

Letter to the Editor

Minimize schools' tough situation

To the Editor:

Morrow County voters have an opportunity on March 28, 1995 to directly affect the future of the children and young adults in our communities. We have a bond levy measure that has been designed to relieve overcrowding on the north end and give us much needed technology, maintenance, and equipment district wide over the next 15 years. Passage of the bond will help minimize cuts in programs that the state legislature has forced Morrow County to do that we all do not like. We all need to recognize the situation at hand and deal with it in the most productive manner available to us.

This bond levy will help us address the specific needs of the district growth that has happened and is continuing to happen as the communities of Irrigon and Boardman continue to grow. We currently have

situations where computer labs, storage rooms, cafeterias, and libraries are being used for classrooms. We are being forced by the state and federal government to meet new requirements when, at the same time they are cutting the funds available to us. This is putting a strain on the district that they have never had to deal with before. I hope as the ballots come in the mail that every voter in Morrow County takes the time to think about the quality of education that has always been available in this district. We need to pass this levy to protect and serve our future generation's chance to succeed in the ever tougher environment that they will have to deal with. I urge everyone in Morrow County to vote yes and minimize the tough situation we now find ourselves in.

Sincerely,
(s) Gary Frederickson
Boardman

Need yes vote for schools

To the Editor:

Concerned citizens of Morrow County are organizing to ensure that all interested public school students will continue to have opportunities to participate in music, art, and vocational classes plus recreational sports via the proposed recreation district. This is good.

Let us also focus energy on the need to vote yes on the Morrow County School District Bond levy, March 28 1995. A yes vote will ensure that existing classrooms can be maintained, repaired and remodelled as need arises. It will also fund construction of new

classrooms to accommodate current Morrow County school population.

A yes vote will improve the electronic technology programs for current and future students. Morrow County students must be able to participate fully in the "information" society.

A yes vote will enable Morrow County citizens to levy and control local funds for local schools. Please join us in voting yes on March 28, 1995 to pass the Morrow County School District bond levy.

Sincerely,
(s) Carol and Ray Michael
Boardman

Support land use rights

To the Editor:

Good intentions legislated in 1973 in the form of Senate Bill 100 have gone wrong, very wrong, under the guidance and heavy handed control of Land Conservation and Development Commission. What was intended to be protection for prime farm and forest lands to sustain Oregon's agricultural economy has turned into a system of legal plunder under which unfortunate land owners are required to provide a wide range of "public" benefits from which they themselves receive little benefits. To the public, which demands them, the benefits are viewed as being free. Therefore an ever increasing variety of property rights are being confiscated for the benefit of society without compensation to land owners.

There is an organization in Oregon working hard and effectively to obtain legislation that will help to protect property rights while preserving the best farm and forest lands. Oregonians In Action has worked with legislators to prepare several bills that all

Oregonians should vigorously support. Among them are: SB 305 which requires state agencies to compensate land owners when land values are reduced by regulations that provide wildlife habitat and other such public benefits; HB 2116 which eliminates state required minimum lot sizes; HB 2117 which establishes secondary land zones. Prime land is preserved while permitting some flexibility of use on "secondary lands."

Oregonians In Action has taken a reasoned approach to adjusting Oregon's land use laws to relieve the sacrificial burden forced on land owners, by spreading the cost of public benefits to the public, while recognizing the long term importance of Oregon's prime agricultural lands. These principles, though not as drastic as many of us in the rural areas of Oregon would like to see, deserve your full and active support.

Sincerely,
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Troy Wilson joins Air Force

Troy E. Wilson, senior at Heppner High School, has enlisted in the Air Force, according to Sgt Ronnie E. Spencer, Air Force recruiter from Walla Walla, WA.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical

training in the general aptitude area.

Wilson will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training school.

He is the son of Tracy Wilson, Heppner and Terry Wilson, Salt Lake City, UT.

Beware of telephone scam

Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago warned this week that there is false solicitation going on in the county.

Drago said someone is calling people asking for donations on

behalf of the county sheriffs department or the Oregon State Sheriff's Association.

"People should know that we are not soliciting for anything," Drago warned.

Nursing Home to raffle pillow



Susan Hansen displays a Brazilian Embroidered pillow to be raffled by the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home Auxiliary. Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5 and may be purchased from Hansen Tonya Jones or the Shoe Box. The drawing will be held March 18. Proceeds will benefit the Nursing Home. The pillow was hand embroidered by Hansen. Tonia Adams sewed it together.

Krein chosen for Coca-Cola Scholarship, wins trip to Atlanta

Heppner senior Jenny Krein has been chosen as one of 150 finalists in the 1995 Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

As a finalist Krein has been invited to attend the national competition May 4 through 7 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will be paying for her airfare, meals, transportation and accommodations. She will attend a banquet where former first lady Barbara Bush is the keynote speaker, and will tour the Coca-

Cola bottling company headquarters, the Centers for Disease Control, Cable News Network, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center and the Carter Presidential Center.

Krein was selected from over 120,000 applicants for this honor, and she is guaranteed to win a scholarship of at least \$1,000 per year and possibly \$5,000 for four years.

She is the daughter of Bob and Joy Krein, Heppner.

Coordinating Council to meet

The next meeting of the Heppner Coordinating Council will be Tuesday, March 14, at 7:30 a.m. at the GEODC office.

The council's self-assessment review will be completed and presentations of the Heppner

Strategic Plan will be scheduled.

The council reminds community residents and businesses to complete and turn in their gap study surveys.

St. Pat's collector's stamp available

Heppner Postmaster Mike McGuire has announced the first ever Wee Bit O'Ireland stamp cancellation. Anyone interested should bring envelopes and cards to the post office on Friday, March 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You may bring your own envelope or purchase one from the post office or from the information booth Saturday. "The cancellation will be a collector's item of your own or fun to mail to family and friends," said St. Pat's co-chair Claudia Hughes.

Lutherans to hold potato feed

The congregation of Valby Lutheran Church in conjunction with Aid Association for Lutherans is preparing a potato feed for Saturday, March 18 near the beginning of the St. Patrick's Parade route. "So if you are one of those parade

participants there will be plenty of good nourishment to carry you through the parade festivities," said Pastor Stan Hoobing. Support will be matched by AAL and help the ministry of the Lutheran church in south Morrow County.

St. Patrick's Senior Center

There were 124 people present for the senior dinner Mar. 1. Velma Wight won the free meal ticket. Members of the Episcopal Church served. Lynn Bibby and Elsie Huston are the hostesses for March.

The menu for dinner March 15 will be meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll and baked apple. Members of the First Christian Church will serve. Blood pressures will be taken before the meal.

Elma Scott has moved into the senior apartments on the second floor. We welcome her to the St. Patrick's apartments family and hope that she will be happy here.

There were two tables of cards in play Friday afternoon, March 3. Four volunteers sold quilt raffle tickets at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Friday. There are still tickets available at the senior center office.

Nine seniors enjoyed the movie "Goldie 2" Sunday evening. The senior volunteers were honored with a tea at the Senior Center recently. They received pins and balloons from the Extension service for folding newsletters. Also honored were the office staff, bus drivers, Dollaride car drivers, church volunteers who serve at the dinners, Mealsite committee members, senior boards, and other seniors who work on senior projects. Corol Mitchell of CAPECO and Dyann Swanson of RSVP presented carnations, certificates and pins. Many seniors from the Boardman and Irrigon areas were also present and received awards.

Dates to remember are: Tues. and Thurs. exercise 10 a.m., Wed. Senior dinner noon, quilting 1 p.m.; Friday cards 2 p.m., Sunday movie 7 p.m.

A knitting class will begin April 3 at the center. Contact Anne Morter, Blue Mt. Community College program co-ordinator or Sandra Van Liew to enroll.

St. Patrick's celebration is coming up next week end. Be ready for your work schedule. See you there.

Sheriff's Report

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

February 28: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to a vehicle fire at the Blue Spruce Apartments south of Heppner on Hwy 207;

Morrow County deputy responded for a traffic problem to the Country Garden Estates, Irrigon. Tow was called and problem resolved;

Morrow County deputy arrested Danny Lee Hampton, 41, Irrigon, for Criminal Trespass II. He was cited and released;

Morrow County deputy responded to 3rd and Nevada for a report of a fight in progress and criminal trespass. Toby Dale Rodriguez, 23, Irrigon was arrested on a Morrow County warrant for Failure to Appear on Criminal Trespass II. He was released to appear. Casey D. Rodriguez, 21, Irrigon was arrested on a Morrow County warrant for Probation Violation. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

March 1: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of windows broken out of a vehicle parked on N. Main;

Morrow County deputy responded to Columbia Junior High Irrigon for a report of theft;

Morrow County deputy responded to Main St, Irrigon, for a report of theft;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to Kinzua Mill for a male with an injury. Patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital and then to St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept. to Morgan St., for a report of a flue fire. Fire department was unable to locate fire upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to NE 5th and Oregon in Irrigon to take a report of tires slashed. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Adventist Church in Irrigon for a report of tires slashed. Investigation was being started;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of tires slashed. Investigation was being started;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance for a report of an injury at Hancock field station.

March 2: Morrow County deputy took four different reports of tires that had been slashed in the Irrigon area. Investigations are continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Donald Larch, 31, Irrigon, for Theft III. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail;

Morrow County deputy responded to Willow Creek dam for a report of an abandoned vehicle;

Morrow County deputy arrested Donita Petit, aka Sharp,

19, Heppner, for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving While Suspended. She posted full amount and was given a court date;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a possible prowler. Turned out to be an animal problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood. Deputy was unable to locate anything;

Morrow County deputy arrested Mathew J. Evans, 37, Boardman, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

March 3: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to a residence on Main Street. One 79 year old male was transported to Gilliam Co. Medical Center with an illness.

March 4: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to the Medical Center for an illness;

Morrow County deputy arrested Cesar A. Gutierrez, 18, Irrigon, for Assault IV, also arrested a female juvenile for Assault IV. They were released on their own recognizances;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Paul Smith and Kunze for a male with an illness. Patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy responded to Browns in Irrigon for a juvenile in custody for shoplifting;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to Chase St. for a female with an injury. Patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County deputy arrested Cory Nelson Owen, 26, Irrigon, for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving While Suspended. He posted full amount.

March 5: Morrow County deputy arrested Evelio Lomas-Torres, 27, Irrigon, on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine on an original charge Assault IV. He was released on his own recognizance and ordered to appear.

March 6: Morrow County deputy received a request to check on a welfare subject in the Port of Morrow area. Subject was contacted;

Morrow County deputy moved an animal to safety and from traffic in the Heppner area;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist Boardman Police Dept. for an unwanted subject at the Nomad Lounge;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police Dept. with a suspicious person at a Boardman business;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to investigate a report of a suspicious vehicle in the "turkey shoot" area.

March 7: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lone EMTs and the Heppner ambulance to a residence in the rural area of Lone. One male was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with an unknown illness.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

--The family of Cecil Jones, Charlene, Kenny and Connie Jones and nieces Valda and Stuart Smith of Hermiston and Jim and Vicky Bowen of Goldendale, WA. hosted an 80th birthday party at the Rebekah Hall. Cake, punch, coffee and visiting was enjoyed during the afternoon.

--Holly Rebekah Lodge met Thursday for their regular meeting. An election of officers was held with Noble Grand Kathy Clark, vice grand Dorothy Jackson, secretary Delpha Jones and treasurer Virginia Peck. Plans were made for a trip to the home in Portland and committees were appointed for the district meeting March 25 in Pendleton. The evening started with a potluck birthday supper.

--Bill and Bonnie Klinger from Wyoming have been visiting at the Bill Padberg home.

--Luella Taylor is a patient in Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston following major surgery.

--Jean Nelson has been transferred from Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

The card party for February was held Saturday evening at the Rebekah Hall. Women's high went to Delpha Jones, second-Josie Peck; men's high was Henry Peck, second-Lyle Peck. Refreshments were served and prizes given.