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Letters to the Editor

For Willow Creek Park District tax base

To the Editor:

The Morrow County Tourism Committee supports the tax base for the Willow Creek Park District. They are asking for $41,000 which amounts to less than $12 tax on a $50,000 home.

The Willow Creek Park District has accomplished quite a bit since it was formed over three years ago. It is dedicated to developing facilities for residents as well as for tourists, and will continue to do so if funded. It attracts grant money far in excess of any tax money it receives, and spends the money locally on construction and labor. Please join us in voting in favor of this tax base.

Sincerely,
(s) Doug Rathbun
President Morrow County Tourism Committee

Heppner warm, friendly

To the Mayor and citizens of Heppner,

We were among the 1850 cyclists who participated in Cycle Oregon in September, and we want you to know that we very much enjoyed our stopover in Heppner. It was wonderful to ride into town after a long, hot day of biking and find a warm welcome and a good dinner.

We especially enjoyed our tour of your historic courthouse, and our pleasant walk around the town after the heat of the day was over.

We could see that Heppner is full of warm, friendly people. Everyone was very nice and they went out of their way to be helpful.

This was our first real bike tour and you certainly helped it to be full of happy memories. It was our first visit to Heppner, too, and we hope to return soon.

(s) Susan Christie
Matt Mathews
Corvallis

Mobilize for Mobley

To the Editor:

Al Mobley was a clear victor in the gubernatorial debate in September. Now Dave Frohnmayer refuses to debate again, unless it is limited to him and Barbara Roberts.

Mobley is for putting the government back in the hands of the people as in "by the people, for the people," and saving enough of our tax dollars to do what we need as in "doing away with misuse, cutting away deadwood and spending what we have wisely." The people are tired of choosing the lesser of two evils. We're ready for a governor who can and will lead us out of this overtaxed, overgoverned, overcontrolled morass that we've been stuck and sinking in for the last 30 years.

We're mobilizing for Mobley.

If anyone would like to hear tapes of Mobley's talks, contact me at 878-2000.

(s) Ruby Mills
Shady Cove

For Roberts

To the Editor:

For my husband and other sportsmen, a candidate's position on issues of gun control is one of the key areas on which we base our votes. Barbara Roberts came from a hunting family and supports the sportsman's right to own and use guns in pursuit of their outdoor quarry. Barbara also supports the need and rights of law enforcement to possess the necessary weaponry to combat crime in our state. So if someone tells you that Barbara Roberts will take your guns away that is simply not true.

What Barbara Roberts does believe and support is a fifteen-day waiting period for anyone who wishes to purchase a new weapon. This allows local law enforcement officials to make sure that the purchaser of the gun is not a person with a history of violent crime or mental health problems. This is the current law and is nothing new. Secondly, Barbara Roberts supports the right of sportsmen and legitimate collecters to own fire arms. Barbara Roberts does oppose the sale of "assault rifles" as weapons of war and feels that the average sportsman has little use for such weapons.

Barbara Roberts wants secure communities where our children are safe on the playgrounds and where our law enforcement officers don't face criminals with the weaponry of global warfare. Barbara Roberts is a common-sense politician who believes in personal liberty and will work to protect individual rights, including the right to bear arms. So if you're a sportsman like my family, join us November 6 and cast your ballot for Barbara Roberts for governor, she will work for all of us.

Sincerely,
(s) Patty Ewing-Broker
Pendleton

Write in Pat Wright

To the Editor:

I was very pleased to learn that Pat Wright has consented to be a write in candidate for Morrow County Commissioner.

Pat is a person who has served the public as a nurse at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, a county school board member and as Morrow County Health nurse for the last 16 years. As a health nurse she has been a proven administrator and has served all the citizens of Morrow County, particularly senior citizens and school children from the whole county.

As a ranch-raised native of Morrow County, she is familiar with the needs of the whole county-showing no favoritism.

Pat also is the first candidate ever to have expertise in the health and social needs of our people.

Pat is conservative with public funds and insists on getting full value for money spent. I think that it is time to get a commissioner who is aware of the social and health needs of this rural county as well as the other administrative duties of the county commissioner.

Write in Pat Wright for County Commissioner.

Sincerely,
(s) Pat Pettyjohn

Roberts has tough plan on crime

To the Editor:

As a public official and former law enforcement officer, I know the toll crime takes on our communities, our families and our schools. Barbara Roberts has a tough plan for combatting crime and drugs in Oregon. Ms. Roberts plan addresses the causes of the problems, not just its symptoms. Barbara Roberts supports a strong Community Corrections program as well as tougher sentencing for those who repeatedly commit crimes. She knows that criminals must be held accountable and that this takes a community-based effort. Barbara Roberts supports strong parole and probation programs and ensures that those individuals sentenced are held accountable inside our prisons and out.

Prison space is still needed so Barbara Roberts supports prison construction, but feels that this is just one leg of a truly effective criminal justice system. Increased funding for crime prevention through community corrections (parole and probation) is the long-term key to solving the crime problem in Oregon. We have to ensure that the current large number of repeat offenders are drastically reduced ad this can only occur through holding the paroled and probation offender accountable. Umatilla County has a model program for electronic house arrest, which should be encouraged throughout the state. Barbara Roberts will offer leadership and support for these type of innovative and cost-effective programs.

Barbara Roberts knows that solving the Oregon crime problem will require everyone's help, but most of all she knows what it is like to be at the local level. That is why on November 6, Barbara Roberts will have my vote for our next governor.

Sincerely,
Glenn Youngman
Hermiston

Frohnmayer has experience

To the Editor:

I am writing to urge everyone to vote for Dave Frohnmayer for governor. I think Dave's track record as attorney general and as a legislator give him more of the type of experience which our next governor needs in the next decade.

I'm also concerned that Barbara Roberts will be more of a "tax and spend" liberal than this state's economy can stand as we head into a rougher economy next year.

Dave Frohnmayer has the breadth of experience we need. He also has the ability to build bridges and bring people together. Those are qualities we need.

Please join me in supporting Dave Frohnmayer for governor in Oregon.

(s) W. Lawrence Givens
Milton-Freewater

Support Ray French

To the Editor:

As summer becomes fall our thoughts turn to elections and the opportunity to select our leaders. Ray French, candidate for Morrow County Commissioner, meets the challenge with experience and expertise at a local and state level. These include Oregon state representative, Oregon Cattleman's Association president, Soil and Water Conservation Board chairman, Morrow County School Board and currently Economic Development Group of Morrow County.

As a lifelong resident, Ray has an in depth understanding and background to deal with county government and serve people of Morrow County. Support Ray French November 6 to insure strong leadership and representation for Morrow County.

Sincerely,
(s) Vern and Francine Evans
Irrigon

For Lonsdale

To the Editor:

I would like to urge Oregonians to help clean up the mess in Washington, D.C. by voting for Harry Lonsdale. By unseating a tired and complacent Hatfield, a little more control and involvement by all citizens can be achieved. Oregon is not for sale.

With Harry's election, special interests, PAC's and Fortune 500 corporations will own one less senator. If you are tired of $57 billion S&L bailouts, growing deficits and debts for your childrens grandchildren, vote to free Oregon from these greedy amoral corporations and their PACs.

Besides your vote you can donate $50 per voter or $100 per couple that may be deducted from your Oregon Income Tax, free. It is a painless way to be patriotic. America has never needed you more. Be sure to vote, be involved, contribute your time, money, ideas, yourself.

Harry Lonsdale believes in the voters of Oregon.

Sincerely,
(s) Ted Sampson
Irrigon

Against Measure 5

To the Editor:

If you knew that ballot measure #5 would not protect Basic School Support, would you support or oppose this measure?

If you knew that Property Tax Limitation measure would remove an estimated $2.9 billion from the funds available to pay for higher education, human resources, environmental protection and prisons, would you favor or oppose this measure?

If you knew that the Property Tax Limitation measure would take control of spending away from local voters, would you support or oppose this measure?

If you knew that police, and fire services would face budget cuts under the restraints of ballot measure #5, would you support or oppose this measure?

If you knew that the Property Tax Limitation also applies to timber severance taxes, which are used to offset property taxes, would you support or oppose this measure?

If you knew that classes of property such as farmland and timberland would lose their special assessment, would you support or oppose this measure?

The members of the Morrow County Educational Association know of these potentially devastating effects of the Property Tax Limitation ballot measure #5, and have taken a position in opposition to this measure. We strongly urge the voters of Morrow County to do the same.

Sincerely,
(s) Sarah Carlson
President MCEA

Mobley opposes taxes

To the Editor:

Anyone who is interested in no further taxes should consider who they vote for as governor of the State of Oregon. Both the major party candidates Dave Frohnmayer and Barbara Roberts want to have Oregonians pay more taxes, preferably a sales tax. The only difference is how much sales tax do you want?

Al Mobley opposes new taxes. He thinks the taxes in Oregon are already too high. Anyone who votes for the major party candidates for governor is voting for more taxes. Vote for Al Mobley for governor.

Sincerely,
(s) Brok Tucker
Hermiston

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