

Letters to the Editor

Bond levy only thing in our control

To the Editor:

We have lost control of how well we educate our kids in Morrow County. Now, the state of Oregon tells us how many dollars we can spend, per student, and it's way lower. Our librarians, music teachers, art teachers, sports programs, PE teachers and much more have gone or are going. We are down to four

days a week for school. We are feeding our children less. We are stacking them classrooms sideways. Now, should we break the camel's back and vote down the bond levy too? Say no to computers or a room, or a decent roof?

Good grief, no. It's the only thing left in our control.

Sincerely,
(s) Kathy Bauska
Boardman

Take a stand for children

To the Editor:

On March 28 Morrow County voters will once again have the opportunity to decide if they believe their children and young adults are worth investing in. It's true, the measure being put before us will cost us most of the reduction in taxes provided by Measure 5 for the 1995-1996 tax year, but this is money we can't afford to not spend. Our taxes will still be somewhat lower next year. With rising inflation, interest rates climbing with no downturn in sight, and maintenance and construction costs skyrocketing, the only reasonable course is to bite the bullet and say "yes, it's time". It's

time to move our children into an environment that is conducive to the best education that we can give them. It's time to prepare our children to meet the challenges of their futures with every possible advantage. It's time to realize that the children we educate today are the men and women who will be making the decisions that affect our lives. It's time to take a stand and say that the children of Morrow County deserve our support. Please, vote on March 28. Please vote for our children.

Thank you,
(s) Margaret A. Smull
Irrigon

Vote for bond levy

To the Editor:

As a parent of a Sam Boardman Elementary student, I see the need for more classrooms and updated technology.

Please vote yes on the Morrow County School District bond levy.

(s) Barbara Hemnes
Boardman

Yes vote will save our schools

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage Morrow County voters to vote for the Morrow County School Dist. bond levy. A bond levy at this time is necessary to save education as we know it in Morrow County.

The major problem is one of over crowding in our north end schools. The increase in student enrollment since the last construction was completed are staggering. Sam Boardman Elementary up 71 percent; Riverside High School up 66 percent; A.C. Houghton Elementary up 74 percent and Columbia Junior High 58

percent.

By passing the bond issue we can eliminate this over crowding and also take care of the much needed repairs to current buildings and equipment. It would also enable us to improve and update the technology programs for our students.

Education is suffering in our district. Our children deserve better. Historically Morrow County has always taken care of its own. Current times are no different. A yes vote will save our schools.

(s) Dan and Mary Lou Daltoso
Boardman

It's time to approve bond

To the Editor:

I'm changing my vote this time around. I believe it is time to support the Morrow County School District and vote yes on the proposed bond levy.

The bond levy has come up for vote twice in recent elections. On both occasions, even though I have children in school, I voted no. The first time I said no was because I felt that the school board did not make any effort to listen to or acknowledge the request of Irrigon residents to consider putting a high school back in Irrigon.

The second time around I

voted no because of what was included in the bond levy. Faced with operating expense challenges, the board had threatened to cut extra curricular activities and the bond levy included putting in a new gym at the Riverside High School.

The levy has been changed and I feel it is time to support our kids and help to further their education.

Please join me in voting yes on the Morrow County School District bond levy.

Sincerely,
(s) Steven (Alf) Humphrey
Irrigon

'Ewe-Do' added to festivities

New to the St. Patrick's Celebration this year will be the Ewe-Do-Bingo. Pre-numbered tickets will be sold on a numbered grid. The event then uses live sheep which will be released on a numbered grid laid out on the street. The square that the sheep releases its "Ewe-Do" on will be the winner of a \$300 cash prize. The grid will be located on

Willow Street between Murray Drugs and Gardner's Men's Wear. The sheep will be released around 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18.

Tickets cost \$5 and may be purchased prior to March 18 at Heppner City Hall, Heppner Bowl and Gardner's, or by the grid on the day of the event. People for the Pool, Inc., is organizing this event.

Consider bus driver's feelings

To the Editor:

In the event the school district feels it best to contract out transportation, we ask that our feelings be considered in this decision.

Having met with the contractors that are going to bid, the bus drivers feel Mayflower Bus Co. would best suit the needs of the school district, the students, bus drivers and the communities.

Mayflower Bus Co., has assured the drivers that they will have a job with them, insurance will be provided to the drivers and their families and all drivers will meet the eligibility for a 401K retirement.

Mayflower Bus Co. is known nationwide. They excel in safety for the drivers and the

transportation of students. They have safety and training programs that far exceed the requirements. They have a lot of different incentive programs for their employees. There are all kinds of opportunities for drivers and sub drivers to work for them year round.

Mayflower Bus Co. does buy locally and becomes very involved in all of the communities such as fund raisers and charters.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

(s) Shirley Martin, Jan Coe, Shawna Wilson, Nancy Ekstrom, Pat Dougherty, Gerald Bergstrom, Bob Worden, Pam Piper, Marie Rudisill, Rita Britt, Mike and Cindy Brosnan

Support quality schools, vote yes

To the Editor:

The voters of Morrow County should approve the bond levy that will be before them in March. This bond has been proposed to provide classroom space in the north end schools of Morrow County. I have been actively involved in the effort to get this much needed space for over two years and believe it is time for the voters to wake up to the fact that the north end of our county has grown and will continue to grow. The people need only look around their neighborhoods to see this. Take a quick walk around my neighborhood and you will see five new houses. Or better yet,

look to the north of Riverside High School where a whole new subdivision with over two dozen houses and duplexes are nearing completion. The people who will occupy those houses are bringing children with them when they move in and we need to be able to provide suitable schools. The bond will do this when it is passed by adding 45 new class rooms to the school system. I urge the people of Morrow County to continue their support of quality schools by voting yes on the bond levy.

Sincerely,
(s) Scott Bauska
Boardman

Obituary

George Waterland

A memorial service for George Waterland was held Friday, Feb. 24 at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Mr. Waterland, 40, of Heppner, died Monday, Feb. 20, 1995 at the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland.

He was born Oct. 26, 1954 at Billings, Mont. to Thomas and Marge Sims Waterland. He lived in Montana and Wyoming before coming to Pendleton with his parents. He graduated from Pendleton High School in 1972. He attended Blue Mountain Community College and Eastern Oregon State College.

On June 25, 1977, he married Karla Peterson at Pendleton. They moved to Heppner where he was employed at Kinzua Corporation.

He was a member of the Heppner United Methodist Church, the Heppner Elks Lodge, the Willow Creek Country Club and had served as president of the local woodworkers union.

In addition to being an avid golfer, he enjoyed all sports.

He did volunteer work at Heppner Middle School in Special Education and was involved with youth activities as a coach in Little League, Colt Basketball and soccer.

Survivors include his wife Karla, daughters Lindsey and Kory; sons Jeff and Kyle, all of Heppner; father, Tom Waterland of Pendleton; mother Marge Waterland of Vancouver, WA.; three sisters and two brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Little League, c/o Donna Roy, PO Box 824, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

4-H News

North Lex Swine and Cattle

By Shelby Krebs, reporter

Sixteen members of the North Lex Swine and Cattle 4-H Club met February 19 at the lone Fire hall for the first meeting.

Officers were elected. Those elected were Kara Miller president; Stephanie Haguewood vice president; Jessica Krebs, secretary; Dustin Haguewood treasurer; Shelby Krebs, news reporter and Joe Bacon, Jory Crowell and Luke Swanson, sergeant at arms. Members discussed a membership award based on attendance at meetings and herdsman ship at fair.

The next meeting was set for March 26 at the fire hall.

Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

February 23: Isideo Aguilar Gordillo, 22, Boardman; and Maria Yolanda Escandon Aguilar, 34, Boardman.

Justice Court Report

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

Robert Lee Kler, 52, Milwaukie-Exceeding Bag Limit, (buck deer), \$306 fine; Hunting Prohibited Area (safety zone), \$306 fine;

Troy Allen Hyatt, 26, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$95 fine.

School bond levy topic at Senior Center

Morrow County School Superintendent Chuck Starr, board member Molly Rill and Cyde Estes will speak at the St. Patrick Senior Center in Heppner on Wednesday, March 8,

beginning at 11:45 a.m. They will discuss the school bond levy.

The public is invited to attend.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

February 21: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance and lone EMT to a residence in lone. One male was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with an illness;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance and Lexington EMT to a residence on Clarks Canyon. One female was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with an illness;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of shots fired. The area was checked and deputy was unable to locate anything;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Mobile Court to investigate a report of harassment. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a report of a possible drunk driver. Call was unfounded;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept to a grass fire near Paul Smith Road;

Morrow County deputy arrested Terrell Lee Rea, 29, Boardman, on two Morrow County warrants for Probation Violation/Delivery of a Controlled Substance and one Umatilla County warrant for Probation Violation. Rea was lodged at Umatilla County Sheriff's office;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon for a report of Menacing;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon for a Domestic Assault report. Charles Timpy, 35, Irrigon was arrested for Assault IV. He was cited and released.

February 22: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to I-84, west bound at the west end of the Arlington Bridge for a male with an injury. No transport was made;

Morrow County deputy assisted with a three vehicle accident at Sentry Market. Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the scene but no transport was made;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to a residence on West Wails for a female with an illness;

Morrow County deputy checked a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in front of a private drive in the Irrigon area. Nobody was in the vehicle;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to respond to the Boardman Foods for a report of a female with an unknown illness. No transport was made.

February 23: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Hwy. 730 and Bombing Range for a male with an unknown illness. No transport was made;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of thefts from Pacific NW Farming, Boardman. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of a traffic problem on Hwy 730. Cows were at large; Morrow County deputy responded to the lone area for a report of an animal problem.

February 24: Morrow County deputy cited Roger Dale Wilkinson of Stanfield for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Criminal Trespass II, Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle and Driving While Suspended infraction. A court date was set for March 16 in Heppner District Court;

Morrow County deputy took a report of a civil matter in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy took a report of a Hit and Run at Oregon Potato Incorporated;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to east bound I-84, two miles east of Boardman for a one vehicle accident. One person was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

February 25: Morrow County deputy took a report of stolen property in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police Dept. in a juvenile disturbance in Boardman on Wilson Road;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon for a report of a prowler outside a residence;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Wilson Trailer Court for a male with an injury. No transport was made;

Morrow County deputy checked a suspicious vehicle in the Heppner area;

Morrow County deputy arrested Oscar Dean Smith, 41, on a Morrow County warrant arrest for Harassment and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance Class B felony. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

February 26: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire and ambulance Dept. for a structure fire in Arlington. No transports were made;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to Chase St. One female was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with an illness.

February 27: Morrow County deputy began an investigation of Criminal Mischief at Head Start in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy began an investigation of attempted burglary at an Irrigon residence;

Morrow County deputy arrested James Ray Steelman, 40, of Boardman for Probation Violation/Sexual Abuse I. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

Morrow County deputy began an investigation of theft from Potlach Farms in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy began an investigation of theft of a radio at B & C Repair in lone. Radio was valued at \$150.



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