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Letters to the Editor

Hardman-A town not forgotten

To the Editor:

Sunday, July 23 members of Hardman Community Center met and started cleaning the two cemeteries which have been without attention for quite some time. I know there are many of you that have family buried here, or feel as we do that this is "history" and should be preserved. Our next cleanup day is Sunday, August 7. We meet at Community Hall, Hardman at 9 a.m. to be followed by a potluck. We need help. Labor, mowers, weed eaters, gas. Any history you might have of Hardman.

The cemeteries are part of our labors. The hall needs a new roof. To pay for repairs we have scheduled some events, which we hope for your support. August 27-spaghetti feed, raffle, and bingo. We will also be at your county fair, so drop in and meet Hardman-past and present.

Hope to see you at Community Hall August 7, cemetery day.

(s) Nita Borthwick

Response made to Glenn's column

To the Editor:

Recently I had the opportunity to come in contact with a copy of your June 29th edition and wish to comment on the column, "As I See It" by writer Ed Glenn.

Titled "Our Waning Independence," Mr. Glenn's overall perspective and conclusion hits the nail on the head. He states however that "we're not pleased with the way" our governments are getting bigger and bigger. I ask, "Who's not pleased?" It's the individual people whom have the power to "put government in its place." The problem is that none have been educated in our "public schools" to understand governments place and few have taken the initiative nor have the desire to learn. We live in a society governed by bureaucrats bent on winning the people with "their" handouts and creating the illusion that from government springs the source of all wealth and privileges.

I suggest that by far the majority of the folks in your area are quite pleased with big government. Like those here in Rogue River and across the land they crowd the post office each month for their "social" checks of various forms, they line up for the surplus foods handed out, they clamor for more state aid to the schools, they demand that their neighbor conform to land use planning, and they rush to sign up for the CRP program.

Know that governments can not give to one what they don't first take from another, unless they issue credit and push the "taking from another" off on a future generation. You might check your own pocket by the way and see how many notes of credit issued by the "Federal" reserve you're carrying around. If you're using them read Article I Sec. 10 of "the Supreme law of the land." Time after time we have all gone and asked for privileges, issued in the form of a license, rather than exercise the right granted by our creator. To wit: travel, marriage, engage in business, enter into contract, carry arms, etc., etc. But because of the "problems" encountered, most meekly submit.

There is an ever growing segment of the people however whom are becoming knowledgeable of the problems and the necessary steps to the solutions. You have a few in your area, a couple of whom have made efforts to set the solution in action, but been knocked down by "the law". I suggest that those around your reader area who are not pleased with the trend of big government and our waning independence seek out those people and contact them for more information. Will you take up the challenge to help restore the Republic or are you content to live in and leave to your children the Democracy. Read the 10th. Federalist Paper.

Sincerely,
(s) Lawrence J. Martin
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Rogue River, OR 97537

Some new ideas for next year

To the Editor,

I would like to add to the letter about swimming lessons last week. There is nothing more I need to say about the first day as last week's letter was pretty accurate. I would hope that we all can learn from this unfortunate experience for our children.

I would only suggest that we do

some things different in years to come. First of all there should always be a limit to how many children can sign up for one class. No swimming instructor should be expected to teach 42 children in one class. And in the future I would hope that we could have a pre-beginners and a beginners class, otherwise you have children with many different swimming abilities in one class. Also, maybe we, as parents need to become more informed about swimming lessons. I know, speaking for myself, I always just expect everything to be taken care of.

I do want to finish by saying that I think Terry and her help did a fantastic job with the children. I've heard some positive comments from parents stating that they are so happy with how their children have learned to swim.

I want to thank Terry and her help for the time they gave and ask everyone who can, to take a more active part next year.

Sincerely,
(s) Merilee McDowell

The Preservation of Bankruptcy



Cheap food has long been a national policy. Americans spend a smaller percentage of their personal income on food than any other county in the world. And that percentage is declining every year.

American agriculture is the most innovative sector of our national economy. With very little market force to prompt it, farm productivity has grown far faster than the population ever since records have been kept. This production gain has been achieved on fewer and fewer acres of farm land since productivity is related to the ingenuity of farmers, not the amount of land they farm.

One of the forces behind the high productivity of farming is that there is lots of farm land and lots of willing and able farmers. After all, farming is not just a business, nor job, but a way of life that is most appealing to a lot of smart, well educated, and hard working men and women. Because of this competitiveness, farming is not a profitable business. We have all read of widespread farm foreclosures, and financial failure.

Farm commodities are cheap, many times selling for less than the cost of production. Farm costs on the other hand, are going up and up just like everything else we all buy. Consequently, farm land has little value. A dry land wheat farm in Morrow County might sell for \$200,000 per acre. Irrigated land near Boardman might bring \$1,000 per acre including the irrigation system.

On the other hand, homeowners pay \$10,000 and more for a city lot. Housing developers pay \$10,000-25,000 per acre for bare land to subdivide. Commercial and industrial users pay far more, sometimes millions for just the right land.

LCDC, Oregon's answer to "big brother," is drafting new rules which will make it harder to realize the dream of many farmers: to sell out to a subdivider and retire after a lifetime of scraping out a bare existence by feeding the nation and a good part of the rest of the world. By "preserving agricultural land" LCDC is locking most of Oregon into its lowest economic value and assuring the spread between farm values and other land values will widen.

Without the prospect of a higher and better use, the new rules will also preserve farm bankruptcies.

Heppner Police Report

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

July 18: 12:03 p.m.-courteous driver award given to Casey Pedro; 2:24 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 9:05 p.m.-report of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; 9:45 p.m.-report of Criminal Trespass.

July 19: 7:59 p.m.-Report of Loud Music.

July 20: 12:59 a.m.-Request officer for Security Check; 1:55 p.m.-Return Found Property.

July 22: 5:08 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's Department; 7:11 p.m.-Request officer for Security Check.

July 23: 12:35 a.m.-Request officer for Security Check.

July 24: 5:35 p.m.-citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule, 50 mph in a 35 mph zone; 6:11 p.m.-Report of Parking Violation; 6:53 p.m.-Request officer for Security Check; 8:50 p.m.-Animal Complaint.

July 25: 5:22 p.m.-Report of Theft.

July 26: 5:16 p.m.-Report of Fire; 9:42 p.m.-Request officer for Security Check; 11:20 p.m.-assist motorist.

July 27: 10:02 p.m.-Request officer for Security Check.

July 29: 6:35 p.m.-assist ambulance.

July 31: 6:30 p.m.-Request officer for Security Check; 8:42 p.m.-citation issued for No Vehicle License (expired).

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court at the Courthouse annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

James Donald Hams, Heppner-No Vehicle License, \$30 fine;

James Alvin Larson, Hermiston-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, \$36 fine;

Teddy Lee Burrows, Pendleton-Defective Equipment, \$13 fine;

Michael Lee Stookey, Heppner-Exceeding Daily bag limit of game fish, to wit: more than 3 over 15" bass, \$46 fine;

John Thomas Powell, Ione-Open Container of Beer, \$27 fine;

Clayton Theodore Davis Jr., Heppner-No Vehicle License, \$13 fine.

Marriage License

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

Jeff Wayne Hams, 24, Heppner; and Michele Marie Saling, 22, Heppner.

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

Judy, admitted July 27, discharged, July 28;

Marti Buschke, Heppner-admitted July 30, discharged July 31.

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