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Letters to the Editor

Put students first

To the Editor:
Please vote "yes" for the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

I would like to encourage the voters of Morrow County to vote "yes" on the formation of the Morrow County Unified Recreation District levy. I hope the importance and the opportunities which this levy holds is evident to us all.

As a 1995 Heppner High School graduate, my involvement in co-curricular activities, especially athletics, helped keep me responsible and focused throughout high school. Academics were always a prerequisite for my participation in co-curricular activities. However, the knowledge and opportunities I experienced through co-curricular activities are irreplaceable. I was able to develop my citizenship, communication, and social skills beyond what normal classroom interaction provides. My involvement also exposed me to many real-life learning experiences in a very positive, motivating atmosphere.

I am afraid that Morrow County students will be forced to sacrifice opportunities for

their personal enjoyment, advancement, achievement, and self-growth if co-curricular activities cease to exist due to funding cuts. Without co-curricular activities, the student is denied opportunities for personal growth and the school's functions seem incomplete and limiting. I can not imagine the schools, students, families, or communities of Morrow County without co-curricular activities. The success of students involved in co-curricular activities is an important aspect of "hometown pride".

As voters, I ask you to put the students of Morrow County first. Please do not deny them the opportunity to enhance their social skills, individual growth, and effectiveness. Do not be a part of limiting their future potential.

I ask you to recognize and consider the importance of co-curricular activities in Morrow County schools and the effects your decision will have on the students of Morrow County. Please vote "yes" in September.

Sincerely,
(s) Jenny Krein
Heppner

Light rail wasteful

To the Editor:
Oregon taxpayers are being asked to fund another Portland light rail project. Two key facts should be considered: 1) light rail is extremely expensive compared to other transit options, and 2) light rail doesn't significantly reduce traffic congestion.

Portland's Eastside MAX light rail line ended up costing \$266 million to construct, 55 percent over estimate. Week-day ridership is still more than 40 percent below the original projection. Now, the proposed north-south line is estimated to cost over \$2.8 billion, more than 10 times the Eastside line's cost just 10 years ago. Even if they stay on budget this time, it will still take over \$933,000 to create each of the project's 3,000 temporary construction jobs. How many jobs will be lost elsewhere in Oregon as our tax dollars are diverted into this venture?

Transit experts now realize that light rail doesn't take many drivers off the road. Two-thirds of riders come off bus routes that are often shut down to force passengers onto the train. Even worse, now that many homes and jobs are outside central cities, fixed-route rail lines to downtown make little sense.

Finally, light rail lines typify the expensive special-interest programs state and national taxpayers are often asked to fund. They are part of the reason government has grown so big. What Oregonians decide about Portland's north-south light rail will tell us whether we are ready to leave the wasteful past behind and enter a more cost-effective future.

Sincerely,
(s) Tracie Sharp,
executive director
Cascade Policy Institute
813 SW Alder, Suite 707
Portland 97205

Letters to the Editor

Runaway train

To the Editor:
Runaway Train! How much is three billion dollars? It is three thousand million dollars. If it were divided equally among all Oregonians, adults and children, they would each have \$1000.

How much will the new South North light rail cost to build? \$2.8 billion. How much will it cost each Oregonian? About \$1000, one way or another.

If we sold all of the downtown buildings in Portland, we would have two billion dollars; not enough to build one light rail line to replace one bus line.

How much is it per mile? \$100 million per mile.

Why does it cost so much? No one will say. How much will it cost to build a light rail

line in Salt Lake City? \$17 million dollars per mile. Why is it so much less in Salt Lake City than in Portland? No one will say.

How do you vote? Do you want to build something that costs more than all the buildings in downtown Portland, be five times more expensive to build than the same thing in Salt Lake City, and not move any more people than the current bus system?

Call the Governor and your legislator. This is a runaway train, out of control. Your help is important.

Sincerely,
(s) Cedric Hayden
Member, Interim Task Force on Light Rail
Chairman, House Subcommittee on Transportation, 1995 Session

Vote yes on recreation district

To the Editor:

I am very concerned about the passage of the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. It would create a three-year 450,000 dollar levy. This money would replace some of the funds taken away from our school district that covered the expenses of programs like sports, drama, FFA, art, music and clubs. The balance of the money would be paid by the students because "pay to play" would still be in effect.

I will be in the eighth grade this year and sports mean a lot to me and my classmates. All

of the clubs, sports and programs that I mentioned before teach teamwork, pride and discipline. They're also a way for the community to get to know students and coaches, and for students to appreciate the support a community provides.

Sports, drama, music, etc., give students the ability to become better students and citizens. On behalf of the kids of Morrow County, I ask you to vote "yes" on the Morrow County Unified Recreation District levy.

Sincerely,
(s) Ben Goodyear
Heppner

Keep co-curricular activities in county

To the Editor:
We are avid sports players in the Morrow County School District.

We're writing to ask for voters' support on the Morrow County Unified Recreation District to be voted on in Sept.

If this ballot goes down, it eliminates sports, drama, FFA, cheerleaders, all field trips, etc.

We believe that sports help us to be competitive in the real world. They help us to learn how to work together and get along with people. Without

these extra-curricular activities, some students may let their grades slide. Self esteem and absenteeism may also become a problem.

Please vote to keep the co-curricular activities in Morrow County. Kids in every grade level will benefit with this.

Sincerely,
(s) Kelly Morgan
(s) Steve Allen
(s) Jon Garrett
(s) Jory Crowell
(s) Marc Orem
Ione

Vote yes on recreation district

To the Editor:

As junior high students, we have not yet been able to achieve our dreams by playing high school sports like our older brothers. Our dreams and many others' dreams of drama, music, sports, etc. will never come true if this recreation park district levy is not passed.

Another large problem is many kids' grades and attention will slip at school. Also, kids won't have anything to do

after school, so they will get in trouble. Kids behave in school because they realize that if they don't keep their grades up, they can't participate in extra-curricular activities.

Kids don't think of sports just as fun, we have to work hard and study hard too.

Please vote yes on the recreation park district.

Sincerely,
(s) Elizabeth Allen
(s) Adrienne Swanson
Ione

Obituaries

Pamela M. Barnes

Pamela M. Barnes, 57, of Ione, died Friday, July 14, 1995, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

At her request no local service was held. Final committal was in England.

Mrs. Barnes was born May 1, 1938, in Harven, County of Flint, Wales, Great Britain, to Jim and Joan Thomas Roberts.

She met Robert A. Barnes at Porto de Mathrone, Spain. They were married on June 24, 1976, at Cheltenham, England. She traveled with her husband to more than 85 countries.

She enjoyed simple things, collecting butterflies from Africa, dolls from almost every country and bird feathers. She enjoyed her horses, three wolves and four cats.

While her husband was in Berlin, Germany, she received the U.S. Military lifetime honorary membership in the Berlin Brigade.

She operated the Lone Office Restaurant and Tavern for a short time.

Survivors include her husband, Robert, at the home; daughters, Sue Parchment, of Cheltenham, England, and Jackie Barnett of Springfield, Ore.; son, John Bowels, of Stanton, Broadway, England; mother, Joan Roberts of Stanton; brother, Alan Roberts of Beechweat, Buckland, England; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Humane Society, P.O. Box 361, Hermiston, Ore. 97838.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Eric R. Rollis

The funeral service for Eric R. Rollis of Heppner was held on Saturday, July 22, 1995, at the United Methodist Church in Heppner. Burial was at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Eric Rollis, 13, died Sunday, July 16, 1995, at Camp Larson at Coeur d'Alene, ID.

He was born September 20, 1981 at Heppner, the son of Russell and Ellen Searle Rollis. He attended Heppner Elementary and Middle schools. He enjoyed school and competed

in the district-wide math contest. He also participated in the state geography contest this year. He enjoyed playing video games and on his computer.

Survivors include his parents, Russell and Ellen Rollis of Heppner; brothers Steven Rollis of Portland, and Chuck of Boise; maternal grandmother, Laura Searle of Heppner, paternal grandmother Florence Serles of Silver Lake, WA.; paternal grandfather Wayne Rollis of Heppner and paternal step-grandmother Glenna Rollis of Heppner.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Inland Northwest Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 1009 N. Washington, Suite A, Spokane, WA. 99201.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Velma Phillips

Graveside service for Velma Phillips will be held July 30, 1995 at 4 p.m. in Heppner.

Mrs. Phillips, a lifetime resident of Wheeler and Morrow counties, passed away in Sparks, Nevada, at the home of her granddaughter and her granddaughter's husband, Nanette and Randy Beith, where she had made her home the last three years.

Robert R. Green

Robert R. "Bob" Green, 71, of Fossil died Monday, July 17, 1995, at his home following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Graveside services were July 20, 1995, at the Redmond Memorial Cemetery. Ralph McNulty and Dusty Flegel officiated.

Robert Green was born February 24, 1924, in Portland to Ray R. and Florence (Brown) Green. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He married Betty Hough on January 23, 1948, in Noti. He was a wheat and cattle rancher. He lived in Fossil for 21 years after moving there from Redmond.

Mr. Green is survived by his wife, Betty, Fossil; son, Buster Green of Spray; nephew, Tom Danley, of Bend; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter.

Market Report

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Tuesday, July 25
Soft White

July	\$5.06
Aug.	\$5.06
Sept.	\$5.07/\$5.09
Oct.	\$5.11/\$5.13
Nov.	\$5.15/\$5.17
Dec.	\$5.19/\$5.21
Jan.	\$5.23

Barley

July	\$120
Aug.	\$120/\$118
Sept.	\$116
Oct.	\$116
Nov.	\$116
Dec.	\$116

Justice Court Report

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

Harvey Ray Childers, 37, Ione-Expired Vehicle License, \$57 fine;

Jerry Dewight Hamlin, 22, Hermiston-Violation of the Basic Rule, 37 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$144 fine;

Laura Jean Burnside-McElligott, 41, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$85 fine;

Henry Lewis Brokaw, Jr., 66, Grants Pass-Failure to Wear Seat Belt, \$91 fine;

Travis William Greenup, 21, Lexington-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$144 fine;

Michael J. Hammons, 22, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 35 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$61 fine;

Michelle Dawn Alldritt, 19, Lexington-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$95 fine.

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