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**Letter to
the Editor
Vote yes for
Rec. District**

To the Editor:
Each generation is experiencing the same challenges, albeit with different variations. Through tax dollars, minimum wage earners, professionals and retirees are all contributing to the future, our futures being inclusive of the youth in our communities. These different sectors were instrumental in paying for my education and extra-curricular activities and for my children's as well. I am very thankful, as are they, for the benefits it provided. In turn, I feel we can each fulfill our moral obligations and help provide for others. Remember, someone paid for your education and activities.

Please vote yes for the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

(s) Jeanette Logan

**Realize sports
importance**

To the Editor:

For quite awhile now, high school students have been hearing about losing the one privilege that never should be questioned.

Yes, sports are what I'm talking about, and yes, they are a privilege, but they are a privilege that should be seen as one irrevocable.

For many of us, sports are simply a way of life; we get up, we go to school, we go to practice. It gives us something to do that we can enjoy and more importantly, something to be proud of.

I don't understand why people could consider taking away a privilege that has been present for so many years. Why should we be denied the privilege that our grandparents and maybe even our great-grandparents enjoyed?

Please realize the importance of sports in the lives of Morrow County students and vote yes for the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Thank you,
(s) Megan Smythe
Boardman

**Vote yes for
children**

To the Editor:

For the sake of the children, let's all vote yes on the Unified Recreation District. Sports are very important to the kids and provide them with good healthy activities. We as adults enjoy watching the kids grow thru sports and gives us a lot of entertainment. The kids are helping pay their way, through pay to play, so let's do our part.

(s) Luvilla Sonstegard

**WOSC lists
summer honor
students**

Western Oregon State College has announced its president's list and honor roll for summer term. President's list students achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average while honor students earned a 3.5 to 3.9 average.

Local students qualifying for the president's list were James Raible and Kelley Swarat, Ione; and Mark Girod, Boardman.

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Sheriff's Report

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

August 15: Morrow County deputy responded to a complaint of an abandoned vehicle on Hwy 730 at Paterson Ferry Road. A vehicle stolen out of Hermiston was located at that location;

Morrow County deputy responded to an animal complaint in the West Glenn area in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for an animal complaint.

August 16: Morrow County deputy responded to the Trail Apartments in Boardman for a disturbance;

Morrow County deputy arrested Terrell Rea, 29, Irrigon, for Parole Violation/Possession of a Controlled Substance, Contempt of Court and Parole Violation/Possession of a Controlled Substance out of the Umatilla County Sheriff's office.

August 17: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to Jefferson Street. One male was transported;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of theft of a guitar from Mike Alston;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Elmo Griffin, 45, on two warrants out of Multnomah for Parole Violation/Theft I and Forgery I. Griffin was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Robert Martin Doty, Jr. 34, Irrigon, on a fugitive felony warrant out of Everett, Wa. for Malicious Mischief I. Doty was transported to the Umatilla County Sheriff's office for lodging;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Hugh Hiatt, 30, Heppner, on a Probation Violation warrant. Hiatt was cited and released;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a prowler. The deputy was unable to locate anyone.

August 18: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence in Boardman for a female with an illness. The patient was transported to the Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy began an investigation into the vandalism at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione;

Morrow County deputy took a report of a theft at Brown's Truck Stop in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy investigated a driving complaint in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County deputy investigated a complaint of careless driving in the Ione area

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a domestic problem in the Irrigon area.

August 19: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Mobile Court for an unwanted subject;

Morrow County deputy responded to Hwy 207, 1.5 miles north of Lexington for an animal problem. A swine had fallen out of a pickup traveling at 55 miles per hour;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Marina Park to deliver an emergency message;

Morrow County deputy responded to a disturbance call in the West Glenn area of Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Outback Apartments to assist the Board-

man Police Department on a report of a prowler in the area;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of two cars in a ditch along Paul Smith Road, just south of Kunze Road. The vehicles were removed by the owners;

Morrow County deputy handled a disturbance incident at the Morrow County fairgrounds. No charges were filed.

August 20: Morrow County deputy responded to a disturbance in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist the Heppner Police Department for a Minor In Possession. The minor fled from the officers;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence on Chase Street for an adult female with an illness. The patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist the Heppner Police Dept. to a residence for a Minor In Possession party;

Morrow County deputy assisted a motorist on I-84 mile post 144;

Morrow County deputy responded to a traffic problem in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County deputy assisted the city of Irrigon with a disturbance in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. to an oil spill on I-84 mile post 140½;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a suspicious male in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a residence on 3rd Street for a female with an illness. The patient was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Clinic in The Dalles.

August 21: Morrow County deputy began an investigation of a theft in the Boardman area;

Morrow County deputy took a report of theft of fencing material in the Heppner area;

Morrow County deputy investigated a domestic problem in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to Riverside Street for a female with an illness. The patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Obituaries

Scott D. McMillan

The graveside funeral service for Scott D. "Denny" McMillan was Thursday, August 10, 1995, at the Lexington Cemetery.

Mr. McMillan, 60, of Lexington, died Monday, August 14, 1995, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

He was born May 9, 1935, on the family farm near Lexington to John and Ruth Shinn McMillan. He grew up at Lexington and attended schools there, graduating from Lexington High School.

He served with the U.S. Coast Guard and following his discharge in 1962, he returned to Lexington where he farmed until his retirement in 1981.

On October 7, 1962, he married Myrtle McCarl at Heppner. He was a longtime member of the Heppner Elks Lodge and had been a member of the Morrow County Gun Club.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle, at the home; sons, Robert and Marion, both of Lexington; sister, LaVonne Morford of Corvallis and Colleen Kipch of Derby, Idaho. A brother, Lester, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Trail Library District, Heppner Branch, P.O. Box 325, Heppner, OR 97836 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 404, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Bonnie Meduna Brown

The funeral for Bonita Lou "Bonnie" Meduna Brown was Friday, August 11, 1995 in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, with burial following at the Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

Mrs. Brown, 36, of Irrigon, died in a motor vehicle accident near Irrigon on Sunday, August 13, 1995.

She was born January 25, 1959, at Newberry, Michigan, to Clyde and Norma Jean Thompson, and came to Irrigon 11 years ago from Hermiston, where she had been a resident for four years and prior to that had been a resident of Manistee, Michigan.

She had been employed at Safeway in Hermiston the past 15 years.

She married Anthony Brown August 1, at Las Vegas.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the Highland Baptist Church. She enjoyed playing golf and spending time with her children. Survivors include her husband, Anthony of Irrigon; mother Norma Jean Steen of Eckerman, Michigan; grandparents, Orville and Sylvia Skeans of Hulberg, Michigan; sons, Christopher Meduna and Gregory Meduna, both of Irrigon; daughter, Toni Brown of Irrigon; brother, William Long of Hermiston and Calvin Long of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and a sister, Terry Kabelman of Maple City, Michigan. Her father, Clyde Thompson, son, Michael Meduna, and a brother, Orville Long, preceded her in death.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Game night and dinner will be held Friday, August 25 at Stokes Landing Senior Center, North Main and Opal, Irrigon.

Dinner, featuring chef salad, zucchini bread, rolls and dessert, will be served from 5-7 p.m. Dinner price is \$2.50.

Card and scrabble games will begin at 7 p.m. Games cost \$1. The public is welcome to attend.

**Stokes senior center
plans game night**

Marriage Licenses

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

Paul Givens, Sr., 25, Heppner; and
Stephanie Grice, 21, Heppner.

**Justice Court
Report**

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

Kristi Lea Winters, 21, Lexington-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$77 fine;

Timothy Scott Coe, 20, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$77 fine;

Rondi Lynne Robinson, 18, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 77 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$137 fine;

Jeffrey Robert Botefuhr, 19, Heppner-Failure to Wear Seatbelt, \$51 fine;

Gary Lynn Lawson, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 71 mph in a 55 mph, \$67 fine; Open Container, beer, driver, \$122 fine.

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Off the Wall By Meryn Robinson

Long days and very little sleep was the norm for last week's fair and rodeo participants, one reason this affair is so successful. There was no question that kids of all ages had the opportunity to get involved in some way.

The animal barns were filled to capacity, including some four-footed kids and llamas. The indoor exhibit hall also showed an increase in exhibits overall. Wash rack space was at a premium and fair supporters need to give consideration to increasing the capacity for animals. And I hope you did not miss seeing the ducks, geese, turkeys, rabbits, guinea pigs, and even rats, in their new exhibit space.

After judging the community booths, Darla Hanson, Echo, said she was pleased with the broad spectrum of community participation which is more important than professionalism. This talented judge, a teacher of many art forms, said this county has many more talented people than average. She also commented on the neat appearance of the fairgrounds that was enhanced with flowers and decorations.

How one places one petunia over dozens is beyond me, but judge Leona Matteson, Kennewick, gave each petal the once-over during a long session. Matteson is an accredited judge with the National Council of Garden Clubs. Judges are required to attend workshops and pass intensive exams in order to be qualified. Matteson seemed impressed with the variety and number of flower exhibits, in spite of a short growing season and variable weather.

When it came time for the 4-H style review, sunflower prints accompanied by a few "goosebumps" were in evidence during a cool, breezy evening. But those summery outfits and shorts were accessorized with the sunny smiles of participants, as friends and family members applauded these highly successful young seamstresses.

It was unusual for all 4-H market lambs to receive blue ribbons, but it was great that lamb owners received outstanding paychecks, thanks to the generous support of buyers. And certainly those buyers had their sights set on some juicy porkers. Beef judge Tom Ayers, Ellensburg, said he did not expect to see as many quality cattle at a small county fair. He said breeders are getting back to the middle-of-the-road kind of cattle that finish quicker and more efficiently. However, I'd be willing to bet my shirt that after steer carcass evaluations, he'd want to change some placings, particularly for the larger framed steers.

Along with guinea pigs and rats, the usual number of cats and dogs, both large and small, came out for the pet show. While most dogs declined to show off their talents, their small owners nevertheless received ribbons and dollars. Going all out was Madison Bailey. She brought her bottle-fed young calf to town sporting a pony saddle. And young Kaitlyn West dressed in her red Scottish plaid brought her working Border Collie dog to take the prize in the look-alike contest.

The rodeos' performances were highly successful, with overall good attendance. And as to the entertainment, everyone seemed pleased, if a bit bleary-eyed. And I hope that rodeo contestants who bit the dirt left some behind. It seems there could be more floats by organizations in the parade; however, the out-of-town participation was high. Perhaps the best thing about fair and rodeo is the chance to socialize and catch up on visiting with friends and neighbors while watching the best county-wide show of the year.

Area US West customers to be transferred to PTI

Pacific Telecom Inc. (PTI) and US West Communications have submitted an agreement to the Federal Communications Commission that will transfer about 13,000 of US West's rural Oregon customers to PTI.

The transaction, which the companies complete this year, includes about 16,000 access lines and will bring PTI's total number of lines in the state to about 64,000.

The plan calls for US West to transfer to PTI its operations in Heppner, Lexington, Ione,

Echo, Jewell Government Camp, Drain, Shedd, Glide, North Umpqua, Camas Valley, Bly, Bonanza, Malin, Merrill, Gilchrist, North Powder, Durkee, Huntington, John Day, Seneca, Burns and North and South Harney County.

Once approved by the FCC and the ownership change is complete, customers will receive information about PTI and its customer service operations, billing and services, said a US West news release.

PTI has committed to the Oregon Public Utilities Commission that it will upgrade network systems, implement new services and place repair and maintenance people in or near its new service areas, the release continued.

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Clinic will be closed on Monday
Sept. 4 in observance of Labor
Day. In case of emergency please
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