



Letters to the Editor

Wranglers take it on the chin

To the Editor:
On the last Sunday of the Fair and Rodeo week the Wranglers Riding Club puts on a cowboy breakfast. This is for the people of the community to enjoy, and for the club to make money to pay for year end awards for the kids in the club.
This breakfast has been put on for some time now at the fair grounds on the Sunday of rodeo. To my knowledge no one has ever been charged admission at the gate to the grounds in order to go to the breakfast. That is up until this year with a total disregard for the Wranglers Club, the Fair Board decided to charge \$1 admission to the grounds. But do not misunderstand it wasn't just for the dollar. Each person through that gate represented by that dollar counts toward money which they can receive from

the state to operate their fair grounds.
So as you can see they had everything to gain and the Wranglers would have to just take it on the chin, and they did! People turned away at the gate and went home or downtown to eat breakfast. It is a real shame that this happened, but the club learned a valuable lesson.
I might also mention that the Wranglers club will not be associated with the Open Morrow County horse show in the future. That horse show and its "assets" have been officially claimed by the County Fair Board. All monies of that show donated or otherwise will be the property of the Fair Board and the County Treasurer's office.
Burke O'Brien
Wranglers Member

Supports Ballot Measure No. 1

To the Editor:
Why does Pacific Northwest Bell support Ballot Measure No. 1 (the sales tax proposal)? Let me explain.
Although PNB's property taxes will be reduced by some \$8.5 million, this reduction is offset by the sales tax we will pay. Let's look at an example:
Pacific Northwest Bell recently announced a massive program that systematically converts many of our existing network switching offices to modern digital hi-speed equipment capable of providing newer and better services for Oregonians. An investment today for tomorrow.
This investment of over \$40 million would be subject to the sales tax. Of course the many other items we purchase for the day to day operation of the company would also be taxable.

economic viability. We have seen people move out of Oregon for lack of jobs. Existing companies have moved elsewhere and prospective companies have located new plants in other states. That means lost opportunities for Oregonians.
PNB is part of Oregon's hi-tech industry, an industry with growth potential. We will benefit greatly as Oregon's economy improves and businesses move back into the state. We are convinced that Ballot Measure No. 1 will create an environment that will enable Oregon to improve its economic growth.
As our school administrators can attest, a silent tax revolt has been taking place in Oregon for years. School officials have seen levy after levy defeated at the polls. Ballot Measure No. 1 would provide a more stable and certain source of funding for our schools.
Tax reform in Oregon has been analyzed, debated and stalemated for too long and it's had a negative effect.
Pacific Northwest Bell believes in Oregon's future. That's why we are investing in Oregon and supporting Ballot Measure No. 1. Financially for PNB, it's a short-term "push." For Oregon though, I believe it's a long-term gain! It would make Oregon a better place to live and work.
(s) J. H. Stever

Why should PNB invest in this hi-tech equipment and also support the balanced tax proposal? Why, for that matter, should other Oregon businesses invest in modernizing their operations and also support Ballot Measure No. 1?
For PNB we believe that "status quo" is not in Oregon's best interest. Oregon's tax structure "standing still" will not improve Oregon's

Gate receipts total \$58

To the Editor:
On Friday, Aug. 16 at 8 p.m. the Morrow Co. Rodeo Committee sponsored a rodeo street dance. There were two reasons that we decided on a street dance: 1) our usual Friday night dance hall at the Fair pavilion was full of flowers and vegetables. 2) we wanted to bring our crowd down town. In this way we thought we could have a fun event and say thank you to the business community. One of the best bands in Eastern Oregon, the Let'er Buck Band was hired for \$500. Rodeo Committee members attended City Council to obtain permission to have a dance, obtained permission from surround-

ing businesses and residents, obtained a forty foot flat bed trailer from Evans Land and Cattle Co. for a band stand, made and distributed posters, hauled and set up steel panels donated by Ralph and Neil Beamer, set up a concession stand at the rear entrance to the Wagon Wheel thanks to Frank Wilson, donated time to take tickets and chaparone.
After all this effort and expense, the dear people of Morrow County came out and supported us to the tune of \$58 in gate receipts.
Thank you
(s) Ron Cecil
Ex Rodeo Committee Member

Hats off to Meg Measure

To the Editor:
We support Meg Murray's thought and ideas as per her letter in last week's paper. What a terrific idea: she having the foresight and vision so necessary to combat some of the negativism that sometimes exists. How great to see some "Positives" for a change and in an area that

needs our attention so greatly. "But for the grace of God, there go I", all of us in this and surrounding communities can only profit from a venture such as this. Our hats off to you, Meg, and Good Luck.
Most Sincerely,
(s) Jim and Cork Norene

Requiem for a Sales Tax

To the Editor:
Let's raise our glasses high dear friends
And drink to kill the pain
Of the sad and heartfelt sights we see
Throughout dear Oregon.

To the farmer who's lost his farm
And the worker who's lost his home;
To the wives whose husbands seek work far away
And now wait in their bedrooms alone.

What caused such woe throughout the land,
Such terrible impoverishment?
Not war, not famine, not pestilence;
But our burdensome government.

They've grounded our lumberjacks
Our fishermen rust on shore.
Heaven only knows what else
The government has in store.

When times get tough people tighten their belts,
And, of course, to get by, they spend less,
But the government doesn't, they demand even more,
Like a greedy gluttonous pest.

They have a solution to all of our problems,
But it really is not very funny
When they reach in our pockets with both of their hands
And take what's left of our money.

It spends our millions without conscience;
There's more where that came from it knows,
For if you don't cough up more money,
Our schools they'll threaten to close.

Five times they have tried for the sales tax
And all five times they've failed.
For stubbornly trying to pass it again,
I swear they ought to be jailed.

If you are one who'll vote for the tax,
Please come and visit me.
I have a four hundred dollar nut I'll sell you,
A screw you can get for free.

Let's really make sure that they understand
We never want their tax
And if it's ever mentioned again,
Let's give them all the ax.

The rest of the country has believed their lies
And passed the tax with shame.
But I have faith you won't succumb,
My beloved Oregon.

(s) William A. Cronberger
Ophir, Oregon



Community Calendar

Bible study to begin at Hope-Valby parish

Crossways, an in-depth and comprehensive study will be offered at Hope-Valby Lutheran Parish this fall. The two-year program, which features visuals in the form of full-color overhead transparencies, is a thorough but interesting treatment of the Scriptures as a unit, says the Rev. Rick Evenson. "It's power lies in the fact that grace comes

through loud and clear from the beginning of the Old Testament on." Anyone in the community is welcome to participate, and is invited to attend an information-planning meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 8 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. Call Pastor Evenson for further information, 676-5069 or 676-9940.

Guest speaker coming to All Saints

Special speaker and celebrant at All Saints' Episcopal Church Sunday, September 15 will be the Rev. Canon Louis Perkins of La Grande. Rev. Perkins is a retired clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon who stays very active as a guest preacher and as Historian of the diocese.
A coffee hour will follow the service so his many friends in Heppner may greet him, said All

Saints' rector, the Rev. Izzett.
Rev. Izzett also announces the start of Sunday School at All Saints' September 15 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Children and teachers will meet in the Church for opening exercises. All children aged three and over who are not presently attending Sunday School are invited.
The Bishop's committee will meet Sunday evening Sept. 15, at 7:30 in the parish hall.

A.B.E. program begins Sept. 16

Classes in Heppner's Adult Basic Education program will begin Monday, Sept. 16, instructors Gary and Sue Warren have announced. New times for the classes are

Mondays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call the Warrens at 676-5017.

Heppner woman receives PLU degree

Carolyn Plocharsky, daughter of Warren and Irene Plocharsky of Heppner, was among some 151 students who graduated recently from Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington.
She was awarded a bachelor's degree in Business Administration

and Communication.
Her grandmother, Shirley Perkins, and cousin, Tammy Parson, came from Connecticut to attend her graduation ceremony on August 23. Her family from Heppner also attended.

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past two weeks:
Hazel Elliot, Heppner - admitted August 26, discharged August 30;
Jacqueline Lane, Heppner - admitted August 27, discharged August 28;
Glen Ward, Heppner - admitted August 29, discharged August 31;
Sheridan Tarnasky, Heppner - admitted September 4, discharged September 5; and
Rogina Swanson, Heppner - admitted September 4, discharged September 6.

D.A.'s Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:
Joseph Paul Focht, Irrigon, was sentenced September 6 by Judge Olsen on a charge of Burglary I to four years in the Oregon State Penitentiary suspended to four years probation.

District Court Report

District Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past month:
Brenda Jo Sweeney, Heppner - Failure to Yield Right of Way, \$25 fine, \$6 assessment.
Dennis Doyle Doherty, Hermiston - Disobey Stop Sign, \$3 assessment.
Wattenburger reunion planned
The Wattenburger Reunion will be held Sunday, September 15, at the Hermiston Civic Recreation Center. There will be coffee from 10:30 a.m. and a potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m.
Those attending the potluck also need to bring their own table service.
Relatives and friends are invited. For additional information contact Oleta Akers, Box 182, Prairie City.

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