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Letters to the Editor

Have you hugged your bus driver?

To the Editor:
Since December, we have been experiencing all kinds of adverse weather conditions such as snow, ice, freezing rain and now, fog. During all of this weather, Morrow County School bus drivers have been out chaining up buses and so forth before most people get out of bed. There were a few minor mishaps through all of this such as sliding in the ditch or getting stuck. There were no injuries to students or buses. Activity buses were on even more treacherous and unfamiliar roads with no mishaps. I am very proud of all the drivers and hope some of you let the drivers know

you feel they did an "excellent job."

School bus drivers take classes continually and put forth that extra effort to be good drivers. They transport your children safely every day and take care and pride in their work. They are taken for granted by many, and thanked by a few. How many people have thought about how many miles are driven daily by Morrow County bus drivers? Accident free. You would be astounded. Let them know you feel they have done "a good job."

Thanks,
(s) Marie Rudisill
MCSO Driver/Trainer

School funding talks must consider progress

Editor's note: Dr. Stoneberg is an education research consultant. According to Dr. Stoneberg, in the statewide writing assessment, Baker County students scored in the 70th percentile; Grant County, 59th percentile; Harney Co., 76th percentile; Malheur County, 14th; Umatilla County, 27th; Union County 60th; and Wallawa County 26th percentile.

To the Editor:
Oregonians are now debating the extent to which they want to support public schools. In the middle of this debate, it is easy to forget what these schools do. They champion kids and their learning.

The Department of Education tests eighth grade students every year. Results are supposed to be used for improving academic programs and informing the public about student progress. However, I think the stories in newspapers around the state last December

did a poor job of informing the public about 1992 test results. The data format of state reports serves curriculum experts well, but it says precious little to John and Joan Public.

I have used the data in the state reports to compute percentile ranks for every school, district, and county in the state. For example, here is a graph showing the 1992 percentile scores for several East Oregon counties on the eighth grade writing test. The percentile score of 50 for Morrow County indicates that the average school in the county scored higher in writing than 50 percent of the schools in Oregon. The state norm is the 50th percentile.

The discussion about school funding must consider what Oregonians expect from their schools in terms of student progress.

(s) Bert Stoneberg, Jr.
Albany

BMCC offices open during spring vacation

Blue Mountain Community College main offices will be open during most of spring vacation. Most campus offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 22 through March 25.

The only day BMCC will be closed is Friday, March 26. The closure includes all special services departments such as the library and computer lab, as well as the BMCC outlying centers in Hermiston, Ione, and Milton-Freewater.

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Sheriff's Report

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

March 9: Morrow County deputy responded to a business in Irrigon to investigate a report of a burglary. A TV, VCR, change and spot light valued at approximately \$300-400 was taken from Bill Howland;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of an animal problem in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy recovered a vehicle reported stolen out of the Umatilla Police Dept. in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of an animal problem. William Cline, 36, Irrigon was arrested and cited for Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance. Cline was released;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil Fire Dept to a reported fire alarm at the Wheeler High School. Alarm turned out to be false;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a juvenile problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of a burglary in Irrigon. A VCR valued at \$150 was taken from Don Jorgensen.

March 10: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a possible disabled vehicle at the fish hatchery in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy arrested Tony Lee Kellar, 19, Irrigon for Minor In Possession. Kellar was cited and released;

Morrow County deputy arrested Jose Luis Lomas-Torres, 38, Irrigon, on a warrant for Violation of a Release Condition. He was lodged at Benton County Jail;

Morrow County deputy arrested Donald E. Ford, 19, Irrigon, for Burglary II and Theft II.

March 11: Morrow County deputy responded to a noise complaint at the Outback apartments in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to a motor vehicle accident on I-84/Hwy. 730. Transport was refused;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to the Haven House for a transport to Madras. One female was transported;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a suspicious 911 call. Call was unfounded.

March 12: Morrow County deputies responded to a report of a possible burglary in progress. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy responded to the report of an animal problem in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate the report of an attempted burglary at a residence in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to the report of a domestic problem in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to a juvenile problem in Irrigon. Deputy was unable to locate problem;

Morrow County deputy arrested Jose Cano Medel, 22, Portland, on a Hermiston warrant. Medel was transported to Umatilla Army Depot and turned over to Hermiston Police Dept.

March 13: Morrow County deputy cited Robert W. Zahm, 21, Irrigon for Reckless Driving;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for an animal complaint;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a civil matter;

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

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to Millers Mini Mart. One female was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with injuries;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Omar Diaz, 21, Irrigon, for Parole Violation and Burglary II. He was lodged at Benton County jail;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Ray S. Alvarez, 40, Hermiston, for Contempt of Court;

Morrow County Sheriff's office

dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Nomad for one female who refused transport.

March 14: Morrow County deputy arrested Faron G. Archer, 19, Kennewick, WA, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Subject was cited and released on his own recognizance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray ambulance to the Trading Post at Service Creek. One female was transported to Prineville and Airlife was activated and met enroute;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of loud noise in the area of SE Utah St. Irrigon. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Bombing Range for a report of cattle out. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a careless driving;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a juvenile problem near the entrance of the Country Garden estates;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to the residence of Fred Toombs. Smoke was reported coming out of his house.

March 15: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a dog problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to the lone area for a report of suspicious circumstances. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington area to start investigation of telephone harassment;

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

Morrow County Sheriff's office received a report of a fire on I-84, mile post 151-152. Fire was out of district and there was no response.

Justice Court Report

The Morrow County Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Leslie Wayne Peine, 38, Nyssa-Failure to Display Vehicle License, \$24 fine;

Wayne Charles Plocharsky, 21, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 80 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$116 fine;

James Lewis Cason, 26, Heppner-Failure to Wear Seat Belt, \$24 fine;

David Campbell, 34, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$55 fine;

Patrick Neal Southwick, 41, Pasco, WA.-Reckless Driving, \$316 fine;

Scott Flannery, Pasco, WA.-Initiating False Report, \$164 fine;

Theodore Edward Jewell, 31, Kimberly-No Truck License, \$55 fine; two counts No Trailer License, \$55 each;

Barbara Jean VanArsdale, 48, Lexington-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$55 fine.

Births

Megan Marie Volk-a daughter Megan Marie was born to Sheri Round and Dan Volk at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Prineville on February 2, 1993. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz.

Grandparents are Dave Round and Abbi Round and Don and Sandy Volk of Prineville. Great grandparents are Annie Wilson, Heppner, Kenneth and Marge Round of Dayville and Ruby Harbun of Prineville.

Yara Beatriz Torres-a daughter Yara Beatriz was born to Maria Rodriguez and Juan Torres of Boardman on February 22, 1993 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs.

Jessica Dawn Ford-a daughter Jessica Dawn was born to Eugenia Marie Lawrence of Irrigon on February 24, 1993 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Alex Paul Rietmann-a son Alex Paul was born to Sharon and Brian Rietmann of Ione on March 4, 1993 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz.

Sarah Ashley Petty-a daughter Sarah Ashley was born to Jennifer and Troy Petty of Irrigon on March 9, 1993 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz.

The Trail News

By Sandi Ford, OTPRC secretary
It seems spring is here and a new rodeo season is beginning. The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo committee has already been busy this spring with plans for the new rodeo arena and putting on a successful lamb barbecue during the St. Pat's celebration last weekend.

Work will soon begin on the new arena and any help will be appreciated.

The 1993 Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo will have a few added features this year such as Crossfire, a women's drill team from Walla Walla, WA. Another added attraction will be women's bull riding. Jay Harwood of Sacramento, CA, a past NFR announcer will announce the rodeo this year.


Another new feature will be the pre-selling of tickets to the rodeo. Tickets will be available by July at several locations to be announced later. For more information contact Mary Ann Munkers 989-8488.

Weight watcher group to form

Anyone interested in attending Weight Watchers meetings in Heppner should contact Donna Morrell at Murray's Drug, 676-9158 or stop by the store by March 31.

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Schedule of Events

Sat. March 20 - Members and Guests, Old Timer-PER-Widows Night

Fri. April 2
Ducks Unlimited Banquet
Social hour 5 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Auction and drawings after dinner

Sat. April 3-Installation of 1993-94 Officers - Members and Guests
Welcome Sandi and David Hanna our new Exalted Ruler and "thank" Vickie and Dick Turrell - PER.
Installation- 4 p.m. Dinner 6-8:30 p.m. Music 9 p.m.

Sat. April 10 - Easter Egg Hunt
The Heppner Elks Lodge would like to thank all of the many people who helped with the St. Patrick's Celebration.

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Avocados	4 for \$1.00	Western Family Sugar or Oatmeal 14 oz.	reg. \$1.19 79¢ ea.
Cello Pack Cauliflower	59¢ lb.	Beef Cube Steak	\$3.00 lb.
64 oz. Tropicana Orange Juice	\$2.40 ea.	Boneless Shoulder Beef Pot Roast	\$2.20 lb.
Litehouse 16 oz. Salad Dressing	\$1.40 ea.	Oregon Grown Cut-up Fryers	99¢ lb.
Charmin 12 roll pack Bathroom Tissue	reg. \$4.49 \$3.20 ea.	10 oz. jar Fresh Oysters	\$2.10 ea.
Western Family 8 oz. Tomato Sauce	reg. 33¢ \$1.00		
Golden Grain 5 oz. Noodle Roni	reg. \$1.25 99¢ ea.		

Prices Good
March 17th through 23rd