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## Letters to the Editor

### Show youth we care

To the Editor:

Here are some facts that everyone inside and outside education should know concerning school activities:

1. National surveys reveal that students participating in high school activities are more likely to have higher academic averages and far better attendance records.
2. Of the students who drop out of high school, 94 percent have not been involved in any school activities.
3. The best predictor of success in later life is previous participation in high school activities, not grade point average, test scores or rank in class.
4. Participation in activity programs teaches values that motivate students to be better citizens, builds strong minds and bodies and that race, color, sex or economic status are not obstacles for participation and finally instills poise and confidence along with self-

assuredness.

5. Nationally, over half of the high school students participate in activities programs, utilizing approximately one percent of the total school budget. What a bargain.

6. Nearly seven of 10 Americans say high school sports teach students lessons about life they can't learn in a classroom; nine in 10 believe sports contribute to health and fitness.

7. Student athletes' parents are more involved with the students' educational process.

8. Student athletes tend to focus more on long-term life accomplishments than short-term goals.

Please join with me in voting in favor of the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Let us show "our youth" that we do care about each and every one of them.

Sincerely,  
(s) Betty Gray

### Continue clubs, sports in county

To the Editor:

This September, Morrow County residents will receive a ballot asking us to fund a three year levy for the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. We need to vote yes for this levy to continue clubs and sports in Morrow County schools.

We all know the negative, the politics, everything that school sports would be better without, but the truth is, one of the best parts about living in this area is the youth. We are very lucky to have the caliber of young people that we do, and sports are an important element in developing and rounding out our youngsters.

Over the last few years, the infamous Measure 5 has eroded away state support for our county school district, which has robbed us of program choices in our schools. The

school budget now has no room for non-state mandated programs. This levy is a county wide effort to bring our education opportunities back to a more acceptable level.

Please vote yes on the Recreation District Levy. There will not be a second chance for the students of the 95-96 school year.

(s) Charlie Anderson

### Correction

A fence and not the church building or yard were damaged in an incident on the Church of the Latter-Day Saints in Lexington.

Richard Ellis Pettyjohn, 39, Heppner, who was cited for failure to perform duties of a driver and property damage in connection with the incident, said he swerved to avoid a deer.

### Prevent pet problems

To the Editor:

To those of you who have animals and you are positive you do not want to keep these animals, please do some deep soul searching. They love and trust you with their lives and you are the ones to whom they come when they are happy, sad, crying, hurt and they are willing to lay down their lives for you. There are a number of things you can do.

Just remember, do not try telling us a falsehood (i.e., "This animal was dumped. It's a stray animal that just came here," as the truth always comes out. (We who answer Humane Society calls are mind readers, we know.)

1. To prevent the problems in the first place, get your animals spayed or neutered. If you can afford to have the animal in the first place, you can afford to get them cared for. A female can be spayed at the age of six months and a male neutered at the age of nine months.

2. Place an ad in a local newspaper.

3. Make up flyers that can be put on bulletin boards in the area and if you have pictures of these animals, so much the better. Be sure to state the age, sex, color, shot history, whether it has been neutered or spayed and also put tear-off slips on these sheets with your telephone number on them.

4. Talk to friends at work, or other friends you have. Also ask your children to call and talk to their friends and with their parents' permission, you may be able to place the animals.

Then, after you have done all these things, call the Pioneer Humane Society, Hermiston 567-2961, Pendleton 276-0181 and Pet Rescue 567-7066. We all do ask and expect donations for help in placing owned animals.

Please don't call us and tell us you have only half a day to place your animals or they are going to be shot. You have just given your pets a death sentence.

We need time to work and this problem is one that never should have happened in the first place. Children, if you own a pet female, save your money and give your animal a wonderful Christmas present: spaying. Or if you own a male pet, you too can save up your money and pay for getting your loved one a wonderful gift of being neutered.

Remember, this also helps to make really good friends out of your neighbors and certainly

### Marriage Licenses

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

August 28: Jose Luis Ayala, 34, Irrigon; and Sheri Ann Verley, 17, Irrigon.

September 1: Dustin Joseph Trader, 19, Irrigon; and Layla Beth Vaughn, 20, Boardman.

September 5: Kevin Ray Mossman, 27, St. Joseph, Indiana; and Marti Jean Baker, 30, Heppner.

does not stop your animal from being an excellent pet friend, who is far more likely to stay at home and not get run over. They will also be excellent watch dogs.

It doesn't take any of the fun out of owning a pet, just the problems.

Sincerely,  
(s) Roberta Davis  
for Pioneer Humane Society  
Box 361  
Hermiston, 97838

### Sheriff's Report

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

August 29: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a disturbance at a West Glenn residence in Boardman; Morrow County deputy responded to a traffic problem at the corner of Kunze and Paul Smith roads, Boardman;

Morrow County deputy responded to a disturbance in the Lexington area;

Morrow County deputy assisted a citizen in the Irrigon area;

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

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to assist the Boardman Police Dept. with a motor vehicle accident;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to assist the Boardman ambulance;

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

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of suspicious circumstances.

August 30: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray ambulance for a two vehicle accident on Hwy 19 by Kahler Creek. One female was transported to Blue Mt. Hospital in John Day with injuries;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lone Fire Dept. for a field fire five miles east of Lone by Rhea Creek;

Morrow County deputy began an investigation of harassing phone calls to an Irrigon residence;

Morrow County deputy took a report of telephone harassment in the Boardman area;

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

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a neighborhood problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Marina for a report of a boat sinking;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Wilson Road Trailer Park for an injury accident. The ambulance was cancelled en route;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist the Boardman Police Dept. with a

juvenile problem.

August 31: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. to a vehicle fire on I-84 at mile post 145 eastbound;

Morrow County deputy assisted a citizen whose vehicle was stuck in the sand on Paterson Ferry road;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence on Wilson Road for a male subject with an illness;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of dogs being poisoned at the West Glenn Addition, Boardman. The investigation is continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the BP station for a male with an unknown illness. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

Sept. 1: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a suspicious subject in the area of NE 7th St. in Irrigon. The deputy was unable to locate anyone;

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

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance and Fire Dept. to a one car roll-over on I-84 at mile post 165. Four people were transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy responded to mile post 74 for a dead deer;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Lone area for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

Sept. 2: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. to a shed on fire south of Arlington;

Morrow County deputy responded to a juvenile problem at the Country Garden Estates in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of their

of services in the Lone area.

Sept. 3: Morrow County deputy arrested Evelio Lomas-Torres, 23, of Hermiston, on an Assault IV warrant. Lomas-Torres was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail;

Morrow County deputy investigated a suspicious vehicle by the Redi-Mix in Boardman;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. to Canal Road off Paul Smith Road for a field fire;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of vandalism at an Irrigon residence;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of vandalism at the Intertribe building on Tower Road, Boardman;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington and Lone Fire Depts. to a grass fire near the Four-Mile canyon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. to a second grass fire near Rea Road and Soap Rocks.

Sept. 4: Morrow County deputy investigated suspicious circumstances at a Boardman residence;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Michell Fire Dept. for a grass fire on W. Branch Road, Mitchell;

Morrow County deputy responded to a call of a juvenile problem in the Irrigon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence on Sperry St., Heppner, for a female with an injury. The patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to an alarm at the Intertribe Office on Tower Road, Boardman. The deputy was unable to locate;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept. and ambulance to a report of a two vehicle accident on Tower Road. They were unable to locate anything.

Sept. 5: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of the West Glenn Addition, Boardman.

**Ladies Nite**  
September 7, Dinner 6-8 p.m.  
Eleanor Gonty's Stuffed Pork Chops

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