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Letters to the Editor

Thanks for welcome

To the Editor:
My family and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the community of Heppner for giving us a warm welcome. We recently relocated here so that I could teach science at Heppner High School. As you all know, rentals are very scarce. We were impressed and delighted with all the assistance given to us during our home search. We

had to do some looking on the weekend of Cycle II and even though it was a hectic time, people were always willing to stop and give us a hand. Our first two weeks have been just as pleasant and we look forward to the months to come. Once again, thank you one and all.

The Sagely family
(s) Bob Pam, Olivia and Kaitlyn

Re-elect Hatfield, Smith

To the Editor:
With an upcoming election for U.S. Senator in the State of Oregon, I must write to you regarding my friend Mark Hatfield who is running for another term.

I believe that Mark Hatfield is by far the most qualified person for this very important job. He is well aware of our needs in Oregon. He will continue to use his knowledge, clout, expertise and seniority to fight for crucial legislation that affects our great Northwest area.

Being involved in Columbia Basin Electric Co-op which supplies electricity to three counties, I am well aware of how important Senator Hatfield has been in keeping our revolving fund available for rural electric loans. Without his influence and knowledge we would probably lose our government loan funds and would have had to borrow our money from the open market at more than twice the interest we pay. Stop and think how much more our last three million loan would have cost

the rate payers.
I have also spent two years working on the underground storage tank problem and Mark was one of the first people interested enough to meet with me about the upcoming problem. He has been one of my main helpers in Washington, D.C. Each time I go there he asks to be updated on this problem and he makes his office staff available to me.

I might add Representative Bob Smith has also been most helpful and between them have set up meetings with the top people in the Environmental Protection Agency for me, and sent their top aides with me. Both Mark Hatfield and Bob Smith should be kept in Washington D.C. for another term. They are outstanding legislators to represent our area.

Sincerely,
(s) Herb Wright
P.O. Box 466
Fossil, Oregon 97830

United Methodist Church Bazaar

November 3
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Lunch
- Gift Items
- Bake Sale
- Boutique Table

RENO NITE

Oct. 13 7 p.m. Auction at midnight
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Frohnmayr has good qualities

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter in support of Dave Frohnmayr as Oregon's next governor.

As I compare the two candidates for governor, I am impressed with the broad range of experience which Dave has gained in the last nine years as attorney general. He has dealt with the drug problem by assisting local prosecutors. He has helped pass legislation dealing with drug dealers, including a tough new civil forfeiture law.

Barbara Roberts just does not have this broad experience. I am concerned that she will not have the fiscal restraint necessary to get Oregon

through the challenges it faces in the immediate future. She has already stated that she wants to repeal the state spending limit.

I feel that Dave Frohnmayr has the qualities which we need in a governor. He wants to bring Oregonians together and solve our problems in a calm, deliberative manner. He has shown those qualities as attorney general. He will be an even better governor.

That's why I am supporting Dave Frohnmayr in his bid to become our next governor.
Sincerely,
(s) Corabelle Norene
Heppner

Frohnmayr has experience

To the Editor:
The upcoming election for governor is an important one for Oregon. We are facing a slowdown of our timber economy due to the spotted owl. We are looking at a possible reduction in irrigation for agriculture if the salmon are put on the endangered species list. We need to cut down on the cost of government, and get more for our tax dollars.

I am supporting Dave Frohnmayr for governor. Barbara Roberts simply does not have the depth of experience required to deal with the problems our next governor is going to have to deal with. She does

not have the support of the law enforcement community.

Dave Frohnmayr has both the experience and "know how" to get the job done. He has the overwhelming support of law enforcement. As we head into the next decade, he has a broad range of experience in state government which our next governor needs.

Please join me in voting for Dave Frohnmayr for Oregon's next governor.

Sincerely,
(s) Norma French
Heppner

For Ray French

To the Editor:
Ray French has many strengths and his energy and willingness to work hard are keys to being a strong Morrow County Commissioner.

Fulltime dedication to our county government will be his priority. I'm

sure of Ray's proven abilities and all of us will benefit by electing him to the County Court.

Sincerely,
(s) Ken Turner
Heppner

Consider French's experience

To the Editor:
When you cast your ballot for County Commissioner, remember to consider the experience and qualification of Ray French.

Ray has been a dedicated native of our Morrow County with his leadership and participation in numerous

organizations. He also successfully represented our county as state representative.

Ray French does a good job no matter how large the task.

Sincerely,
(s) Jean Bennett

Vote no on measure 5

To the Editor:
Ballot Measure #5, the property tax limitation, is one of the most deceptive measures on the ballot this November. Under the guise of property tax relief, this measure would drastically cut revenue for schools, cities, counties, police and fire protection, and all other locally-determined services.

Coupled with this cut in local services would come an equal loss of local control of our local public services. Because of the property tax

limitation, even if the local voters wanted to tax themselves for local improvements or services, we could not do so. Funding sources would shift to the state, invoking the golden rule: He who has the gold makes the rules. Control of our local programs would shift to the state legislature.

If you want to continue to have a vote on your local schools, city and county services, join me in voting no on #5.

(s) Mike Persons
1213 N.W. Horn
Pendleton

Heppner Police Report

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

October 1: 7:24 p.m.-citation issued for Careless Driving; 11:10 p.m.-report of Loud Party; 4:05 p.m.-Accident.

October 2: 2:40 p.m.-Dog Complaint; 6:32 p.m.-motorist assist; 7:17 p.m.-motorist assist; 9:22 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 8:25 a.m.-courteous driver award to Ken Wallace; 12:40 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

October 3: 8:40-citation issued for Dog Complaint; 12:13 a.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

October 5: 2:26 p.m.-report of Theft; 3-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 6:05 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 8:31 p.m.-citation issued for Violation of the Basic Rule, 40 mph in a 25 mph zone; 11:39 p.m.-report of Loud Noise.

October 6: 11:20 a.m.-report of Theft; 7:59p.m.-Motorist Assist; 11:42-assist Wheeler County Sheriff's department.

October 7: 9:59 a.m.-Returned Property; 5:25 p.m.-assist Oregon State Police; 6:25 -assist Oregon State Police; 9:03-Parking Citation issued.

Births

Jack Daniel Fisher-a son Jack Daniel was born to Gerald and Pam Fisher of Boardman on Sept. 28, 1990 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs.

4-H News

Two-Trackers
The Two-Trackers horse club will not meet Sunday, Oct. 14. The club will meet again Oct. 21 and continue the work with the trot. "There will only be a few more weeks this year before the weather gets bad so members are encouraged to attend," said a club spokesperson.

Company Town

Remember the old 'Company towns'?

They are mostly gone now, but there were logging towns, mining towns and railroad towns all across the nation. Kinzua was one of recent memory.

In most company towns there was one industry and only one company in that industry. The company provided jobs, housing, owned the grocery store where everyone had credit, a medical clinic, school house and sometimes the bus that went to somewhere else.

Company officials could be counted on to make a lot of decisions beyond the usual business ones. Like whether the kids could fish in the mill pond on weekends, whether an employee could add a room on his rented house and when to grade the roads in town. Somewhere in the company there was what we'd call an executive who looked after the welfare of employees and their families. He was a friend to everyone. He was the one you went to when you wanted something that wasn't related to the job directly. Sometimes he'd say 'no' alright, but he was still everyone's friend.

To most people who lived in company towns, the company was the benevolent despot. Most recognized that the company wanted to treat them right, otherwise they'd move on. The selfish interest of the company in getting the work done worked to the benefit of the folks who did the work and lived in the company town.

But in the real towns, where folks owned their own home and elected a mayor and all, somehow they got the idea that the company was the enemy, not a friend. Very popular is the idea that timber companies just want to rape the mountainsides and leave them all bare. Lots of people think mining companies are in the business of pure plunder and pillage.

Big corporations of all kinds are subject of hate campaigns from the anti-pollution to the pro-health groups.

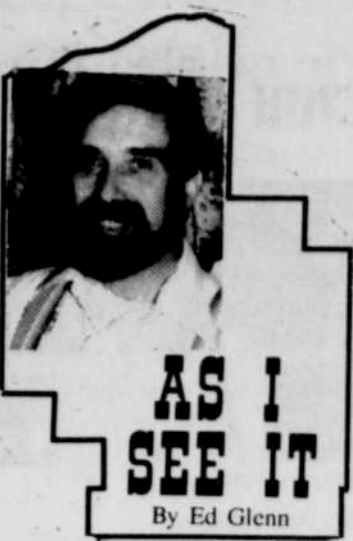
As I see it, every time we try to gouge a big company, or a small one for that matter, we are only driving the spike in our brother. If we dump a little tax on a downtown merchant, his only choice is to hike prices a little so we pay it. Because you see, most merchants try to keep prices as low as possible to give themselves a competitive edge. Those low prices work to our benefit while at the same time they are low because of his selfish interest.

There's another example afoot. Not long ago I wrote about how Kinzua Corp had joined up with the Port of Morrow to make a South Morrow Industrial Park.

Well, they're at it again. In their own selfish interest in wanting to stay in business in this time of rising timber prices, Kinzua has partnered up with another company to further process what timber there is. That new partnership will require employees just like the sawmillers who work at Kinzua. They might be new employees or they might be the same fellows that can look forward to a layoff soon.

In any event the whole town of Heppner will be the benefactor. A stable, if not growing, work force, a stable business community, stable real estate market, all those things.

Folks in Heppner and all of Morrow County ought to be going to the business community and asking how can we help you? Because we know that when a big company is best off, so too is the town.



Jean Nelson was "full of it" at one and still is at 75! She turned 75 this week - call 989-8188 and wish her "HAPPY BIRTHDAY".
And... Please come to a birthday celebration Sunday, Oct. 21st from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. at lone United Church of Christ.

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