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Letters to the Editor

Urges support of budget levy

To the Editor:

I am writing to you out of concern for the future funding of our schools. The Morrow County School District is asking for a budget levy in the amount of \$9,086,618 for the 1991-92 school year. This amount is necessary for our schools to maintain the current operating level.

There seems to be confusion as to the district's and the state's responsibility toward the funding of the public schools since Ballot Measure 5 is now a very real part of our state constitution. The constitution now says that your property taxes will go down to \$5/thousand assessed valuation. It also says that the state will make up the dollars lost to school districts because of the reduction in property taxes. These dollars are what have been referred to as "replacement dollars." So far, the legislature has said that it will dole out replacement dollars based

on any tax base or levy passed prior to June 1, 1991. It appears that this will also be the case for the next biennium. Plus, there is discussion for extra dollars to those districts with special need students. Whatever the case, Morrow County will not get "replacement dollars" without passing a new tax base or approving a budget levy.

I feel I also need to mention that as the squeeze is put on the state's General Fund, there will not be the dollars available to maintain the current level of spending on the public schools. The new constitutional amendment says that the state must make up the dollars lost to schools districts, but it does not say that basic

school support has to be maintained. The Morrow County School District currently receives \$1,661,641 in basic school support from the state of Oregon. Nothing says that this has to be maintained.

All considered here, I strongly urge you to support the proposed budget levy. This is a critical election for the future operation of our schools in more ways than one. If you have concerns or questions about this levy, contact a school board member or budget committee member and get the answers and satisfaction you need to support this levy. A yes vote in this election is a "yes" for the future of the children of Morrow County.

(s) Sally Walker, chairman
Community Relations Committee
Morrow County Education Association

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues. June 11		
Soft White		
June-Aug.		\$3.47
Sept.		\$3.49/\$3.51
Oct.		\$3.52/\$3.54
Barley		
June		\$93
July		\$95
Aug.		\$97
Sept		\$97
PIK		99%

Sheriff's Report

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

June 4: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to assist Parole and Probation with a subject;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for an animal problem. Cows were out;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a family dispute. Investigations are continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate vandalism to a residence. Window was broken.

June 5: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire department to a grass fire on I-84 between mile post 155-159;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for shots fired in the area. Subjects were shooting at seagulls;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a neighborhood disturbance.

June 6: Morrow County deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at Wilson Trailer Court in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputies arrested Daniel Dale Marry, 35, Irrigon, for Assault IV, domestic. Marry was transported and lodged at Benton County;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of a suspicious vehicle. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of Theft of an aluminum picnic table valued at \$500 from Irrigon Marina Park. Criminal Mischief investigation also continuing at the park, same incident.

June 7: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon Fire department to Bryan Street for two bales of hay on fire;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a report of an intoxicated driver. Deputy was unable to locate driver;

Morrow County deputy responded to Hwy. 74, milepost 39 1/2 for a one vehicle accident involving a cow. Two people were transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital by private vehicle with unknown injuries;

Morrow County deputy responded to Hwy 74, milepost 38 1/2 for a one vehicle accident.

June 8: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Lamb Weston, Boardman. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital with unknown injuries;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to attempt to locate a runaway juvenile. Deputy was unable to locate juvenile;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a car fire near the Village Inn Motel in Arlington;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Dale Berger residence in Irrigon for a report of a stolen weed eater and extension cord valued at \$75;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence off Division, Irrigon, for a report of an animal problem. Problem was solved;

Morrow County deputies responded to a location off Paul Smith Road, Boardman, for a report of shots fired close to workers in a field. Problem was solved;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to take a report on a hit and run;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Outbacks. Ambulance was cancelled and the victim was taken by private vehicle to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown illness.

June 9: Morrow County deputy made contact with an Irrigon resident regarding a family problem. Problem was solved;

Morrow County deputy respond-

ed to the area of 9th St. Irrigon, for a report of a juvenile problem;

Morrow County deputy contacted an Irrigon resident regarding a trespassing complaint;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Montigue residence in Irrigon for a report of a missing pet;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a controlled burn that was out of control;

Morrow County deputy responded to a domestic problem on WA St. Irrigon. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence at Wilson Trailer Park in Irrigon for a neighborhood complaint;

Morrow County deputy made contact with a resident on 9th St., Irrigon for a report of a neighborhood problem.

June 10: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to Sniction Canyon. One male patient with an unknown injury was transported to Gilliam County Medical Center, Condon;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon for a report of harassing phone calls;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Marina Park for a report of suspicious people. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance and fire department to a report of an accident on Homestead Rd east of Poleline, south of Boardman involving a person trapped. Dead was Anthony T. Boggs, 17, Irrigon. He was trapped in the vehicle in a canal at Big River Farms. Four males were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital. Morrow County deputy also assisted on the scene. Accident is under investigation.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

In a small town such as Heppner we have all been touched by the way our community comes together, whether it be in times of personal crisis or a need for volunteers for local projects. We can always accomplish so much more when we are traveling in the same direction. From the June 1991 Milton-Freewater Chamber of Commerce Newsletter:

"Lessons From Geese": As each Canadian goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of

formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with the goose until it can fly again or until it dies. Then they launch out on their own to catch up with the flock. Lesson: If we have as much sense as geese, we'll stand by each other, too.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it immediately feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone. It quickly gets back in formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the birds immediately in front of it. Lesson: If we have as much sense as geese, we'll stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies in the point position. Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership, with people being interdependent upon each other.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. Lesson: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging-not something less than helpful.

Author unknown

Walk A Mile

There's a popular phrase that's being recited by a lot of folks these days. Attributed to an old Indian, it has lots of variations. In one way or another most versions advise against judging another man until you "walk a mile in my moccasins."

The idea, as I understand it, is that most of us are too quick to judge our neighbor without knowing the whole truth about the matter that we judge. We talk about a downtown merchant, saying things like "He's a fool for pricing that item that high," or "If he'd only carry this line of merchandise, he'd be a success." But not having walked a mile in his moccasins, how can we know much about his business?

There's a flap along these lines going on in Wallowa County. Most of the Hells Canyon is under attack by the environmentalists and it looks like they might win without walking a mile in anyone's moccasins.

Hells Canyon is certainly one of the wonders of the natural world. There's a view from Hat Point that will literally take your breath away. And there's a ridge running northeast from Memolose Guard Station, Monument Ridge, that yielded nice four-point bucks, to the rifle I shot four years in a row. The airstrip at Doug Bar is strictly one-ended and the Imnaha River has produced some fine lively steelhead.

And Hells Canyon has been range land for the 40 years I can remember, and several generations of Tippiets before that. All the way from Cow Creek to Mar Flat, the Imnaha country is cattle country if it's anything at all. I still remember the two or three trips I made, as a young boy, to my uncle's cow camp on the Flat. At the time, I was more interested in the coffee from the big blue porcelain pot Uncle Dave poured for me. Now, I remember the concern he had for moving cattle from one part of the range to another. A move necessary for not only the cows' benefit but for the care of the range as well. Dave Warnock grazed that range for nearly 60 years and left it lush, beautiful and productive.

But all that is due to change. The do-gooders from Portland and Seattle are working hard on the Forest Service and the Congressional delegations of other states to shut down cattle grazing in Hells Canyon. By the way they define it, that means the Imnaha as well, to within sight of the town of Joseph. The pitch is that the cattlemen will soon destroy the range beyond recognition. Since they claim the range is due for imminent destruction by ignorant, greedy, shortsighted cattlemen, all grazing must be halted and only then can the Imnaha county be considered a national treasure.

Walk a mile in my moccasins. Ride a season on my range. Make your living from cattle in the Imnaha Country a generation or two, and then talk about the destruction of the range.

Just where do these Johnny-come-latelys get off anyway? None have a motive more fleeting than a hope to see a pretty picture. None have a knowledge, from live or die experience, of nature's capacity. None have an appreciation of balancing practical use with esthetic beauty. To a major extent, that includes the governmental regulators. It's easy to miss the lessons of the land when your paycheck comes from the taxpayers, protected by a civil service law.

When you grow up in Wallowa County you develop a special bond to the land. After all, there isn't anything else. No factories, no high-rise office buildings, no traffic lights. You live on and from the land.

When it means food on the table and a shirt on your back, you learn to work hard, be frugal and above all else, you learn to respect the land. It becomes a kind of shrine, to be protected with a religious zeal. You know what the consequences of abuse of the land will be. Taking a little more now means having nothing for several years to come.

The Lightning Creek Ranch was that way 40 years ago. Just a couple of years of overgrazing and it took 10 or 15 years to bring it back. Every cow man on the river knows that, and a lot more. Three generations of survival on the river and the rim of Hells Canyon has taught those high country cattlemen more about the land, nature and the stewardship they hold than any book-worm environmentalist will ever know. That mile may be generations long.

Were the Hells Canyon mine, and were I really concerned about its preservation for generations and generations to come, I'd leave it in the hands of Imnaha cattlemen.

Boyce elected Oregon Jaycee president

Richard Boyce, son of Lil and the late Ray Boyce, Heppner, has been elected president of the Oregon

Jaycees Club. Boyce, Portland, was a 1971 Heppner High School graduate.

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