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Editorial

In the middle of where?

Quick, name one issue for which Neil Goldschmidt, democratic candidate for governor, stands for in the state of Oregon.

It's only a little over two months until an election that could determine the direction of Oregon politics for years to come, and many people, especially those east of the Cascades, can only tell you that, "Goldschmidt thinks Eastern Oregon is nowhere."

It's true, Goldschmidt did say he thought Bend was "the middle of nowhere," and this past week he was down in that city apologizing profusely and trying to dislodge the "size 13 Nike" he had so throughly lodged between his teeth.

But is this what this election is to be remembered for? Goldschmidt's remark?

There is no doubt that the ex-Portland mayor, and Carter administration transportation secretary made a terrible gaffe with his remark about Bend.

For although some may surmise that the "nowhere" remark was just a slam against Eastern Oregon, it was in fact a slight against any small town in Oregon. By Oregon standards Bend is not really a small town, and is in fact a dynamic and growing area of the state.

Consider the population of Bend. In 1984 it had just over 18,000 people. By comparison Coos Bay, has justs over 14,000; Hermiston 9980; Ashland 15,600; Grants Pass, 15,140, and so on, with many cities in Oregon smaller than the town from "nowhere."

But is this what the 1986 election will be remembered for, Goldschmidt's misplaced remark? I hope not. There are much more serious problems facing Oregon than Goldschmidt's condesending attitudes toward Eastern Oregon, and small towns in general.

We need a governor who can do something about improving the export possibilities of our agriculture commodities. Who can do something about holding the cost of state government down, who can do something about getting the lumber industry back on its feet. In general, a governor who can do something to maintain and improve the quality of life for Oregonians. And that means all Oregonians, those that live in Portland, and those that also live "in the middle of nowhere."

David Sykes, publisher

Community Calendar

Adult education class times change

Blue Mountain Community College Adult Basic Education Dept. offers year round classes at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Beginning September 8, new times for classes will be Monday 4-7 p.m. and Tuesdays 4-7 p.m.

For further information, call Gary Warren, 422-7420.

Senior activity passes available

Activity passes for Senior citizens (65 and older) are available at Heppner High School or at ball games. These are good for all activities except tournaments and playoffs, said an athletic department spokesperson.

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Letters to the Editor

Supports McElligott for re-election

To the Editor:

I am writing with regard to the race for County Judge and to offer my opinion of Don McElligott, the incumbent. I was County Counsel for Morrow County for slightly more than three years, working under the direct supervision of Judge McElligott. During that period of time I believe that I had a unique vantage point from which to make an observation.

Don McElligott works long hours at the job, he is active in committee work which pays long-term benefits to the County, and he is astute and knowledgeable about the work of the County Court. That however, is not why I am writing--the County Judge is expected to provide that kind of service. The factor that has always impressed me about Judge McElligott is that his No. 1 priority is Morrow County.

In an individual case a person may disagree with Don McElligott over the nuts and bolts of a particular decision--that is the nature of elected office and it comes with the territory. I don't believe it's possible, however, to question his motivation. During the early days that I worked for the County, especially, I was amazed by the fierce loyalty that the Judge has for Morrow County and its people. This pride was especially noticeable when we met with Commissioners from other counties and the Judge started to "brag" about Morrow County and its people.

I don't want to downplay Don McElligott's technical abilities as a County Judge, because I happen to believe that they are very good, but I firmly believe that the Judge deserves to be re-elected because of the dedication that he provides to the job.

I have nothing to gain from writing this letter, and have no ax to grind with any other candidate for the position--I'd simply like to offer the opinion that from my point of view, Don McElligott has earned the opportunity to serve another term as your County Judge. Thank you.

Sincerely,
(s)Michael J. Oths

Congratulates 'wilderness' opponents

To the Editor

Congratulations go to the forest product truckers (and everyone, for that matter) who parked their trucks to participate in the hearing in LaGrande before Senator Mark Hatfield and Senator Bob Packwood in opposition to the Hell's Canyon Wilderness proposal.

Special credit goes to those who brought their log, chip and lumber trucks for the parade which included nearly 150 trucks and other vehicles. And a tip of our hat and special thanks to Allan Chase of Eagle Truck & Machine Company, LaGrande, Frank Felkel, President of the Northeast Oregon Chapter of Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association, and the S.O.S. (Save Our Snake from Wilderness) Committee who spearheaded the outstanding turn-out.

When people understand what "wilderness" means and the cost to each person in Oregon, everyone will join us in opposition to additional designation of Oregon land into "wilderness", which makes the forest unavailable for regular use.

Thanks, too, to Senators Hatfield and Packwood for holding and attending the hearing. We join in urging their continued consideration.

Cordially,
(s) Bob McKellar, President
Oregon Forest Product
Transportation Assn.
2985 South River Road
P.O. Box 2167
Salem, OR 97308
364-5168

Obituary

Viola Knighten Pruitt

Viola Knighten Pruitt of Springfield died at the age of 90.

She was born December 9, 1895, in Heppner, and was the daughter of Fred and Thresa Knighten.

She had been a homemaker and had lived in the Springfield community since 1949. She was a member of St. Alice Catholic Church and the St. Alice Altar Society. She was a precinct registrar for Lane County elections and had been active in political affairs.

Her husband, Leslie E. Pruitt preceded her in death on September 3, 1984. She was also preceded in death by a grandson, James T. Pruitt. Survivors include 3 children: LaVerne Edwards and her husband, William of Eugene, Glenna Pruitt of Springfield, Fred Pruitt and his wife, Betty of Coos Bay; two grandsons, Mark and Tom Pruitt of Coos Bay.

Mass of Chrisian Burial was Tuesday, August 19, 1986, at 10 a.m. at St. Alice Catholic Church with Father Cathal Brennan, Celebrant. Buell Chapel in charge of cremation.

School Lunch Menus

Heppner High School

Tuesday, Sept. 2-corn dogs, curley fries, vegetable sticks, watermelon and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 3-potatoes and gravy, rolls, green beans, fruit salad and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 4-tacos, lettuce, cheese and tomatoes, fruit, and milk.

Friday, Sept. 5-outdoor barbecue.

Wins bank

Margo Sherer of Ione was the lucky winner of a Buck Bank at the Morrow County Fair. The Republican Central Committee sponsored the drawing.

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Jose Rodriguez, Hermiston - No Operator License, $77 fine.

Robert Lee Gibney, Jr., Gladstone - No Fire Extinguisher, $57 bail forfeited.

Merry E. DeSpain, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (42 mph in a 25 mph zone), $36 fine.

Dennis Raymond Warren, Heppner - Excessive Tire Noise, $17 fine.

Randy Dallon Osborn, Hermiston - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (65 mph inn a 55 mph zone). $36 bail forfeited.

Greg Allen Jones, Heppner - No Motorcycle Endorsement, $10 fine.

Ruth D. Williams, Boardman, Suspended Operator's License, $292 fine.

Neighborhood Center Calendar

September 3 - AFS, 9:30-12 noon.

September 4 - HUD Housing 10 a.m.-12 noon.

September 8 - AHS-GED, 4-7 p.m.

September 9 - AHS-GED, 4-7 p.m.

September 15 - Hearing Aid Counselors 1-3 p.m.; Advisory Council - 7:45 p.m.

September 17 - AFS, 9:30 - 12 noon.

September 19 - WIC Clinic, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 - 3 p.m.

Weatherization applications are still available at the Center.

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police Dept. reports handling the following business during the past week:

August 18: 8:45 a.m. - False Alarm; 6:39 p.m. - False Alarm.

August 19: 10:53 a.m. - received a report of Criminal Mischief; 2:43 p.m. - received a report of Criminal Mischief; 10:20 p.m. - issued citation to Appear for Assault IV; 11:38 p.m. - assisted Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

August 22: 10:48 - assist Morrow Co. Sheriff; 8:22 p.m. - received a complaint of Barking Dogs; 8:50 p.m. - issued citation for Improper Passing at an Intersection; 10:10 p.m. - assisted Fire Dept.; 10:30 p.m. - issued citation for No Headlights, No Driver License, Open Container, and Driving Uninsured; 11:31 p.m. - received a report of a gun shot.

August 23: 10:52 a.m. - False Alarm; 12:22 - issued citation for Improper Parking.

August 24: 1:30 p.m. - assisted Fire Dept.; 7:02 p.m. - issued citation for Exceeding Maximum Speed (76 mph in a 55 mph zone).

Births

Brittani Louise Blasing - a daughter Brittani Louise, was born to Mike and Sheri Blasing, Heppner, on August 4, 1986 at Good Shepherd Hospital, Hermiston. She weighed 9 lbs. 13 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe McMinn, Heppner; Mrs. Irene Blasing, Hermiston; and Harry Blasing, N. Carolina.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMinn, Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Copeland, Portland and Mr. Sterling Wham, Beaverton.

Marriage Licenses

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John Andrew Schillo, 21, and Tracie Lynne Burg, 20, both of Boardman.

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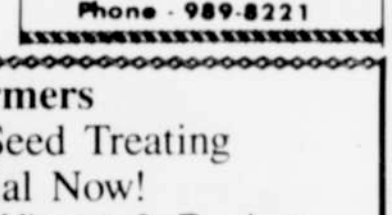

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