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Letter to the Editor

Vote for quality education

To the Editor:

This letter is written in support of the upcoming Morrow County School District bond levy.

The levy is being proposed to ease crowding in the north end of the district, do much needed maintenance projects and provide for technology improvements for the students.

The schools in Boardman and Irrigon are crowded. The levy will build badly needed classrooms for current and near term future growth.

Maintenance projects will be done to keep our buildings in reasonably good shape and

prevent deterioration.

Our students need and deserve to be able to keep abreast of current technological advances. Part of this levy will accomplish that goal.

The school board and administration have made some recent controversial decisions. I don't agree with them but will not use the levy election to voice my frustrations.

Please vote yes on the Morrow county school district's bond levy.

It will be a vote for quality education for your children and for the communities you live in.

(s) George Koffler

What's wrong with this picture?

To the Editor:

I received the February Heppner Elementary/Middle School activity calendar today (Jan. 31). On Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. the winter sports dessert will be held in the auditorium, for the players, parents and spectators.

On Thursday, February 2 at 2:45 p.m. in the HMS auditorium we will present the academic awards.

For most of us it's much more difficult to break away from work at 2:45 p.m. than 7 p.m. It appears that Heppner Elem./Middle school is placing much more emphasis on sports than academic achievement; ie a sports "dessert" in the evening vs. an awards assembly in the middle of the afternoon.

Am I the only parent who thinks there's something wrong with this picture?

(s) Jeanne Berretta

Support the swimming pool

To the Editor:

Very soon we will be voting in South Morrow County on the swimming pool and operating levy.

The "botton line" is that this is our best, and very possibly only chance, to replace an obsolete and unsafe public swimming pool facility.

The Swimming Pool Exploratory Commission, the Willow Creek Park District Board and the People for the Pool have all studied the pool replacement problem thoroughly. The plan developed by these groups is a good one and will serve our area's needs at a reasonable cost.

I urge all south county residents to give careful, informed consideration to their

swimming pool votes. Detailed, specific information on the pool bond and levy will be provided the coming month. please study it carefully and the join me in supporting the pool.

Sincerely

(s) John Edmundson

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Classrooms or prison cells

To the Editor:

This March, Morrow County voters will have an opportunity to vote on the future of education for our youth, through a bond election.

This bond election is the only way that the public can exercise their democratic right and vote on school funding.

Morrow County education is at a crossroads with severe problems, increasing enrollment, maintenance costs, meeting requirements of American Disabilities Act, and further educational goals to meet the needs of the HB 3565, 21st Century School Program. The bond levy of \$13,290,000 will help address the above problems.

Due to the state school funding formula, which sets a state funding average, Morrow County has lost almost \$1,900 per student in the past four years per student in funding. This means we have been forced to educate our students with less and less each year coupled with the rising cost of operating schools.

Cuts have already been made in the food program, administration, freezing salaries, cutting personnel, scaling back and eliminating educational and co-curricular programs, in

addition we went to a four day school week and pay for participation in athletics to help differ the cost.

And we are not done yet, as Morrow County School District is looking at having to cut one million dollars or more for the coming school year 95-96. If programs continue to be cut, our youth will lose interest in education and soon will be finding other ways to occupy their time, through gangs, crime, etc. Communities will be faced with unskilled and uneducated youth.

The bond levy would help alleviate some of this cutting dilemma by addressing the needs of our students. The bond levy would add 45 classrooms, needed maintenance, meet the requirements of accessibility for disabled, and provide technology needed for endorsements in cafeteria of Initial Mastery and Advanced Mastery and prepare our students for the 21st Century.

Don't let our children lose any more in educational programs in Morrow County, please vote for the School Bond Levy in March and join me in building more classrooms and not prison cells.

(s) Marcia Kemp

Justice Report

The Justice Court office at the annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business:

Edwin Fredrick Wach, 76, Sierra Vista, CA.-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$162 fine;

Herbert Ray Heaton, Jr., 41, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.-Truck Speeding, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$199 fine;

Kristi Jake Casey, 23, Heppner-Failure to Notify Department of Motor Vehicles of address change, \$51 fine;

Gary Dean Hereford, 51, Pendleton-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 79 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$183 fine;

Kris Lou Naccarato, 39, Heppner-No Operator's License, \$125 fine, Driving While Suspended, \$523 fine;

Bradley Dean Zimmer, 25, Hermiston-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$162 fine;

Dane Eugene Weed, 30, Walla Walla, WA.-No Operator's License, \$432 fine;

Michael W. Phillips, 21, Heppner-No Oregon Driver's License, two counts, \$814 fine.

In the Service

Seaman Recruit Levi D. Cumbie, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program Cumbie completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Cumbie learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

Cumbie and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values, honor, courage and commitment; and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Cumbie joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore bases around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Cumbie and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Cumbie is the son of Jerry and Wanda Carr, Boardman. He graduated from Riverside High School in 1994.

Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists the following monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

Thursday, Feb. 9-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, Feb. 14-blood pressures and immunizations, county office, Irrigon, 1-4 p.m.;

Wednesday, Feb. 15-blood pressures, senior center, Heppner, 11 a.m.-noon;

Thursday, Feb. 16-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, Feb. 21-blood pressures and immunizations, lone City Hall, 11 a.m.-noon; Boardman City Hall, 1:30-4 p.m.;

Tuesday, Feb. 28-blood pressures and immunizations, county office, Irrigon, 1-4 p.m.

Births

Stefani Teresa Garcia-a daughter Stefani Teresa was born to Teresa Zurita and Martin Garcia of Boardman on January 26, 1995 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz.

Cassidy Taylor King-a daughter Cassidy Taylor was born to Cindy and Brett King of Payette, Idaho on January 28, 1995 in Ontario. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 10 1/2 oz.

She joins a sister Shelbi, four, at home.

Grandparents are Don and Jan Stroeber, Heppner and Donna and Lewie King, Eagle, ID.

Great grandparents are Rose Marie Buschke, Heppner and Frank and Melba Cecil, Spray.

Obituaries

Edwin V. Benthin

Funeral service for Edwin Vernon Benthin were held Tuesday, February 7 at Burns Mortuary chapel. Burial was at the Pilot Rock Cemetery.

Mr. Benthin, 92, of Boardman, died Friday, Feb. 3, 1995 at his home.

He was born May 16, 1902 at Castlewood, S.D., to Gustav and Alice Ball Benthin. He came to Oregon in 1938 and to the Umatilla Boardman area in 1956. He was a hay and cattle farmer all his life.

Mr. Benthin was a member of the non-denominational Fellowship of Christians.

He liked horses.

Survivors include his wife,

Lena at the home; sons Ed Benthin of Adams and Kenneth Benthin and Gary Le Clair, both of Pilot Rock; daughters, Dorothy Burton of Pendleton, Velma Asher of Boardman, Betty Lankford of Heppner, Pat Smith of Vancouver, Wash., an Bonita Davis of Emmett, Idaho; brothers, Alan of Vancouver, Wash., and Bob of Scio; sister Alice Mollen in California; 26 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. Brothers, Fred and Gus, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vange John Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 306, Hermiston 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Lions club to raffle gun



Jim Wishart displays gun to be raffled

The Heppner Lions Club is raffling off a new Ruger M77R Mark II Rifle to raise money for community projects.

The rifle is equipped with a Tasco scope and has a value of over \$500.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, and can be purchased from

Lions members Steve Rhea, David Sykes, Dave Wildman, Rollie Marshall, Mike Mills or Jim Wishart.

A total of only 400 tickets will be sold, and the drawing will be held on April 1. You need not be present at the drawing to win.

Lutherans install council members

Have you ever wondered what the Old Testament says that is relevant to today? Sunday, Feb. 12, pastor Stan Hoobing will be preaching on the theme of "A Well Watered Tree" from the book of Jeremiah 17:5-10. Service will begin at Valby Lutheran Church at 9 a.m. and at Hope Lutheran church at 11 a.m.

Church council members for 1995 will be installed during worship service. Those serving at Valby are Louis Carlson, president; Joel Peterson, vice-

president; Roland Bergstrom, Roger Palmer, Sarah Carlson and Anita Peterson. Other officers are Fran Barnett, treasurer, Shirley Palmer, financial secretary and Carol Hoobing, secretary. Those serving on the council at Hope Lutheran church are Steve Hill, Bob Broden, Shelli Britt, Irv Rauch, Elmer Holtz, Vicki Rayburn and Ann Schwarz.

Visitors and friends are welcome to attend services and events of the Hope-Valby Lutheran Parish. Coffee hour will follow the worship service.

We will be celebrating Sara Adkins 100th Birthday
Saturday, February 18, 1995
Open House to be held at Heppner St. Patrick Senior Center
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
No gifts please

We would like to take this means to thank the Kiwanis Club for giving three car seats to be given to needy families. We wish you were able to see how very grateful people are to receive them and how much they are appreciated. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of such a needed program.

Sincerely,
Laura J. Burnside-McElligott, R.N., admin., Morrow County Health Dept

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Top Sirloin Steak	\$2 ⁸⁹ lb.	Western Family 10-1 oz. pkgs Hot Cocoa Mix	99¢
Cauliflower Cello pack	59¢ lb.	Wilderness 21 oz. Cherry Pie Filling	\$1 ³⁹
Baker Potatoes	19¢ lb.	Western Family frozen peas-corn-greenbeans-mixed 16 oz. Frozen Vegetables	69¢ ea.
Green Onions 4 bunches for	\$1 ⁰⁰	Western Family Paper Towels	59¢ roll