

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More parental accountability needed

Recently I heard that a school-based health clinic is being planned for Hermiston High School. In discussions with friends, I could see a real live example of the "chicken and egg" question. Which comes first, parental neglect and indifference (the chicken) or the societal rush to feed, clothe, and drug the child (the egg). Why has parental neglect seemed to increase?

Some teachers saw children come to school without

having had breakfast. So, a breakfast feeding program was installed and the problem was solved? Not really. Yet, the parental neglect continues.

The school-based health clinic is another example of a "solution" that may contribute to parental irresponsibility for their own child's health.

Parents should be the primary educators and providers for their children. Surely, families will need society's assistance at times. However,

why are the numbers of loser parents increasing?

Are we working too much for the "egg" and should start working for the "chicken," the parents? Parent the parents! Where is the program for that?

I am for stopping the cycle of alleviating every family situation with "free handouts." Let's get in the parents' face and boldly ask, "What is going on, and why are you unable to care for your child?" What happened? Ask some

good questions.

It seems to me that parental accountability and responsibility is at an all time low. Our do-gooding rush to solve problems without going to the source of the problem is not working.

The doing-good plans that we dream up, such as school-based health clinics, smack somewhat of those plans across the ocean 100 years ago: government will raise your children; parents need only to work in the factories.

MARGE ROLEN
HERMISTON

Why are so few Hermiston homes listed for sale?

Hermiston has been my home for over 40 years and I've been a long time subscriber to the paper. I now have a question. If the Hermiston Herald is truly a local area newspaper, why are all, or nearly all, the "houses for sale" Pendleton listings? To see a house in Hermiston advertised is a rarity.

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