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Letters to the Editor

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County school students' needs must be met

To the Editor:
Members of the Morrow County School Board:

I am hearing that in response to a shortfall in the Morrow County School District of close to \$1,000,000 that a proposal is being considered to cut all electives from Heppner High School.

Thirty years ago when our daughter graduated from Heppner High and went to Oregon State University to study pharmacy, she was required to take a course using calculus at the same time she was taking a calculus course. The pharmacy curriculum is offered in a set sequence and it would have cost her an extra year of college if she had not tackled this schedule. Heppner High had offered no calculus course for her.

At this same time 30 years ago some lone students took their senior year at Heppner. Now they can opt to take their junior and senior years at Blue Mountain Community College.

With no electives being offered

in South Morrow we will not have any of the course offerings to keep at home the students who are college-bound or those interested in an advanced technical skill.

Will all of our South Morrow students be BMCC bound after their sophomore year? Or will we make sure they have the necessary courses offered locally?

I live in the lone area and I value the opinions and good will of my neighbors. I am thoroughly aware of the pain any thought of merging schools causes. However, the thought of handicapping our students who need advance training to earn a family wage has my priority.

Now is not the time to stay away from school board meetings. Students' needs must be met regardless of whether they live in North or South Morrow County. I cannot imagine a school bond issue passing in the near future if students' needs are not met.

(s) Meg Murray
Lone

Wolf reintroduction not good for Oregon

To the Editor:
I join many of you in this area who are concerned about the possible impact upon Eastern Oregon of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) wolf reintroduction program for the northern Rockies.

Thus far, it appears to be yet another example of federal land management policy made with little or no regard for local communities and private landholders.

No one can argue that USFWS has not been successful in its effort to reintroduce wolves to central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park. Over the objections of many landowners, wolves are thriving once again in the Northern Rockies, quickly becoming a federally mandated financial drain on ranchers and other property holders.

Earlier this year, when the female wolf "B-45" strayed into Oregon, it confirmed what many of us had been saying all along: these wolves do not recognize state boundaries and will not always stay in the area where they are first reintroduced.

In discussions I had with top Fish & Wildlife Service officials at that time, I made it clear that stray wolves should be removed immediately. I asked federal wildlife officials to work with property owners in Eastern Oregon to help them better prepare for these instances, as well as expedite future removals. I expressed my belief that USFWS has a responsibility to manage these growing wolf populations and not to stand by passively as wolves establish packs in Oregon or other neighboring states. Last May, I was assured by USFWS in a letter that "the Service's wolf recovery plan for the U.S. northern Rockies has no designs on recovering wolves in Oregon. The present recovery plan and the recovery goals in the experimental rule do not require wolves in Oregon or other states outside of the recovery area in order for us to achieve recovery in the northern Rockies."

However, due to the reintroduction of wolves in Idaho,

Oregon is in fact having to deal with these animals when they stray across state lines. With all of the economic and regulatory difficulties facing our cattle ranchers, I find it unthinkable that some are condoning programs to put yet another predator in their backyards. Rural Oregonians have spoken loud and clear on this issue through county resolutions and public testimony at town hall meetings. The wolf reintroduction program does not help Oregon, it hurts us. I will continue to deliver this message to USFWS by working with my colleagues in the Senate to prevent the formal or de facto reintroduction of wolves in our state.

(s) Senator Gordon H. Smith
Washington D.C.

Commends musicians

To the Editor:

We recently attended the Sunday concert performance by the newly formed Inland Northwest Orchestra.

Conductor Lee Friese and his well-rehearsed orchestra provided a variety of music, including selections by Leroy Anderson, Igor Stravinsky and Ludwig von Beethoven. There was something to please everyone's musical taste.

We commend these musicians for their commitment and their willingness to share their talents. We urge area music lover to support this newly formed orchestra by attending their next concert.

(s) John and Pat Edmundson
Heppner

4-H News

Kitchen Kids
By Kylie Doherty

The first meeting of the Kitchen Kids was held at the leader's home, Deborah Kendrick's, on Sept. 20.

The members measured flour, salt and cinnamon and also made Tang.

Members present were Katie Kilkenny, Kelsie Fox, Kendra Rayburn, Kelsey Wolff, Jessica Heliker, Megan Orr, Kate Kendrick and Kylie Doherty.

The next meeting of the club will discuss nutrition and appliances. The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 18.

Pins and Pots and Patterns and Pans

By Emily Bergstrom

The first meeting of Pins and Pots and Patterns and Pans was held on Friday, Oct. 1, at Mary Jean Meyer's home. She is the group's leader.

Members elected officers and also picked the club's name. The club is a cooking and sewing group.

Krystal Nairns is the president. Jackie Meyer is the vice president. Whitney Matthews is the treasurer/secretary. Emily Bergstrom is the reporter. There are six girls in the group. They are: Whitney Matthews, Megan Orr, Krystal Nairns, Brianna Jones, Jackie Meyer and Emily Bergstrom. They worked on felt quickies. They are made with felt and are sewn up with embroidery thread. They also learned the blanket stitch.

Family has potluck reception

By Delpha Jones

A family potluck dinner for the McCarl, McMillan and Shinn families was held at the St. Patrick Senior Center in Heppner. The potluck was held following the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Marion McMillan.

Those from out of town attending were: Loretta Menendian of Sharlimar, FL., mother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Mervin McCarl of Junction City; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kitch of Dreary, ID.; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morford of Mist; Denise Ramonda of Beaverton; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wallace of Lewiston, ID.; Georgia (Jo) Irvin of Irrigon; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Curtis, Cody and

Holly Rebekah plans holiday potluck dinners

By Delpha Jones

Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday evening for the regular meeting with the Noble Grand Marlene Grey presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Cards were sent to ill members and friends. The community service committee reported that they would appreciate reports from the members.

A Thanksgiving potluck dinner will be held Thursday, Nov. 18 for Rebekahs and Oddfellows. The Christmas potluck and gift exchange will be in December, at which time food will be prepared for holiday baskets for those alone during that time. Food will be brought for the Neighborhood Center.

A stew supper is being planned for the first Saturday in January before the card party. Stew, hot bread and dessert will be served. Dinner is \$5, and cards \$2.50. Prizes will be awarded and dessert served.

The first of the series of card parties held the first Saturday of each month was held on Saturday evening. Prizes were won by the following: men's high-Clarence Buchanan; second high-Elmer

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Heppner girl donates to Neighborhood center



Amber Flaiz

Many 16-year-old girls seem too obsessed with their hair, makeup, clothes and social life to think much about the less fortunate. Amber Flaiz of Heppner admits she likes to buy clothes and CDs with her hard-earned cash, but also thinks about people who don't have the money to spend—even on the necessities—and she puts her money where her mouth is.

Amber donates 10 percent of all the money she earns doing babysitting or other part-time jobs to buy food for the Heppner Neighborhood Center. The center distributes food and other items to needy families and also distributes Christmas and Thanksgiving food baskets.

"I feel like I'm doing something," says Amber. "It's

just kind of selfish to keep all the money. I was earning money to buy my guitar, but once I bought it, I thought, 'what should I do about it?' I didn't know where to put the food, so my mom suggested the Neighborhood Center."

Amber, who is a junior and a 4. student at Heppner High School, is also saving money for her college education, but is not yet

sure where she'll go to college and what her major will be.

"I like to write," adds Amber. "It will probably have something to do with writing. I want to get up in the morning and know what I'm doing will make a difference and have fun doing it."

Amber, who was born and raised in Heppner, is the daughter of Richard and Teresa Flaiz.

First Christian plans harvest festival

Heppner First Christian Church has planned its annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 17, at 6 p.m. at the church, 293 N. Gale Street. The community is invited to come and share in the fellowship of the evening.

Besides a potluck dinner, a program will include special

music and a guest speaker, Aaron Sackett, the youth minister at Enterprise Christian Church. He will give a message on "putting shoes on your Christianity."

An offering will raise money to fund special projects around the church.

Lone tea to promote cancer awareness

The Lone City Council will host a tea and coffee hour to promote awareness of breast and cervical cancer on Tuesday, October 19, at 9:30 a.m. at Lone City Hall.

Representatives from the Morrow County Health

Department will be on hand to discuss testing and also programs for low income or underinsured persons.

Everyone is invited to attend the 1999 Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer.

Donuts and cinnamon rolls will be provided by Betty Bergstrom.

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