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## Letters to the Editor

### Show some school spirit

To the editor:  
"Two bits, four bits, six bits a dollar; all for Heppner stand up and holler." Where were you guys? I thought maybe I had misunderstood. "Two bits, four bits, six bits a dollar; all for Heppner sit down and don't cheer."  
Heppner has the potential for two state championship teams in basketball. Let's give the coaches and teams all the support we can

to help them take us to the top. The next time you're asked to show your support, exercise your knee joints and slap your hands together and let these basketball players know we're behind them all the way.  
P.S. Maybe we could even surprise the judges at district and win the sportsmanship award.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Molly Rill  
Heppner fan

### Treat animals humanely

To the Editor:  
This letter is intended for any person who "dumps" an animal. Be it a cat on someone's farm, a dog in a neighborhood or either of the two out in a secluded area. If you can't take care of your pet anymore or have decided that you just don't want it, what makes you think that anyone else does.  
My family has acquired one large family dog due to a neighbor moving and leaving him, a medium size female who was "dumped" in our neighborhood and unfortunately found our house and now we have 11 puppies that she had Jan. 31.  
We never wanted these dogs, really can't afford to feed them but until we can find good homes or just plain have them destroyed,

we're stuck with them. I admit to be an avid animal lover who has difficulty turning away hungry animals, but it's not fair to take advantage of that.  
Please, please have respect for the animals and the people. Times are tough, all people need are more mouths to feed when you're not expecting them. If you don't want or can't afford a pet, give it away, or have it put down in a humane way. Don't dump your problems on other people. We might just have enough of our own. For my family and me, we now have 13.  
By the way, any good person who wants a puppy (in five weeks) or a great family dog, let me know.  
Thank you,  
(s) Shanna Paullus

### Concerned? Write Sears

To the editor:  
Are you concerned about the plight of rural America?  
Do you care about closure of key businesses in rural America? In Heppner? Ione?  
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catalog is an American institution, like apple pie, motherhood, and the American flag? People in rural America depend on Sears quality goods and service.  
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Thanks for your concern and response.  
(s) Rev. Stan Hoobing

### Keep Sharkey on Port

To the Editor:  
The Port of Morrow's siting of the new gas-fired co-generation plant is a grand success.  
Bill Sharkey, along with Kent Goodyear, gave untold personal time to the joint venture team that negotiated with PGE.  
Bill is in the trucking business

at Boardman and has been vital to the Port's impressive developments.  
It's important to keep him on the board now and I recommend Bill's re-election in March.  
Signed,  
(s) Ken Turner

### HMS sixth graders sound off

(Editors note: The following letters to the editor were submitted by the Heppner Middle School sixth grade students in Jannie Allen's class. The sixth graders have been studying newspapers and were to write a letter to the editor as part of their assignment.)

To the Editor:  
When I was spending the night at a friend's house I helped him do his paper route. We were delivering papers on Shobe Street.

We were delivering papers by his house. A big black dog came running after us. I dropped the newspapers and ran. Then one of my friends tried to deliver the paper but the dog came after him again. A kid grabbed a news paper and threw it at the dog who was nipping at my friend's leg.  
What I'm trying to say is get rid of the dog. Give it to someone in the country where it can't be running after people and biting them. If it has to be put to sleep then do it instead of getting fined. That's what I would do. I'm proud of my statement too.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Casey Evans

To the Editor:  
I am a sixth grader of Heppner middle school. I am writing this letter because I think that people that play pro football, basketball, baseball etc. players should not get paid as much as they do. They should cut their wages and help the homeless in the United States with the money. The pro players don't need the money as bad as the homeless do. The homeless would be thrilled to have a roof over their heads and have enough money left over after paying taxes to buy a little bit of food. The homeless don't even have any money to buy food with and sometimes starve.  
We don't have as many problems as in Somalia and some other places in the world, but we have enough to notice. The players may get mad but they will get over it if they give at least some money to a good cause in the United States. If any of the pro players gave some of their money to the homeless, I think that's great.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Jeff Betzold

To the Editor:  
I think Hermiston Police Department and Mayor shouldn't buy new police cars so often for the officers. It's just a waste of money. They should only buy new cars when they can't get the car fixed. Instead they should do something about gangs with that money. They may already have to hire police officers at the school in Hermiston. If they just went and caught gang members,

then asked them where the other gang members live then they can finish the gangs off.  
Parents, teachers and the police officers all need to work together. If they get together they can stop crime in Hermiston for good.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Michael White

To the Editor:  
I am sick and tired of the loggers clear cutting the mountain areas and then fencing it off so animals can't get in to feed. I think they should not clear cut. But if they have to get logs they should just cut a little amount out of one area and then go to another area and cut a little. That way one whole area will not be destroyed.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Travis Winters

To the Editor:  
I think that there should be more forest service rangers out during hunting season so there won't be as many people breaking the law. Maybe we could shut down hunting for about a year or two to let the deer and elk grow and develop. I think it's good that you have to be 12 before you can get your license, I am a sixth grader at Heppner Middle School my name is Elliott Strouse and I am proud of my statement.  
Sincerely,  
Elliott Strouse

To the Editor:  
I am a sixth grader at Heppner Middle School and I am writing about how Jack in the Box should be more careful about contaminated food. I think that they should check their meat so they don't kill or hurt anymore people.  
All restaurants and stores need to be more careful. The government should make stricter regulations to be sure this doesn't happen again.  
By,  
(s) Kelly Rafferty

To the Editor:  
Hi, my name is Jessica Maben. I am a sixth grader at Heppner Middle School. The spotted owl issue is getting out of hand. The owls don't give anything to us so why should we give anything to them? I understand animals are important too, but don't ignore human beings. Human beings are more important than spotted owls.  
We need timber industry.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Jessica Maben

To the Editor:  
I am a sixth grader at Heppner Middle School and I am going to write about the dog problems in Heppner. It think there are too many dogs wandering around and hurting people. I wish people would start chaining them up. Last summer when I was walking home from down town a dog started chasing me and I thought he was going to bite me. I got a rock and before I could pick it up

the dog got scared and ran away. I urge the city council to address the problem before someone gets seriously hurt.  
By,  
Kelly Rafferty

To the Editor:  
I am a sixth grader at Heppner Middle School. I think that our government should allow gays in the military because it involves their social life and it shouldn't effect their jobs. It's not their fault they are attracted to the same sex. But the heterosexual being against gays or lesbians. Many people and myself urge you to give these people a chance to protect our country.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Audra Bunch

To the Editor:  
I am a sixth grader at Heppner Middle School. My name is Heather Davis, I'm writing this letter to say that I think that the people who vandalized the Pendleton Cemetery are nuts and should be punished. Can you imagine all the money people put into those tombstones and I bet the people who vandalized it didn't even realize what they were doing. I think that they should have to pay for all the damage. They probably didn't even think about other peoples' feelings, just their own.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Heather Davis

To the Editor:  
My name is Ryan Pettyjohn and I think that the farmers in America are under paid. We work just about all year and earn peanuts. The farmers that go bankrupt live like there is no tomorrow. Because of them the farmers that still work have to pull twice the weight and after that the insurance, taxes, and the payments on top of that more farmers go bankrupt.  
I feel that farmers should receive tax breaks from the government, I think they pay too much on the land and how much money they earn.  
Farmers who have a lot of their land in CRP are too well paid by the government. Those of us who are trying to farm the land need some breaks too.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Ryan Pettyjohn

To the Editor:  
I've been a Trail Blazer fan for a long time. The Trail Blazers aren't being good role models for the youth of Oregon.  
Everybody says that we don't have many role models and when we do they go off and set bad examples for kids. The kids think that their actions are something  
Sincerely,  
(s) Phillip Traylor

good and when they grow up they'll do the same, and it's not right. The Trail Blazers need to clean up their act.  
I hope they can win more than basketball games. They need to win back our respect.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Janelle Healy

To the Editor:  
I live in the Blake Ranch addition for the last two months we have had to drive down to the highway to get on the bus.  
Then someone told my parents that we could get paid for the miles and gas we lose in our car. The Morrow County School District paid us one time and then gave us a letter on February 4, 1993, that said we would not be getting paid and that we should car pool. We don't have a van or car to car pool with.  
I think the school district should pay us for the four miles we waste in the morning and the four miles in the evening.  
We know you don't want the bus driver hurt. We just think we should be paid.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Jamie Perez

To the Editor:  
I think the Trail Blazers are doing really badly and it makes me really mad to know that they lost four straight games at home. If they want to be champions they better shape up.  
I think the newspaper articles are getting on the Blazers mind too much and putting pressure on them. The Blazers are not being very good role models to the kids. I think other people feel the same.  
I think that the Blazers need to put this incident behind them. A public apology on T.V. would be appropriate. The young people of Oregon need them as role models, as we don't have many. But they have to earn our respect again.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Christy Kenny

To the Editor:  
A lot of kids want a swimming pool for the city. A lot of parents want one too, to get their kids out of the house. The summers when we had the pool were boring enough, because it was closed half the time for repair. An indoor pool is also an option, but most people just want a pool. I think an indoor pool should be put in place of the old pool. And make it kind of like the Pendleton Roundup Athletic Club with a small basketball court.  
Sincerely,  
(s) Phillip Traylor

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#### Problems Related to Anabolic Steroid Abuse

Despite the adverse publicity associated with the abuse of anabolic steroids by body builders and those who want to improve athletic performance, use of such steroids continues. According to a recent report in *U.S. Pharmacist*, up to 12 percent of high school athletes use anabolic steroids. Even higher usage has been reported among college and professional athletes. The most common use is in the area of the "strength sports" such as football, wrestling, and weight lifting to enhance muscle mass, speed, and aggressiveness.

Anabolic steroids, which include *oxymetholone*, *stanozolol*, and *nandrolone*, have legitimate medical uses such as for the treatment of androgen deficiency in breast cancer. The use of these agents by athletes may involve doses that are 100 or more times the medically recommended doses. Adverse effects from high doses may include:

**Psychological:** Depression, paranoia, and overly aggressive behavior may be experienced.

**Cardiovascular:** Heart attacks and sudden cardiac death may result with chronic use of high doses.

**Reproductive System:** In men there may be breast enlargement as well as a decrease in testosterone levels and sperm count. Females may experience breast shrinkage, deepening of the voice, and absence of menstrual periods.

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