce, by unanimous vote of those present at the May 7, 1991 meeting, endorsed the school district's proposed tax base now before the voters.

The implementation of Measure 5 and the lid it places on school funding at the local level makes it more important than ever that we have a tax base which is a realistic indication of what we are spending for our children's educational needs. Year to year funding measures combined

with the old tax base have worked in the past to produce a workable budget. But with funding shifting from the local level to the state level things are changing.

We are proud of our schools and with good reason. But we need to be aware of changes which can affect them. The chamber encourages voters to support the school district's request for a new tax base.

Sincerely,  
Heppner Chamber of Commerce  
(s) Bob Kahl, president

### Yes on school tax base measure

To the Editor:

The recently received ballots for the Morrow County School District tax base election deserve our support.

The complications of Ballot Measure Five coupled with the fact that the district's tax base is outdated, creates a very uncertain fun-

ding situation for our school system. We can help insure positive funding of our schools and the education of our future generations with the passage of the tax base.

Please join us in voting yes for the school tax base.  
(s) Larry and Betty Mills

## Sheriff's Report

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

April 30: Morrow County deputy responded to Lamb-Weston in Boardman to begin investigation of a theft of a lap top computer, 10 hand-held radios and a set of scales total value \$12,000-\$14,000 taken from Lamb Weston;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to I-84 mile post 171.5 for a male subject with an illness. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown illness;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington area to investigate a report of suspicious circumstances. No action was taken.

May 1: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a neighborhood problem in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of water running in the roadway at Wils and Peters road;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of a traffic hazard. Problem resolved;

Morrow County deputy cited and released Faith Mathis, 56, Irrigon, for Criminal Mischief III.

May 2: Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 to attempt to locate a wrong way driver. Deputy was unable to locate driver;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence for a male subject with an unknown illness. One subject was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of suspicious circumstances;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence on SW Columbia in Boardman. One female was transported to Good Shepherd hospital with an unknown illness;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon for a report of a possible criminal mischief. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy responded to a complaint of a traffic problem. Problem was resolved.

May 3: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lone Rescue and Heppner ambulance to a residence on Valby road for one male with an unknown illness. Subject was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County deputy's responded and Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire department to a vehicle fire on I-84, approximately one mile east of Tower Road;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of a suspicious person.

May 4: Morrow County deputy responded to the Lone area for a domestic problem. Problem was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy began investigation in the Irrigon area of a custodial juvenile matter;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to investigate an animal problem on I-84, mile post 176;

Morrow County deputy responded to Hwy. 730, east bound mile post 172 to investigate a male subject attempting to flag passing traffic down. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence on Kunze Road to investigate a possible burglary in progress. Problem was resolved, no burglary.

During the week of April 29 through May 5 Morrow County Sheriff's deputies assisted seven disabled motorists.

May 5: Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police department and responded to the Nomad upon receiving a report of a fight in progress. Fight was dissipated upon arrival;

Morrow County dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Boardman Police department for a female with an illness. Female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy, Lexington Rescue, Heppner and Boardman ambulances responded to a two vehicle accident on Bombing Range road, 1 1/2 miles north of Boardman Farms. Vehicles involved were gone upon arrival. There was no transport;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to meet with complainant regarding a juvenile problem. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County Sheriff's office, and Oregon State Police responded to an unknown problem at Gregg's Tavern in Irrigon. One male was transported by ambulance to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown illness. Ambulance was dispatched by Hermiston Police department.

May 6: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a traffic hazard in Irrigon. Problem was gone upon deputy's arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to Wilson Trailer Court, Irrigon, to begin investigation of a theft of \$70 cash taken from Ophelia Garcia.  
May 7: Morrow County deputy responded to an Irrigon residence to begin investigation of vandalism.

## Justice Court Report

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

John Kirk Anderson, 37, Pendleton-Allowing an Unlicensed Juvenile to Operate a Vehicle, \$38 fine;

Stewart Arthur Maley, 32, Portland-Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, \$691 assessment fine, 92 days in jail, 90 days suspended;

Cliff Loren Lucas, 22, Pendleton-Expired Vehicle License, \$38 fine;  
Troy Allen Hyatt 22, Heppner-Failure to Display Front Vehicle License Plate, \$38 fine;

Jesse Jeffreys, Heppner-Allowing Dog To Run At Large, \$29 fine.

## WCCC Golf

**Ladies - April 30**  
Flight A: low gross-Bev Wilson; low net-Eileen Padberg and Lucile Peck; least putts-Barb Gilbert; chip in-Barb Gilbert, Lucile Peck.

Flight B: low gross-Bernice Lott; low net-Coral Mitchell and Jo Pettyjohn; least putts-Jo Pettyjohn; chip in-Jo Pettyjohn and Harriet Batty.

Flight C: low gross-Melba Miller; low net-Daisy Collins; least putts-Linda Schultz.

Putting competition: Eileen Padberg, Jo Pettyjohn and Melba Miller.

## Men's Play - May 5

Flight A: low gross-a tie for first between Ron Bowman and Dave Gunderson 66; low net-Frank Pearson 51; least putts-Jeff Orr; long drive-Raymond Reid; K.P.-Dave Allstott.

Flight B: low gross-Wayland Hyatt 67; low net-Greg Grant 52 and David Allstott and Rusty Estes 54.

Flight C: low gross-George Waterland and Howard Gilliam 68, Earl Fishburn 70; low net-Roger Schoonover 53 and Dave Mitchell 55.

Tad Miller got a hole-in-one on #9.

## Births

April Lynn Blackburn-a daughter April Lynn was born to Rodney Blackburn and Tonya McLeod of Boardman on April 23, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Bits and pieces...this is National Tourism Week, which is why the Morrow County placemats decorated the Chamber lunch tables. (These placemats led the Irish Traditional Group from County Cork to Heppner, because their sponsor happened to eat lunch in Boardman last summer and read the St. Pat's ad.) The Morrow County Tourism Committee is also working on signing, assisting the Port of Morrow in revision of the Morrow County brochure and planning the "It's A Kick" state fair booth. Their next meeting will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the Extension conference room. Everyone is welcome.

The state of Oregon has just printed the Oregon Events Calendar for spring and summer 1991. The guide, with more than 750 places to go and things to do in Oregon, is available free at the Chamber Office (Heppner T.V.) Unfortunately the Fair and Rodeo has been left out this year, but it's not too early to "Catch the Pioneer Spirit" by planning for our own Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro-Rodeo August 14-18. Sounds like a great theme.

Bicycles again. A Columbia Plateau Stage Race sponsored by the Emerald Velo Cycling Club of Portland is planned for June 14 and 15 in Heppner with the Criterion in Lone June 16. You'll hear more as we receive additional information. Sounds like a great opportunity for a sidewalk sale and activities on Main Street as people line the streets to watch the cyclists race into town.

Mark your calendars June 22 is Doctor's Appreciation Day. We're so fortunate to have our local doctors and special things are planned to let them know this is so.

Thought for the week: "There is no danger of developing eyestrain from looking at the bright side of things."

## Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Department lists the following monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

The Heppner office will be closed Thursday and Friday, May 9 & 10 to attend an epidemiology conference.

Tuesday, May 14-blood pressures and immunizations Irrigon office, 1-4 p.m.;

Wednesday, May 15-blood pressures senior citizen mealsite, 11 a.m.-noon; blood pressures Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, Lone, 2-3 p.m.

Thursday, May 16-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman City Hall, 1:30-4 p.m.

Thursday, May 23-blood pressures only, Heppner office 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon office, 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29-blood pressures, senior citizen mealsite, 11 a.m.-noon.

Thursday, May 30-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues. May 7		
Soft	White	
May-Aug.	\$3.44	
Barley		
May-Aug.	\$1.00	
PIK	97 1/2 %	

## Weather Report

by City of Heppner

April 30 - May 6, 1991			
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	67	35	.0
Weds.	66	33	.0
Thurs.	63	37	.0
Fri.	68	40	.04
Sat.	72	48	.0
Sun.	68	45	.0
Mon.	59	44	.22

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