

Letters to the Editor

Government goes too far

To the Editor:
This is a political letter. However, it isn't endorsing any candidate or measure. Instead, I hope it will make you think, be informed, investigate the background and belief of those you vote for in November. Those are the people who have a big say in your future. In general please be concerned.

If it is only fair to teach homosexuality in school in order not to exclude those children raised in the homosexual environment. Then, it is only fair that children be allowed to pray openly in school because they are being raised in that lifestyle. Therefore, their rights as American citizens are being denied if not allowed to pray openly in school.

Please consider heavily what direction our moral values are headed in America after thinking about the above statement and the following.

Now, a little different direction.

"Our" National Lands. We have roads closed for elk to calve. The elk population was increasing before road closures. Hard to believe isn't it. What about the fenced areas in "Our" National forests that you are not allowed to go into?

The ranchers are having to face the writing on the pasture gate.

Fewer cattle are being allowed for shorter periods of time to graze. More creek areas are being excluded from grazing. There are people who agree with these practices on federal lands. Some folks feel that is fine, it's not bothering their lifestyle any. But, I want you to consider - road closures, fenced out areas, armed patrols to protect the trees and wildlife from who, you.

Private landowners who don't use federal lands, are you safe? No. Oregon is trying to pass bills right now giving them governing

power over how you use your land. The federal government is in the process of trying to claim all water rights to creeks and streams. That includes the ones that start on federal land. But remember, those same streams go through private land also. What will happen when 100-plus head of elk move onto private land, eat all the winter grass and eat the shrubs on the creeks. Yes elk and deer do eat grass and shrubs. Then the government comes in and informs you your hillside will erode due to overgrazing and silt in the stream and the shrubs have been stripped and so there's no shade for the fish in the creek. You can't turn as many (if any) cows in on your own land. You won't be able to log certain areas because it would be damaging to the area. But, it's okay to let the bugs come in and kill them because that is a natural thing.

The government has told farmers for years how much they can and can't plant.

National health insurance would be another bureaucratic expense. Hire more government employees. It'll take five people with only one actually doing the work, the others have to oversee each other. I would benefit from national health insurance. However, I hope we don't get it. It's just one more step to make us dependent upon the government to control us.

Please sit and think about the direction we are being lead and how complaisant we have become. I'm sorry but I don't want to owe my soul to anyone but God, certainly not the government. There are so many other subtle things the government is doing to weave us into their web. Don't take me wrong, we do need an effective government but I feel the power has overtaken what it was originally meant to be.

(s) M. Bacon
Ione

Sheriff's Report

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

October 13: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to a non-injury accident with a semi on I-84, westbound, mile post 159. A washdown was requested;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance and the Arlington ambulance to a one vehicle rollover. Seven people were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to the Haven House for one female with injuries. Patient was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to a field fire on NE 2nd St. Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of livestock missing in the Heppner area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Ione Fire Dept to a report of a fire north of Ella Road in Ione;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of stolen property in Heppner valued at \$439;

Morrow County deputy responded to attempt to locate an overdue subject in the Tupper Corral Camp. Subject was found.

October 14: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance and deputy to a one vehicle accident near Pacific NW Farms. One person was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a one vehicle rollover on I-84, westbound mile post 168. One person was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate suspicious circumstances near Bombing Range Tower 2.

October 15: Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Stanfield Police Dept. with an arrest. David J. Flanagan, 23, was arrested for Assault IV. Flanagan was cited and released;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a motor vehicle accident on I-84, mile post 156, westbound. Transport was refused;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to the Wagon Wheel addition for a report of vandalism;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept to a grass fire on I-84 and Hwy. 730 at the railroad pass;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept to a reported fire on Hilltop Drive and Canal in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to Ione for a report of an on going problem with a pro-

wler at a residence on F Street. Investigation is continuing;

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

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of suspicious circumstances involving juveniles.

October 16: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. to a report of a grass fire near Hwy 19 on Rock Creek;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist Boardman Police Dept with a possible domestic in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy arrested Bruce Nicholes, 69, Boardman, for maintaining a dog as a public nuisance. Nicholes was cited and released.

October 17: Morrow County deputy assisted Oregon State Police with a one vehicle rollover. There were no injuries, vehicle was towed;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Tower Road for a report of a person with an illness. Transport was made to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of vandalism to Desert Farm Supply company in Irrigon. Amount of value on damage was unknown.

October 18: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence in Boardman for one female with an illness. Female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Ione EMT and the Heppner ambulance to a reported motor vehicle accident on Ella Road. One male subject was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a missing juvenile;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to the Arlington city park for one male subject with an injury. Subject was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Giliam County Deputy with a juvenile problem. Problem was solved;

Morrow County deputy arrested Jesse Sanchez Perez, 30, Hermiston, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Perez was lodged at Benton County Jail.

October 19: Morrow County deputy assisted the Oregon State Police with an animal problem on Hwy. 730, mile post 181.5;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence at Wilson Road Trailer Park. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance for one female with an illness. There was no transport;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a juvenile problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Ione area for an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to a brush fire at the end of Kunze Road and Canal Lane;

Morrow County deputy responded to a juvenile problem in Irrigon.

Hallelujah kids to sing at Hope, Valby

Valby and Hope Lutheran Churches are in for a treat this weekend, Oct. 23-25. The "Hallelujah Kids' Chorus" from Augustana Lutheran Church in Northeast Portland is coming to sing at worship services and learn about rural living in Eastern Oregon.

Hallelujah Kids' Chorus is made up of youth from and around the northeast Portland area. Many of these youth are from neighborhoods where drugs and gangs are present; many thought of joining gangs or "wannabes" until an African American Lutheran pastor introduced them to Jesus Christ and singing.

The kids will arrive Friday evening in Ione and be picked up by their hosts. On Saturday they will tour a local farming operation, portions of the Oregon Trail

and the Finley Buttes Regional facility where they will see what becomes of old tennis shoes, milk cartons, etc. from Portland. At 5:30 p.m. at the Valby Lutheran Church there will be a harvest potluck dinner and festivities. The kids will meet other people of Eastern Oregon and sing as well as be sung to by the Don Eppenbach family of Irrigon.

Sunday at 9 a.m. the chorus will sing at the Valby Lutheran Church located out of Ione. At 11 a.m. they will be in Heppner to sing at the Hope Lutheran Church during the service of Holy Communion.

Both congregations extend an invitation to the communities to come and hear the Hallelujah Kids' Chorus either Saturday night at Valby or on Sunday morning at Hope.

Program slated at Mormon church

An open house and viewing of "On the Way Home," broadcast via satellite, will be held Sunday, Oct. 25 at 6:45 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Hwy. 207 in

Lexington. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact Clair or Wanda Johnson, 676-9136.

Catholic churches plan swim party

St. Patrick's and St. William's parishes are planning a swimming and pizza party for children of the grade school religion classes, at Blue Mountain Community College and Big John's Pizza. Parents are reminded that medical and permission forms

must be completed in advance. Each family attending should arrange their own transportation.

High school students are making plans to go to Denver next August when Pope John Paul II will be there to celebrate World Youth Day.

Coffee hour set for local democrats

A coffee hour will be held at the Tullis residence, Main St. Ione, on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. for Democrat candidates Don McElligott and Ann Spicer. McElligott is running for county

commissioner and Spicer is running for Morrow County Judge. Anyone wishing to visit informally with the two candidates is invited to attend.

Benefit planned for Joy Wells

A pinocle tournament for Joy Wells has been planned for Saturday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Heppner.

The tournament will be draw for partners and progressive. Pinochle will be \$5 per person.

A donation of a dessert is also requested. Dessert and coffee will be \$2.

Healthy potluck slated Oct. 27

A nutritious high fiber, low fat potluck lunch will be held Tuesday, Oct. 27 at noon in the St. Patrick Senior Center dining hall. Individuals young and old may sample some of the food and recipes will be available for sale for five cents each. Donations will go to needed medical supplies for the senior center.

Molly Rhea, executive director of Home Health of Morrow County, will speak about the benefits of the home health program.


The event is open to the public and is under the sponsorship of

Heppner's Focus on Health group, concerned citizens young and old for a healthy life style and fitness.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

Oct. 13 - 19, 1992			
	High	Low	Precip Rain
Tues.	64	33	.0
Weds.	59	25	.0
Thurs.	51	26	.0
Fri.	56	42	.0
Sat.	65	40	.0
Sun.	68	39	.0
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