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Letters to the Editor

Oregon Together concerned about youth

To the Editor:
Many people want to know what is "Oregon Together"? Oregon Together is a group of citizens that are concerned about the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs by the youth of Heppner and Lexington area who are under the age of 21. And we are aware that the drug of choice in our area is alcohol. We also know that it is against the law for persons under 21 to be drinking or have alcohol in their possession. We want the youth of Heppner and Lexington to live good wholesome lives and enjoy their school age years, school activities, youth groups, proms, dances and outdoor recreation. We want them to have good wholesome fun and to enjoy life. We just don't believe that alcohol and other drugs are an answer or even necessary for the "rite of passage" from adolescence to adulthood. The members of the committee are not "straight-laced, goody two shoes," but generally concerned adults and youth about our

youth. I, personally have been known to "tip" a few beers and mixed drinks in my life, but for the past five years, I quit, thanks to a good old army doctor who told me that if I didn't quit and start exercising, I would only live 10 years. I even quit smoking and drinking coffee. So we are not all on the straight and narrow, but we know the price and want our youth to be around and enjoy life. And so if you are concerned about the health and well-being of our youth under 21 we hope and trust that you will support us in our projects and endeavors. And so if you have concerns and want to help us, please get in touch with members of local Oregon Together: Carol Michael-Bennett, Ron Bowman, Kathy Lowe, Barbara Stefani-Peterson, Doug Rathbun or myself. Thanks for your support.
Sincerely,
(s) Rev. Stan Hoobing,
Lexington/Heppner Oregon
Together Convenor

Barbara Roberts failed

To the editor:
July 1 Governor Roberts said "the voters of the state should be angry" because we were not given the opportunity to vote on her "balanced and fair" tax reform package. Balanced? Fair? You judge.
1) The personal income tax rate cut and renter relief were both statutory, meaning the legislature could remove them at any time.
2) Benefits of this cut came to a whopping \$6 per month, per individual as a result of the Measure 5 acceleration. In exchange for that \$6, we would have gotten a 3 1/2% sales tax and higher non-owner occupied property taxes. By the 1996-97 legislative biennium, the net savings from Measure 5 would have been \$0.00, but the sales tax and higher property taxes would have remained. By that time, the state government would have profited almost 2.3 billion dollars.
3) Implementing the sales tax would have cost 100 million dollars. Of that, 70 million would have benefited no one. The retailers would have charged 36 million to collect the tax, and the state would have needed 34 million to administer it.
These are only some of the points in the Oregon Tax Plan as

drafted by governor Roberts' own people. After its defeat she said, "I did not fail; the legislature failed."
No, Barbara, you did fail, and the legislature did us all a favor by killing it July 1. Incidentally, have you asked yourself where the \$650,000.00 for that special election was supposed to come from?
Respectfully submitted
(s) Becky Walling
56080 Columbia River Hwy
Warren, OR 97053

Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:
July 6: Michael Lee Ammons, 23, Boardman; and Charlene Ruth Finley, 19, Boardman.
July 7: Earl Wayne Connell, Jr., 27, Boardman; and Lisa Diane Erickson, 20, Boardman.
July 13: Patrick Edward Baker, 35, Lexington; and Maryetta S. Connor, 40, Lexington.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office reports dispatching the following business during the past week:
July 7: Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman Marina Park to investigate a report of a problem with fireworks;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the lone EMTs to a residence on 2nd St in Lone. A male with an unknown illness refused transport and was transported by a private vehicle;
Morrow County deputy took care of a possibly dangerous situation involving a vehicle on Division St. in Irrigon;
Morrow County deputy cited and released Peter Justin Ceton, 19, and David Sean Barrick, 19, both Boardman on two counts each of Criminal Trespass II;
Morrow County deputy contacted a citizen regarding loud noises in the Lexington area;
Morrow County deputy began investigation of a theft which occurred three days ago at the Irrigon Marina. John Friend, Hermiston, reported two sturgeon poles, one can of starter fluid, and 12 gallons of gasoline were missing;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the lone Fire Dept. to a grass fire on Jordan grade, one mile north of Hwy. 74.
July 8: Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Shayne Douglas Hoffman, 22, Irrigon, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Resisting Arrest and Escape III. Hoffman was lodged at Benton County Jail;
Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a welfare check;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to S & K Farms for one male with injuries. Person was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital by a private vehicle;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to a field fire three miles East on Hwy 74 towards Pilot Rock. Fire was under control upon arrival;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to Thrifty Foods for a male with an injury. There was no transport;
Morrow County deputy responded to a report of juveniles digging near the cross on Cross Hill in Heppner. Deputy was unable to locate excavation upon arrival.
July 9: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Mitchell ambulance to the Jenkins residence. One female was transported to Prineville with injuries;
Morrow County deputy recovered a vehicle stolen out of Bend. Vehicle was impounded;
Morrow County deputy responded to an Irrigon residence to begin investigation of suspicious items received by mail;
Morrow County deputy responded to Wilson Road in Boardman and restored four cows to their home pasture, with help of the bovine's owner;
Morrow County deputy responded to assist the Mental Health department.
July 10: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of an unsecured door. Door was secured;
Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon for a report of a restraining order violation. Investigation is continuing;
Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to investigate a report of property found;
Morrow County deputy responded to Bombing Range Road for a report of an injured animal. Everything was fine;
Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a loud disturbance going on at a residence on Main. Problem was resolved.
July 11: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Mitchell Ambulance for one male with an illness. Prineville ambulance was to meet Mitchell ambulance at Bandit Springs for a transport to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Prineville;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Dodge City. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital with injuries;
Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of an intoxicated driver. One juvenile male was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants;
Morrow County deputy advised Lexington Auto Body for a tow for a vehicle that was extended beyond the white line hazard on Hwy. 207 mile post 12;
Morrow County deputy responded to Pauls in Irrigon for a disoriented person. A female was picked up by relatives from Pendleton.
July 12: Morrow County deputy responded to the Lone area for a complaint of a loud party;
Morrow County deputy attempted to locate a female in the Heppner area to deliver a message. Deputy was unable to locate woman, she had moved away;
Morrow County deputy removed and took care of a white sheep type dog that had been hit and killed by a vehicle on the corner of Anderson/Malhuier in Boardman;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence on Paul Smith road. One female with an illness was transported by a private vehicle to Good Shepherd Community Hospital;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. to a field fire at Philippi Canyon;
Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a neighborhood problem in regards to a juvenile disturbance.
July 13: Morrow County deputy recovered a 1981 blue Toyota pickup from the Irrigon Marina that had been stolen out of Kennewick, WA.;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of vandalism;
Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of vandalism;
Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for an illegally parked vehicle on private property;
Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to take a report of mischief done to a trampoline being moved;
Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a juvenile driving recklessly on a dune buggy;
Morrow County deputy responded to the west bound off ramp in Boardman for a motor vehicle accident. There were no injuries but damage was done to State property;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a motor vehicle accident at the Port of Morrow exit on Columbia Blvd just east of the Ready Mix plant. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with injuries;
Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the lone Fire Dept. to a field fire at the George Millers' 10 miles north of Lone on Baker Road.
Colinda Millman Bork, Heppner-Assault IV \$451 fine, \$300 fine, 180 days in jail suspended with one year probation with no further violation of

A Nice Guy

I met an old friend last week at the Lostine school reunion. More of an old acquaintance, than an old friend. Nevertheless nice guy.
The Lostine school opened near the turn of the century and closed in 1963. The reunion was for all who attended, a real trip to yesteryear. But this piece is about my friend.
Like I say, he is a nice guy. The kind of fellow that everyone likes. He was popular in high school, and is popular today. Here's the guy I saw:
Pleasant. Always had a smile on his face, a winning grin. He laughed alot. Especially at the jokes everyone else told. He didn't tell any of those dumb blonde stories, nor make any racial slurs, but was most pleasant to have in the crowd.
Considerate. He was polite to the women, offering a chair when there were too few. He was polite to the men, too, offering an opening in the conversation to the class braggart and the loud mouthed under-achiever.
Agreeable. He seemed to agree with the opinions offered on politics, business and social issues. Some other people wanted to argue about the AIDS epidemic and the presidential candidates but my friend didn't engage in heated debate. Both sides seemed to think he supported their position, but he never as much as said one way or the other.
Honest. I don't think he would steal a dime. And he certainly would not have agreed with someone if he really didn't. That would have made him a "yes man" and people don't like yes-men.
Someone asked my friend what he had been doing the 30 plus years since we left high school. Some kind of office work for some kind of wholesale company. Worked for the same outfit all those years, moved up to assistant something or other and made a good living. Married, two kids, both in college. Someone else asked about politics and he admitted he didn't vote.
When we left, everyone gave my friend a big hug, told him how good it was to have seen him again and made him promise to attend the next reunion in five or 10 years. Everybody seemed to like him a lot.
On my way home from Lostine, I got to thinking about the people we like and why. My friend from the reunion, just an acquaintance really, is just the kind of guy everyone likes. Kind, gentle, agreeable, he never rubs people the wrong way. He's just the kind of guy you'd like to have at a back-yard barbecue. And he probably is invited to a lot of them.
Some folks never separate the folks we like to have at a back yard barbecue from the kind of people we need in other places and times. Take a chief executive officer of the company down the street or the school district or the State of Oregon.
Maybe there are qualities that we should look for in those jobs that wouldn't necessarily be the ones we'd see in the nice guy we like so well. More importantly, the nice guy probably has qualities that would not be so good in those jobs.
After all, when we want a welder, we look for a guy that can weld, not a carpenter. That's the way it should be with our politicians. We should look for a person to fill a political job, not a nice guy to attend a barbecue.
As I neared home, on the way back from Lostine, I thought about how so many people would vote for my friend if he ran for a political office. I know they would because there are an awful lot of nice guys holding political offices.
I couldn't do that. You see, I've already forgotten his name.



law excluding minor traffic. Attend Morrow County Mental Health for alcohol education marriage counseling and/or anger management;
John Arden Roberts, 54, Boardman-Exceeding Truck Speed, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$40 fine;
Sidney Ray Britt, 51, Echo-No PUC permit, \$46 fine; Driving While Suspended infraction, failure to appear-hearing, \$68 fine;
Martin Walter Spriggle, 29, Pendleton-Failure to Wear Safety Belt, \$11 fine;
Mark Alva Royal, 39, Pendleton-Failure to Wear a Safety Belt, \$11 fine.

O'Connors have new address
June and Charles O'Connor, longtime residents of Lone are temporarily living in Springfield, while June undergoes therapy following a stroke.
They will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on August 2.
The O'Connors address is Sweetbriar, 6135 E Street, Springfield, Or 97478. 762-5026.
For more information about the O'Connors contact Lee Davis, 4741 Libbit Ave. No. 6, Encino, CA 91436.

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