

Letters to the Editor

Talk with children about drugs, alcohol

To the Editor:

Dear Mom and Dad:
I'm confused. It seems like all my friends go to parties and drink beer. I know I'm not supposed to, but all my friends say it's great. They want me to drink, and I want to keep my friends. I know that you both drink. Sometimes at home, sometimes at parties. If you do, why shouldn't I?

Love, your teenager.
I suspect you have not gotten a letter like this one, but chances are your teenager(s) are thinking these thoughts. What are you going to do? One method might be to sit down and discuss an agreement, stating what both sides expect. Here is a suggested covenant:

Family Safe Driving Pledge:
To my parents:
I know that alcohol and drug use is illegal for minors, and that driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal regardless of age. I also know that you expect me to follow the law.

However, I pledge to call you for advice and/or transportation if I am ever in a situation where I have been drinking or taking drugs, or the person who is driv-

ing has been drinking or taking drugs.

I understand that we will talk about my behavior and your expectations at a later time; however, I appreciate your concern for my immediate safety.

Signature
To my son/daughter:
When you call, I pledge to come and get you at any hour, any place, no questions asked at that time. Or, I will have a responsible adult come to bring you home safely. Your immediate safety is my first concern.

However, I will want to talk with you about your behavior and my expectations at a later time. I also pledge to act as responsibly as I expect you to.

Signature
The Heppner Oregon Together Group suggests that parents talk with their children about drugs and alcohol and make a covenant or agreement that deals with behavior and safety.

Thanks for taking the time on this important issue.

Sincerely,
(s) Rev. Stan Hoobing
Convener of Heppner/Lexington Oregon Together

Heppner sixth graders voice concerns

(Editor's Note: Following are letters of concern, interest and appreciation from some of the sixth grade students at Heppner Middle School. The sixth graders have been studying about newspapers and what it takes to publish one. Their letters range from closing the Heppner swimming pool, appreciating the honor card system and Parents Club, stopping for children in crosswalks, closing the skating rink and the police department. The sixth graders were sincere in their concern over these issues. During their study they published their own newspaper.)

To the Editor:

I think we need to buy some stop lights on Main Street. When school gets out there are kids running around and they might get hurt.

To prevent these accidents I think we need to have a fund raiser and buy them and put them up with the money that's raised.

Lexie Short
I would like to thank the Parents Club for all the things they have given to the school. They just gave us two new basketball hoops and have also given us two VCR's. They have given us lots of things that we all enjoy. Thanks Parents Club.

Brian Burnside
I think we should give special thanks to the Parent's Club. They have given us alot of things like basketball hoops and VCRs. If we didn't have the Parent's Club then we wouldn't have many of the items we enjoy at our school.

Anyone who has a child in school or an interest in the school could join Parent's Club.

They have their meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. The dates for the rest of the year are Feb. 4, March 3, April 7, and May 5. Show your support for kids and the school by getting involved in Parent's Club.

Mindy Binschus

The Heppner swimming pool won't be open this summer. This is due to Measure 5. What are kids going to do?

At the Heppner dam kids can go swimming, but it's dangerous. They need to have swimming lessons at the pool to stay safe.

People should add it to the school budget like Ione does. We should raise money, and lots of it.

Cam Sweeney
We need the skating rink to reopen so there is something to do in this small town. The skating rink was fun and it was good exercise. It would probably get kids off the streets and out of trouble too. I have been skating ever since I was three years old and this is the first year I haven't been skating. It is terrible. So please try to reopen the skating rink.

Tom Zumwalt
We need some stop lights in Heppner. When little kids come to the crosswalk the cars don't always stop. If we had stop lights then they would help to avoid any accidents. We need to make the streets more safe for everyone.

Tim Sumner
I would like to express my feelings about the upkeep of public places such as parks. The people that work for the city are nice, but I don't see why they can't make things a little nicer around town. I know that many of the jobs they do aren't noticeable, but very important to our town. But I'd like to see better care taken of the parks. For instance, the grass cut more often, more trees and flowers planted and more equipment for kids to use.

Josh Roy
I'm writing to show appreciation for all of the businesses and people who are willing to give free items or discounts to kids at school whose grade average is over 3.50.

The kids get a card that has their picture on it. The card is called an honor card. These kids can go to certain businesses and get free items such as a pencil, a medium pop, or maybe a discount, half off any item or buy-one, get-one free. Kids work really hard for these cards. Keep working. We really thank all of the businesses for their contributions.

Jayne Hansen
I'm writing to talk to you about the swimming pool closure. When I found out I was so mad. That was our favorite spot to hang out in the summer time. Also it is a good place to teach kids how to swim. It is also very good exercise as well as very fun. If kids go to the dam without first knowing how to swim, that is very dangerous and they might even drown.

Now that it is closed we won't have any place to swim except for the dam, (who would want to swim there?). I just want to say we should work together and have a fund raiser to build a new pool or fix the old one.

Jessica VanWinkle
I would like to express my feelings about how nice the town has been to Kelly Rafferty. Kelly is a student here at Heppner Middle School.

I think the town and school were very helpful by sending letters, cards, and gifts. We should be proud that when someone needs help we give help.

Sherry Sieler
I would like to thank the Parents Club for donating things we need here at the school. Recently they gave the fifth and sixth grades two basketball hoops.

The Parents Club has given VCR's, cards, and all sorts of things to the school. It would be great if more people would come to the Parents Club meetings. They're on the first Tuesday of every month.

Josie Proctor
I am writing this letter to thank the Parent's Club for the new basketball hoops they donated for the fifth and sixth graders and I'd also like to thank them for the Carnival every year.

There are many other things the Parent's Club has done over the years to help our school. I know the school appreciates this groups efforts. Anyone is welcome to join Parent's Club and help the kids of Heppner.

Sarah Baker

I am writing this letter to thank the Parent's Club for donating new basketball hoops for the middle school kids. Also for the school carnival every year, and many other things they did and will do in the future.

All the kids are happy for all that the Parents Club did for them and the school.

Crysti Taylor
I think our community is really nice to help people out that are sick or in need of help. For instance George Waterland was down in Portland having surgery. George works at the mill in Heppner. His wife, Karla, works as an aide for the Heppner Middle School.

The cooks at Heppner Middle School are starting a raffle to raise money for the family. The kids at school are going to sell the tickets door to door. There are three prizes. The tickets cost 25 cents. The winning number will be announced at the last home basketball game. I hope that the community of Heppner will support this effort to help the Waterlands.

Adam Doherty
I would like to state my opinion about the problem of trying to cross the street in Heppner. Little kids leaving school at 2:30 are in danger because cars don't always stop for them. Kids stand in hail, rain, snow or sleet and still the cars never stop. So I think that crossing guards at 2:30 to help kids across the street would be safer.

Joe Kindle
I think crosswalks are really dangerous anymore, cars don't always stop for pedestrians. Little kids try crossing the street and some cars going by see them and don't care.

What I think we should get is some crossing signs, or lights to let people know to watch out for kids. It would also be great if people would volunteer to walk little kids across at 2:30 when little kids get out of school.

It's against the law for cars to go by when people are standing there waiting to get across. Let's all work together to make the streets of Heppner safer.

Linsey Ropp
The Parents Club in Heppner has done a lot of things to help our school. The Parents Club really helped out the school by getting new VCR's. They bought two new ones this year.

They put up new basketball hoops for the fifth and sixth graders. The seventh and eighth graders play at the tennis courts. Everyone enjoys them.

Thank you Parents Club.
Jarrod Clark
I think that the swimming pool should be open because summer is boring without a pool. It keeps kids in shape and gives them something to do.

I know it takes a lot of money to fix and run it. But everyone in town, whether they use it or not, benefit from it. It gives them something to do.

We need to all work together to raise money and save our pool.

Caleb McDaniel
I am writing to you to express my feelings about crosswalks. I don't think people care about who is going to cross. I think we could stop that.

I was talking to some friends and we started thinking about crosswalks and maybe having crossing guards. It would give them something to do outside and also help our little children.

Katie Nichols
I think we should have cross guards so the cars will stop on Main Street. People should stop, especially for little kids, because they trust the cars to stop.

Maybe a lot of people would like to be cross guards, especially senior citizens, who might have extra time. Perhaps an organization could organize people to help. Crossing guards would help keep the children of Heppner safe.

Kay Foster
I am writing to express my feelings about crosswalks.

It is a problem when the little kids want to cross the street and the cars won't stop. If we had some crossing guards to help the kids cross it would be much safer. Officers could give tickets if they don't stop.

Katie Kenny

I am writing to you because of the swimming pool closure. I think there are going to be a lot of families that are going to complain if the city closes the swimming pool. Where are the kids going to go? The dam? Well, what if the kids drown up there then what are we going to do? That's why the city needs to open the pool for swimming lessons. I know that a lot of kids are going to be upset if they don't get to go swimming.

If we need to make some money why don't we have a fund raiser? I realize that the swimming pool has a lot of problems, but Heppner will too, if the pool doesn't open.

Annie Hisler
I think that it is a great idea for there to be honor cards. This program was started last year to reward and encourage good grades. It makes everyone work hard so they can reach their goal. More and more people are getting them and are caring more about their grades.

I hope that younger kids will care more about their grades so when they get into the middle school they will get an honor card for working so hard.

I would also like to thank the stores and businesses who are participating in the program. Without them it wouldn't be possible.

Carrie Hargrove
I am writing about the swimming pool closing this year. During the summer a lot of kids go to the pool. They go for something to do and to get cooled off. It teaches kids to swim and also about water safety.

The pool also gives people a place to swim where there are lifeguards. Places like the lake don't have lifeguards. The lake doesn't have a restricted area to swim in either. The swimming pool is a lot safer place to swim than the lake.

I think that the people of Heppner need to find a way to raise some money to fix the pool.

Jessica Keersemaker
At Heppner Middle School last year a new program was started. The program was started by Mrs. Carlson to encourage kids to do well in school and on their grades. The program is called the Honor Card Program. Students receive a little card with their picture. It shows their name and their grade. The kids that get them can go to a participating store or business and get something free or at a discount. It encourages the people we get them to appreciate what they can do.

The kids really are appreciative of all the businesses that take part in this program. The stores that participate in it are: Orwick Machine Shop, Gardner's Men's Wear, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Murray's Drug, Central Market, Millers Mini Mart, Peterson's Jewelers, Shoe Box, Heppner bowl, Our Place Cafe, Heppner Auto Parts, Court Street Market, Beechers and the Gazette-Times. They all give super prizes.

It's great to see the students and community working together to make our schools even better.

Masons plan open house

The Masonic Lodge has planned an open house on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the lodge at 138 West Willow St. in Heppner.

Everyone is invited to attend. Lodge members will be on hand to visit with guests.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission for the City of Heppner, Oregon will conduct public hearings at 7:00 PM on March 2, 1992 at Heppner City Hall regarding the following applications:

1. Variance: Waiver of setback requirements for a garage at 225 Rock Street, Map # 2S 26 35BA, Tax Lot #3200 owned by William and Marilee McDowell.

2. Variance and Floodplain Development Permit: Waiver of setback requirements and approval of an accessory use building in a floodplain/way at 355 West Union Avenue, Map # 2S 26 27DD, Tax Lot #300 owned by Raymond and Deena Reid.

3. Variance and Conditional Use: Waiver of setback requirements and an addition to a previous conditional use and permission to place a premanufactured extension onto the Pioneer Memorial Clinic at 130 Thomson Avenue, Map #2S 26 35BA, Tax Lot #2200.

A copy of the applications for the Variances, Conditional Use and Floodplain Development Permit and copies of all documents in evidence relied upon by the applicant and copies of any applicable zoning criteria are available for inspection at no cost and copies of the same will be provided at a reasonable cost. To obtain this information contact the office of Gary Marks, Heppner City Administrator, Heppner City Hall, 188 W. Willow Street, PO Box 756, Heppner, Oregon 97836, 676-9618.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF CIVIL FORFEITURE OF: \$781.76 in U.S. currency; \$60.00 in Food Stamps; miscellaneous weapons; miscellaneous drug paraphernalia; and miscellaneous electronic equipment, including scanners, seized from Michael Lynch, Naomi Johns and others on January 7, 1992. NOTICE TO ALL POTENTIAL CLAIMANTS AND TO ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY!!!

YOU MUST "CLAIM" AN INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED SEIZED PROPERTY OR YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY LOSE ANY INTEREST YOU MAY HAVE. TO "CLAIM" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE "FORFEITURE COUNSEL" LISTED BELOW, A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "CLAIM". THE "CLAIM" MUST BE GIVEN TO THE FORFEITURE COUNSEL WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE LAST DAY THIS NOTICE IS PUBLISHED. THE CLAIM MUST INCLUDE: A) YOUR TRUE NAME, B) YOUR CURRENT AND FUTURE MAILING ADDRESS, C) THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, D) THE TIME, TRANSFEROR AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR ACQUISITION OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, E) THE REASONS YOU BELIEVE THE PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE, F) ALL FACTS SUPPORTING THESE REASONS, G) ANY ADDITIONAL FACTS SUPPORTING YOUR CLAIM AND, H) THE PRECISE RELIEF YOU SEEK. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND BE SIGNED BY YOU UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY. THE DEADLINE FOR FILING IS MARCH 18, 1992.

WHERE TO FILE A "CLAIM" AND FOR MORE INFORMATION FORFEITURE COUNSEL Jeff M. Wallace, M.C.D.A. PHONE 676-9061 Address P.O. Box 664, Courthouse, Heppner OR 97836 SEIZING AGENCY Morrow County Sheriff PHONE 676-9061 Address P.O. Box 159, Courthouse, Heppner OR 97836 SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BASIS FOR CIVIL FORFEITURE

On or about January 7, 1992, the above described was seized for civil forfeiture by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. The property is subject to forfeiture under OR Law Chapter 791 as X proceeds X profits and/or X instrumentalities used in the following prohibited conduct, and/or the solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit the following prohibited conduct: X possession of a controlled substance, X delivery of a controlled substance, X manufacture of a controlled substance. FORFEITURE means that the property will be transferred to the government and persons with any interest in the property will be deprived of that interest without compensation because of the use or acquisition of the property in or through prohibited conduct as defined in OR Law.

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