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Letters to the Editor

Classified employees against contracting out services

To the Editor:
Morrow County School District classified employees are asking for your support against contracting out food service workers, transportation and maintenance.

The facts are: contracting out does not save the district money. Transportation is 70 percent reimbursed from the government. The lunch program is reimbursed. You lose control of and have no say in these contracted services. Dependable and quality workers would be forced to get other jobs. Selling the buses would be a temporary money fix. Once equipment is sold, you can't afford to buy back in. Tires, fuel and parts would no longer be purchased locally. Food and maintenance supplies would not be purchased locally.

Classified employees are willing to take a wage freeze for the 1995 contract term to avoid contracting out. The four-day week has already meant a 20 percent wage cut for some classified employees, which in turn means a reduction of money spent locally. If some are forced to look elsewhere for jobs, these faithful local workers will not be able to buy locally and continue to support our communities in Morrow County. None of us want that to happen. Not only have these people given 100 percent to their

jobs, they are school and community supporters. Contracting out has been discussed before and was proven not to save money. Please call or write your school board members and let them know you do not want to contract out and want to keep the classified employees we now have. Write your elected legislators and ask them, as we do, to direct funding to support education for our young people. Please call or write a board member before the December 12 board meeting, or tell them in person that night. Let them know you want to keep the people now working for you. Thank you for your support.

Morrow County School District board members: Scott Bauska, 318 Willow Fork Dr., Boardman, OR 97818, 481-7047; Dwayne Carroll, Rt. 1, Box 1816, Hermiston, OR 97838, 567-5767; Bill Doherty, PO Box 4125, Lexington, OR 97839, 989-8113; Gary Frederickson, Rt. 1, Box 73-D, Boardman, OR 97818, 481-6225; Marcia Kemp, PO Box 527, Lexington, OR 97839, 989-8178; John Rietmann, PO Box 313, Ione, OR 97843, 422-7123; Molly Rill, Rt. 1 Box 3220, Heppner, OR 97836, 676-5455.

(s) Arless Faye Seitz
OSEA Chapter 59
vice president

rice, a gathering of friends and of course festive occasions.

Growing up I never saw an adult falling down drunk, having slurred speech or be physically abusive. As I grew older, we heard talk of a relative who apparently did get abusive while on a 'bender'. This was the term I heard. Vaguely I knew it referred to alcohol somehow. Eventually, like Margie's uncle who died, so did mine. I was an adult by then and felt the sadness. I was sad as my memories only saw a quiet, friendly, warm kind of man, who somehow died of alcohol complications. There must have also been a sense of relief as well. For the family, relief from the volatile environment and relief for my uncle from this monkey on his back.

Why some can drink and walk away and why some can't is a mystery to me. With so many of us affected in some way by this brew each day is mind boggling. We carry these scars forever.

It is truly refreshing to have a group of young adults willing to commit to a drug free life, called OSSOM. At this conference workshop I listened to them as they announced the various reasons for joining OSSOM and their decisions to remain tobacco, alcohol and other drug use free. Their reasons definitely touched me; from the loss of loved ones due to drunk drivers to wanting a better life for themselves and the future generations. This truly is inspiring and definitely worth giving recognition.

I have an idea. In this season of thanksgiving and giving, please look into your local chapter of OSSOM (check with the schools). Make a donation of time and/or money. These types of groups need all our support so that perhaps someday the Margies, Marilys and others won't be pondering the whys and feelings of sadness and loss.

(s) Marilyn Bader-Nesse

OSSOM impacts alcohol use

To the Editor:
A short time ago I attended a conference celebrating prevention. There were around 500 individuals from all around the state in attendance. Guest speakers and presenters came from all about this country. There was a wealth of information sharing at this conference.

I would like to talk about one of the guest speakers, Margie Boule and the OSSOM (Oregon Student Safety On The Move) group presenters and how they touched me. Margie Boule is a feature columnist for The Oregonian newspaper. The OSSOM group is made up of students from various high schools throughout this state.

Margie and her brother freely talked about their childhood exposure to alcoholism and its effects on their family. It brought genuine feelings of compassion, as well, for many of those participants. It kindled childhood memories where alcoholism left lasting tread marks.

My generation (50's-60's) grew up in a world where alcohol and tobacco use were just there, like mass on Sundays, prayers before meals and the knowledge that come festive holidays our families grew intensely large and we got to eat at 'special' tables.

I feel lucky in some way. Alcohol was always kept at its respectable distance in my immediate family. It was used to relax after a hard day at the of-

Living nativity at Lutheran church

The Hope-Valby Lutheran Parish will again sponsor a "Living Nativity Scene" on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Hope Lutheran church, 675 Alfalfa Street.

Members of the congregations will portray angels, shepherd, Mary, Joseph and the wise men. There will also be cows, sheep and maybe a member of the camel family this year.

People are welcome to drive by, visit with the participants or stop in the church for some coffee and cookies.

Obituary

Mary 'Ilene' Richards
Mary 'Ilene' Richards, 77, of McKinleyville, CA, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 1994.

Funeral Mass was Nov. 28 at Christ the King Catholic Church in McKinleyville.

Mrs. Richards was born May 11, 1917 at Heppner, and was raised on a ranch in Eastern Oregon.

She received her registered nursing degree from the University of Oregon Medical School.

She married Bill Richards prior to World War II. They moved to the McKinleyville area in 1954.

Mrs. Richards was employed at the old Trinity Hospital in Arcata and later worked for many years for Dr. Donald Bux.

Her husband Bill and a brother Edward Kenny, died earlier.

Survivors include daughters, Jennifer Simpson, JoAnn Ricci and Nancy Bettendorf; son, Kenny Richards; sister Patricia Erwin of Portland; brothers, Bill Kenny of Heppner, Emmett Kenny of Pendleton, Matt Kenny of Portland and James Kenny of Lake Oswego; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ the King Childrens Fund, 1951 McKinleyville Ave., McKinleyville, CA 95521.

Pierce Mortuary Chapels/Paul's Chapels, Arcata, Calif. was in charge of arrangements.

Punch contest announced

Christmas Punch winners for week two of the four-week contest have been announced. Twenty-five dollar gift certificate winners for this week are: Esther Fowler-Green Feed; Jack Maben-Shoe Box; Dave Winters-Court St. Market; Shirley Harris-Country Rose; Doyle Keys-Heppner Bowl, and Tom Wicklund-Pettyjohn's, all Heppner, and Myrtle McMillan, Lexington-Central Market.

Remember there are still two weeks to enter the contest and a drawing will be held each week. All entries will go into the pot for the final grand prize drawing of \$650 in gift certificates for one lucky winner.

Pick up your punch cards at any of the participating local businesses. Each time you shop, don't forget to have your card punched and then enter to win.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Dec. 6	
Soft White	\$4.49/\$4.50
Dec.	\$4.51
Jan.	\$4.52
Feb.	\$4.53
Mar.-Apr.	\$4.53
Aug. New Crop	\$3.90
Barley	
Dec.	\$99
Jan.	\$100
Feb.	\$101



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Zucchini Squash **49¢** lb.

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Onions & Radishes 4 bunches **\$1.00** lb.

Fancy Fugi Apples **59¢** lb.

Cantaloupe & Honeydew
Melon **49¢** lb.

Pork Shoulder Roast **99¢** lb.

Pork Sausage **\$1.39** lb.

Whole Fryers **79¢** lb.

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Western Family 12 oz.
Chocolate Chips **\$1.29** ea.

Western Family 7 oz.
Marshmallow Creme **59¢** ea.

Western Family
Flour 10 lb. bag **\$1.19** Ea.

Charmin 12 roll
Toilet Tissue **\$2.99** ea.


Thurs. Dec. 8th: Family night Karaoke.
Admission 2 items of non-perishable food or paper products for the Neighborhood Center food baskets for the needy.

Music by State Police Trooper Tim Cundell

Sun. Dec. 11th: Lunch with Santa, noon to 3 p.m. Hot dogs, movies and pop for the kids

Dec. 17th: Elks Tom & Jerry party 6-9 p.m.

Bingo every Wednesday
Dining Friday and Saturday nights 6-9 p.m.



Heppner Elks 358

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