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Letters to the Editor

Support veterans during poppy sale

To the Editor:

On May 15, the familiar red crepe paper memorial poppy is being offered to the public by the local American Legion Auxiliary. This reminder of the sacrifice of countless thousands in four great wars-WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam-is an annual event undertaken by the members of Heppner Unit #87 in Heppner.

Volunteers from the unit will once again take part in this nationwide program in memory of servicemen and women who gave their lives in the cause for freedom. Think of this, as you give, they gave their lives, what can you give?

These memorial poppies are made completely by hand, by disabled and hospitalized veterans in "Poppy Shops" run by Legion Auxiliary volunteers. It is part of a physical and psychological therapy program by veterans for veterans and is part of the rehabilitation program at the White City Domiciliary in the valley where over 300,000 poppies are made. All materials in the poppies are furnished free and the veterans receive pay for each poppy made.

Do you know that in the spring of 1919, amidst complete devastation, poppies bloomed in abundance on the battlefields of France, where so many of our men had fallen in battle? And that is why a replica of this Flanders Field poppy has become the memorial flower of the American Legion and the American Legion

Auxiliary? These poppies are offered to the public, not at a monetary price, but for a contribution, a few cents or dollars to say "we care and we remember" that sacrifices were made that we might live free.

Contributions made locally are used by the local unit to aid disabled and needy veterans and their families in the community and hospitals throughout the state. All proceeds are channeled directly to rehabilitation and furtherance of programs to aid the veteran.

Auxiliary members all over the nation will ask the public to pause for a moment, pin on a poppy and wear it with pride, remembering the civilians who took an oath to serve their country and gave their lives (many have been left with a shattered existence) because they cared that America would remain a land of the free. As I mentioned earlier, think about that and be generous in your giving. Please don't walk on by knowing the worthy work that is done with the money you give.

Thank you for listening, for remembering the sacrifices made by the veteran and for giving with a smile, it will brighten the day for the auxiliary volunteer. Thank you also to the businesses who allow us to be outside their stores and to the newspapers for helping us tell of this worthy program.

(s) Rita Hedman
Heppner Unit #87

School tax proposal not the answer

To the Editor:

As a voter and as a concerned school administrator, I am writing to express my opinion on the potential effects of the Northern Spotted Owl controversy as it economically impacts federal revenue receipts as a source of revenue in Crook County School District and other districts receiving these funds.

Currently, Crook County School District receives \$921,670 in federal forest fee dollars. The district currently enrolls 2705 students. Therefore, the forest receipts/pupil that our district stands to lose should this squeeze on timber-dependent communities like ours continue is \$341.00/student.

Simply stated, Crook County School District cannot afford to lose these revenue dollars. The district has already fallen into Oregon's Safety Net twice. Our students quality of education will be severely affected, in my opinion, if we do not find a workable solution to the timber policy crisis soon.

Frankly, I am personally outraged at what is happening and I for one am not going to sit by and silently take it anymore.

You need to know that this timber policy crisis is endangering our communities in Crook County and our families and school district students.

In fact, in Crook County we estimate that \$.38 of every dollar spent in the county is timber-related. Each direct forest job generates two other jobs in Crook County in supplier and service industries.

In summary, we need to find a solution to this timber policy crisis soon. Not for owls or loggers sakes, but for the children's sake in Crook County and any other counties that receive state and federal forest receipts.

Sincerely,
(s) Tim Adsit
Director of Curriculum and Personnel Services
Crook County School Dist.

Let's honor teachers

To the Editor:

Tuesday, May 8, was national teachers day. Somehow we saw very little mention of it in our press or media. It seems to us that the profession that has the most influence on every child in America deserves a special day of recognition and pat on the back. Let's hear it for the teachers of Morrow County.

(s) Louis and Betty Carlson
Heppner

Thanks to community

To the Editor:

Mr. Cole,
The people of Heppner and Morrow County, the staff at Heppner Junior High.

Thanks so very much for making all of us from Centennial Middle School feel so welcome. Your willingness to share in all aspects of the experience was tremendous. Without your enthusiasm, this exchange could not take place.

The chance to meet new people an

experience new things is always exciting. The exchange has afforded us this special opportunity and created memories that will last a lifetime.

We appreciate everything you did for us during our stay. You have a unique community, a wonderful school and a very caring staff.

Thanks again,
(s) Vern Olsen and all C.M.S. exchange students
17650 S.E. Brooklyn
Portland, OR 97236

Ray French for commissioner

To the Editor:

I would like to ask the voters of Morrow County to join me on May 15 and vote for Ray French for Morrow County Commissioner.

I've known Ray all my life. Ray is someone you can trust. As a wheat and cattle rancher and past chairman of the Heppner Soil and Water Con-

servation District, he knows what is important for Morrow County.

I know Ray is the best candidate. Please vote for Ray French, Morrow County Commissioner.

Sincerely,
(s) Greg Greenup
Heppner, OR

For Ray French

To the Editor:

Morrow County has the opportunity now to elect an experienced legislator for County Commissioner.

Many circumstances in our daily lives are increasingly dictated by state policies. Raymond French has the experience necessary to convey

to Salem Morrow County's priorities in such areas as water conservation, agriculture, county planning, forestry and road construction.

Visit with him concerning your priorities and vote for him. He will be a progressive voice for all communities in Morrow County.

Sincerely,
(s) Meg Murray

Frohnmayr for governor

To the Editor:

I am supporting Dave Frohnmayr for Governor because I feel that Oregon needs the skills and abilities he can bring to the job.

Dave Frohnmayr showed leadership skill in his handling of the Rajneesh situation. He has shown decisiveness in proposing legislation to deal with Oregon's drug problems. He has also demonstrated his

ability to bring people together. I feel that, as Oregon heads into the next decade, Dave will bring these abilities to bear to deal with the many problems that face us as Oregonians.

That's why I believe that Dave should be Oregon's next governor.

Yours very truly,
(s) Pauline Winter
Rt. 2 Box 2489
Heppner

Sales tax is regressive

To the Editor:

Sales tax plan is regressive. The sales tax hits low and moderate income, retirees, families, students, the unemployed, and homeless the hardest.

Hurts senior citizens by adding a tax on pensions to pay for property tax relief for absentee property owners. Absentee owners account for about 50 percent of all commercial property and nearly 60 percent of all Oregon property is commercial.

Are you willing to increase your taxes in order to make up for property tax relief to out-of-state owners of Oregon property? A sales tax would give them a huge windfall tax break. They won't be paying an Oregon sales tax.

Hurts small business by forcing them to become tax collectors at a cost more than twice their reim-

bursement. Thousands of Oregonians would lose their jobs and hundreds of Oregon small businesses lose profit or go out of business. This would occur if we had a sales tax and lost hundreds of millions of dollars spent in Oregon by Washingtonians, Californians and Idahoans, shopping in Oregon to avoid sales taxes in their home states.

Once we have a sales tax it will go up and up by new voters. Remember our six percent tax base growth? That will bring our property taxes right back up again. There is an alternative, the Homestead Exemption. Vote yes on 'SB', No on 'SD' and '5E'.

(s) Margaret Wilson
Chairman Lane County Consumers Opposing Sales Taxes
223 Conestoga Way
Eugene, OR 97401

LCDC personnel lacking facts

To the Editor:

The letter to the editor in the May 2nd Oregonian by Mitch Rohse of the LCDC staff grossly distorts the facts. In it he states "Maine, Vermont, Georgia, Florida and several other states have adopted planning programs modeled directly after Oregon's." Upon checking the facts from each of these states, here is what I found:

1. None of these states has any state agency with powers comparable to Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Commission, which in Oregon dictates land use regulation.

2. Vermont has a plan which requires approval of each township to make it effective. Of 116 townships which have voted on it, 113 have turned it down, and by approximately a four to one majority.

3. Maine has a system which requires each township to prepare a

comprehensive plan, but the state does not prescribe what restrictions must apply nor has the authority to change or veto the plans of the towns.

4. Florida's system is concerned primarily with significant development, rather than rural resource issues. Also the system has a goal to protect the property rights of landowners, which Oregon does not.

5. Georgia has no "state" land use planning program.

It is unfortunate that Oregonians are taxed to support LCDC staff personnel who are either lacking in facts or are intentionally misguiding the public.

Sincerely,
(s) Frank L. Nims
President
Oregonians in Action

Timber is Done

The timber industry is done. For all intents and purposes, forest products are through being a major economic factor in the American economy.

It's not just because of the spotted owl. He is only a symptom of a more deeply held sentiment. Consider the facts: the huge majority of Americans live in large cities. The quality of life in those cities has deteriorated immensely in the past 20 years. Crime, smog, housing, have all made life in the big city a burden. As conditions worsen, Americans become more and more concerned with water and air quality. The more concerned they get, the worse conditions become.

Americans are worried about the very food they eat. So worried they demand a quality that is unavailable in the quantity they demand.

These worried Americans must have a dream. They do not have confidence in their government (for good reason) nor in the industrial complex (for even better reason.) So the dream for many, many Americans is a dream of a pristine, virgin forest somewhere.

No matter that they may never see it. No matter that its bounty will not be harvested, but rather will go to waste. The mere knowledge of its existence somewhere somehow is seen as a relief to the misery of living in LA or Chicago or some other metro.

The spotted owl is only the rallying point for the growing number of preservationists in America's major cities. These folks have a deep set psychological need for feeling that they have not defiled all of the nation's landscape. So as they dump their garbage in the local landfill, their chemical wastes in the nearby river and their car exhaust into the very air they breath, these big city folks feel good about keeping a clean, beautiful, unspoiled place somewhere for posterity.

As I see it, no matter how I hate it, we just must learn to live with it. It's sort of like the peace movement twenty years ago. I sure did hate to see us give up to the Commies, but the whole nation was for it so here we are.

There's two things we can do about the timber industry. Kiss it goodbye is one thing. Oh, most of the folks working in the woods and sawmills around will find something else to do. For those who don't there will be another government program or two to help them along.

The sawmill companies will find some other thing to manufacture. Probably some artificial building material to replace the lumber we won't have.

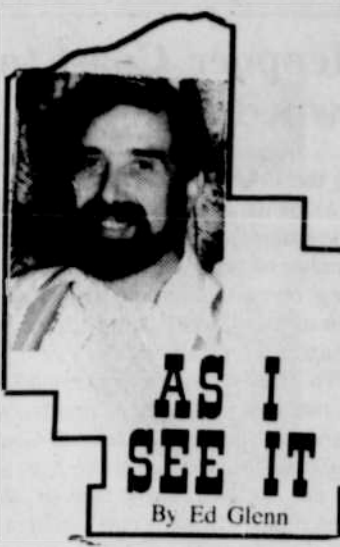
But chances are those other jobs and that other manufacturing will take place somewhere else. Not in the old sawmill town. That's where the long term effect will be. As the mill cuts back at first, then closes, and sawmills move away, businesses in town will close. That will make the drive out-of-town easier and more often to do more and more shopping which will close even more businesses.

Maybe the salvation is in tourism. Everyone will want to come to see the ghost town.

The other thing we can do is start right now planning for the eventual loss of the sawmill. At first, we should develop secondary manufacture of wood products. We should squeeze more and more value out of every board now, so we will be ready for the day when fewer and fewer boards are cut.

And we should begin now to develop a secondary industry. Something with real jobs for family wage earners. Our first look should be at industries in the alternate building materials business. And we should look at industries supported by local materials.

We can't waste our time promoting a piddling little bit of tourism when the whole nation is bound to shut down the sawmill.



Asks support for Frohnmayr

To the editor:

During the course of my campaign for the U.S. Senate I have sent you detailed position papers on a number of issues. I have done this because it is important for the press to have a clear idea of what each candidate believes and I have done it because I feel these papers show that I not only understand the important issues confronting our country today but that I am able to formulate and communicate reasonable ideas and proposals.

I understand politics well enough to know that I could probably never offer a bill to the Senate that would be unanimously hailed as the solution that everyone is waiting for; but these proposals, as well as many others I have, are offered to provide a basis for reasoned debate and compromise that can lead to legislation that truly promotes the general welfare of our citizens.

Having made many joint appearances with the other Democratic candidates in this race I feel certain that none of them have provided you

with the detailed information that I have nor have they demonstrated a knowledge and interest in so many issues or a willingness to compromise for the sake of an acceptable solution. Comparing my background to those of the other candidates and our performances in joint appearances, I am convinced that I am the person most prepared to go to the U.S. Senate and make immediate improvements in the way the interests of Oregon are being presented.

Of course, to get to Washington, D.C., I first must win the primary election on May 15 and to do this I need your help. The support of the press is a key element in my campaign and I am therefore earnestly issuing this request for the formal endorsement of the Heppner Gazette-Times as the Democrat most prepared to become a United States Senator for Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.
(s) Neale Hyatt
747-6235

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