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Letters to the Editor

Congratulations from alum

To the Editor:
This past weekend I had the time of my life. Members of the 1942 football team met in Corvallis to renew old friendships and watch the current group of Mustangs do their thing. They do that very well. I enjoyed one of the best played high school football games I have ever seen. The players, coaches, parents and fans have a lot to be proud of.

I can see that the pride of being a Mustang hasn't decreased over the years. Those of us who choose to leave the area will always have the feeling that it is our team too. A special congratulations to the team for a great season.

Sincerely,
(s) Ted Ferguson
Class of 1945
Gold Beach

Philosophy of taxation unfair

To the Editor:
I noted recently that Barbara Roberts has again proposed several new revenue sources to cover the projected shortfall from Measure 5 tax reform. Because I am a physician, I was particularly interested in her proposal to tax physicians and hospitals to make up shortfalls in the health care budget.

This philosophy of taxation is unfair. If this thought process were carried throughout society, then each state worker should be assessed a surtax to pay for shortfalls in other parts of the budget. Teachers might have a special one percent tax on their earnings to pay for budget shortages in education. Tri-Met drivers should have a tax placed on their income to pay for their indigent riders. Will doctors who provide free medical care in their offices and free clinics still have to pay this tax?

It is demoralizing to be singled out and taxed in excess of the general society for services provided to the general society. But, if Governor Roberts cannot cut waste and must "enhance" revenue in this unfair way, at least the tax should be technically fair. For example, because the tax is based on gross revenue, not net revenue, specialists with high overhead practices could pay two to three times more of their after-tax income than those with low overhead practices. Also, a health care worker who is an employee rather than in private practice

would pay nothing in the gross receipts scenario. Furthermore, HMO's like Kaiser will be able to pass this tax on to their insured by raising premium rates, but most private practitioners and hospitals have their fees capped by Medicare, Medicaid, and contracts with various insurance payors and will have to absorb most of this tax.

If patients are unhappy with the present health care system, they are no more unhappy than most health care providers. Both major presidential candidates campaigned for medical reform which included eliminating waste created by competing insurance companies and limiting bureaucracy in providing medical care. It is estimated that 30% of our medical care expenditures are wasted on administration. Starting up a new system of taxation will only create one more wasteful bureaucratic layer, and does nothing to improve the present flawed system.

I would suggest that Governor Roberts, her advisors, and the state legislature can get much more bang for their buck by reforming the insurance industry and streamlining the administrative portion of medicine, than they ever would by creating a new bureaucracy to tax and further demoralize health care providers.

Sincerely,
(s) Dr. Brooks G. Cofield
Hillsboro



Old football picture

To the Editor:
I have been doing a family geneology research on my family, going through family records, pictures, etc. While doing this, I came across a photo of the 1927 Lexington football team. My

father, Harold James Cox, is on the left in the second row.

I thought you might be interested and perhaps print the picture in your paper, being this is the football season.

My father was raised in the

Heppner/Lexington area and lived on Rhea Creek for several years with his parents, Oliver J. and Emma J. Cox. The family lost one daughter Bessie, in the 1905 Rhea Creek flood. The last

surviving member of the immediate Oliver Cox family, Lena Cox Young, passed away July 29, 1992, at The Dalles, Oregon.

Thank you,
(s) Arnold O. Cox
Bridgeport, WA.

Sheriff's Report

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

December 9: Morrow County deputy recovered a signed stolen vehicle from Hwy. 730, mile post 177.

Morrow County deputy investigated the report of several things taken from the Taggares Farms. Total value was approximately \$10,800.

December 12: Morrow County deputy was contacted regarding a break in at the Boise Cascade Fiber Farm. Tools and a Polaris 4-wheeler were taken. Amount of value was unknown; Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of mischief at an Irrigon residence.

December 11: Morrow County deputy attempted to locate a juvenile that was reported to be a runaway and was in Morrow County; Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a residence where one person was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center with an unknown illness.

December 12: Morrow County deputy began investigation of theft of Christmas light bulbs from a residence in Irrigon; Morrow County deputy investigated a report of possible stolen property at a residence in Irrigon; Morrow County deputy responded to investigate suspicious circumstances in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy arrested Cheryl McBride, 34, Heppner for Assault II, Assault IV and Reckless Driving. She posted bail and was released;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of a possible disabled boat;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate suspicious circumstances on Little Buttercreek Road out of Heppner;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police Dept to investigate a forced entry at the Outback Apartments in Boardman where items were reported missing.

December 13: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the ambulance to a residence on Main Street in Condon for one male. There was no transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. and ambulance to Columbia View Apartments;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a careless driver;

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

December 14: Morrow County deputy investigated a report of shots being fired in Irrigon near the residential area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the ambulance to the Condon RV Park. One male with an unknown illness was transported to Mid Columbia Hospital.

BMCC announces holiday hours

Special service departments at Blue Mountain Community College are changing hours for Christmas vacation. McCrae Activity Center will closed Dec. 16 and will reopen Wed., January 6 when it will resume regular hours.

The BMCC bookstore is closed and the computer lab will close Dec. 18. They will both open on January 6.

The Pioneer Hall Library will remain open for the holidays. The hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Regular hours will resume Wednesday, Jan. 8.

The entire campus and all outreach centers will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

Winter term 1993 begins Wednesday, Jan. 6 for day and evening classes. Registration will be held Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 4 and 5. Students are encouraged to make their registration appointments with an academic advisor prior to those dates.

Registration appointments for returning or transfer students can be made by calling the counseling center at 276-1260, ext. 206.

For students who will be new to BMCC and who have never attended college, the registration process starts with placement testing. The counseling center in Pioneer Hall offers placement tests at 11 a.m. Monday or Thursday. Anyone interested in attending BMCC and taking more than eight credit hours of course work is required to take the placement test. Appointments are not necessary.

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Pork Loin Roast	\$27⁹ lb.	Sliced Bacon	\$1⁰⁰ lb.
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Coke Family	79^c +dep.	Green Onions	4 for \$1⁰⁰
Hills 12 oz. Pkg.		Fresh Tomatoes	89^c lb.
Weiners	\$1²⁵ ea.	Fresh Express	
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Cheese	\$2¹⁹ ea.	Celery	29^c lb.
Western Family 12 oz. Frozen	1st four	Sweet Potatoes or	
Orange Juice	89^c ea.	Jams Jumbo Size	29^c lb.
Western Family 8 oz.		Shoulder Pork Roast	\$1²⁹ lb.
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Oberti Large Black 5.75 oz.			
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