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Letters to the Editor

Vote for school bond issue

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of the Morrow County School District's levy measure coming before the voters in March.

The levy is definitely needed with tremendous growth in the north end of the county and building needs and routine maintenance needed in the south end of the county. The Morrow County School District has always been frugal in asking for bonded debt and just recently paid off the only bonded debt that the district had.

Voting in this bond will lower your overall taxes because of the decrease in tax rate because of measure 5.

With interest rates at an all time low and the cost of construction never getting any cheaper, this is an ideal time to make these improvements to our district so our kids can be proud of the facilities that they go to school in. Please vote yes on the Morrow County School District on election.

Sincerely,
(s) George Koffler

Chamber supports school levy

To the Editor:

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce has chosen to go on record in support of the Morrow County School District Bond Levy. The chamber strives to create a positive environment where business, people and community thrive. Passage of the bond will have a direct influence. Living with the unknown of the Kinzua situation makes it crucial that Heppner maintains its infrastructure and continues to upgrade its schools and community for the future.

Consideration also needs to be given to the existing crowded conditions in the north Morrow County schools. One of the first questions asked by businesses and

people wishing to relocate is, "what are your schools like?" It is imperative that we provide not only adequate, but upgraded educational facilities for these prospective residents, and our children and grandchildren.

Vote yes for the school bond levy. Interest rates are down and the last bond has been paid off. A drive around rural communities in Oregon and Washington reflects those communities who forged ahead during a crisis and those who chose to sit still. Let's forge ahead for our communities and our county.

Sincerely,
(s) Claudia Hughes
Exec. Dir. Heppner
Chamber of Commerce

Vote yes on bond levy

To the Editor:

As a parent and volunteer at Sam Boardman Elementary School, I see first hand the overcrowding and the need for updated technology. Without good schools our children are being cheated of their futures but also our cities are being cheated because we won't be able to en-

tice good, solid businesses to our area.

Good schools affect everyone's future not just people with children. Vote yes on the Morrow County School District bond levy.

(s) Barbara Hemnes
Boardman

No agreement between OSP

To the Editor:

Referring to "Around the County" by Morrow County District Attorney Earl Woods, Jr., in the Gazette-Times dated January 26, 1994, Earl states there is an agreement between the state police and sheriff's office regarding traffic enforcement and investigations.

There is no such agreement.

The Oregon State Police are peace officers, tasked by the legislative to provide equal and impartial law enforcement and protection to all people in the

state.

The state police work hand-in-hand with federal, state, county and city agencies to provide the best possible police services, including enforcement of the criminal, game, boating, livestock, and traffic laws, to one and all alike.

Thank you for your past cooperation and your continuing support of all our police officers and district attorney.

(s) Carl D. Martin
Senior Trooper,
Oregon State Police, retired

LCDC system flawed

To the Editor:

Problems with the land use regulatory system imposed by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) are becoming more apparent with time. Their plan of protection of our best farm land is obviously flawed as demonstrated by continued construction on highly productive farm lands in the Willamette Valley. More and more people are asking why the bureaucracy persists with this costly, wasteful program.

It is obvious that LCDC's objective is not protection of our most productive farm lands for agriculture.

If rational people wanted to minimize construction pressure on valuable farm lands, they would simply place encumbering controls on those lands. All less valuable lands would be open for other uses. People who desire a rural lifestyle would migrate to the open lands. This would greatly reduce population growth pressure on prime agricultural

lands.

But, LCDC has placed nearly the same constraint on nearly all rural lands. Even scab rock in Eastern Oregon is off limits. Oregon's land use system gets an F on this test of logic.

Another test has to do with the battle over water rights. In the arid portions of Oregon, land is nearly useless without water. So, if supporters of the land use regulatory system were actually interested in preserving the agricultural of the lands, they should be equally interested in seeing that water rights are maintained so that the land can continue to be farmed.

Stangely, they are silent on the water rights issue; another F.

From the above, one must conclude that LCDC's objective is not preservation of Oregon's agricultural base, but rather control of private land for open space and parks.

Sincerely,
(s) George Holcomb
Rt. 1 Box 10
Richland

Cub Scouts banquet slated

The annual Blue and Gold banquet for Cub Scouts Pack 661 will be held Sunday, Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. at the Heppner Elks club. A buffet banquet will be provided by the local cub scout dens.

Invitations were handed out to local businesses to join them for dinner.

The annual father/son cake auction will be held at the end of the evening. This is an event where the fathers and their sons bake a cake for the auction. This auction is the annual fund raiser

for the scouts. "Donations are welcome and appreciated from anyone not able to attend, but would like to support the cub scouts," said a spokesperson.

Each Den will present a skit. The Boy Scouts will also attend and receive their awards. The Boy Scouts have received awards for a Klondike Sled they built which will be on display.

Babysitting will be provided for young children upstairs at the Elks, after dinner.

M.C. Planning Commission supports idea of Irrigon High School

The Morrow County Planning Commission at its regular meeting Dec. 6, passed on a motion by Marvin Padberg and seconded by John Grace a resolution supporting the establishment of a high school for Irrigon. The vote was five to two.

According to Kent Goodyear, Morrow County Planning Commission chairman, the motion reads: That the Morrow County

Planning Commission supports the separation of Riverside High School and the formation of a new high school in Irrigon.

BMCC golf classes slated

Registration continues for the spring beginning golf classes offered by Blue Mountain Community College.

The classes begin Wednesday, March 2. Six hour and a half class sessions will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 5-6:30 p.m. The classes are limited to 10 people.

Contact Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator 422-7429 for a registration form.

Death Notice

James Phegley
James Phegley, 59, of Heppner, died Monday, February 21 at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner. A complete obituary will be in next week's Gazette-Times.

Around the County
By Earl Woods, Jr.

In my exuberance last week I reported that Boardman's potential for producing water would equal 60,000 gallons per minute, it's really 16,000 gallons per minute. Sorry.

However, on the same topic it seems that cities will lose money as a result of the proposed annexation. As an example Heppner will lose approximately 4,000 based on assessed values because of the redistribution of the road tax.

Load limit signs will be installed on the old bridge crossing over Willow Creek on Rhea Creek Road. Some structural problems have been detected with the bridge requiring the limits. Watch for the signs as the limits vary based on size and type of vehicle.

There appears to be some bad news in store for area farmers. It has become more apparent that the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will be undergoing substantial changes. Only the most fragile property will be included in the program if Washington bureaucrats have their way. Based on a report received by Judge Carlson from the Soil Conservation folks, the changes will begin in 1996 and it's predicted that by 2002 the program will be completely phased out.

For your information, there are approximately 1300 miles of road in Morrow County with 300 miles of those roads being paved. The paved roads are the equivalent of the stretch of highway between Boardman and Eugene if you traveled I-84 to I-5. The 1300 miles from Heppner would take you almost to Denver. Twenty-four road department employees maintain these roads and on balance do a good job. With the anticipated loss of revenue from the Boardman annexation and the shrinking county budget we'll unfortunately be saying good-bye to some of that group.

Sheriff Roy Drago is expressing concern about the future of his department. He has developed what is viewed statewide as a top notch law enforcement agency. His six road deputies patrol all of those roads I just spoke of and do a superb job. Roy is concerned that he might have to ask for a law enforcement levy in the event that the county budget fails. The Oregon State Police and Franklin County, Washington, have expressed interest on some of his well trained deputies. He feels that the constant threat of a layoff would cause his people to seek a more stable job environment, thus undermining his program.

Based on the fact that this budget was scrutinized by the most aggressive budget committee that I've ever seen and the fact that it's less than that which was approved last year, I think this levy is a reasonable request.

Rumor has it that the McFarland property which was recently required for the senior's bus barn was purchased with county funds. Not so—a grant from the great state of Oregon funded the project.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



Joyce Buchanan won the meal ticket, Gene Case the door prize and Roland Woolsey and Audrey Franklin received the guest prize at the Senior Center dinner Wednesday, Feb. 16. Ninety-five people attended, including two guests. Members of Valby and Hope Lutheran Churches served. The senior center board met following the meal.

The menu for March 2 will be stuffed peppers, meat, squash, col-eslaw, rolls and fruit. Members of the Mormon church will serve.

One table of pinochle was in play Friday afternoon. Six ladies watched the Sunday evening movie the fifth series "Five Mile Creek".

The Emergency planning group will meet Thursday, Feb. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 and 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at the Senior Center.

Volunteers are still needed for the many activities at the Senior Center during the St. Patrick's day celebration. Please sign up and help support the center.

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