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## Letters to the Editor

### Clean up act

To The Editor:

Senator Bob Packwood has sponsored the Private Property Rights Act (S.50) in the United States Senate. This bill would require federal agencies to study their rules and regulations, before they implement them, to determine if they would result in denial or limitation of private property rights. Senator Packwood made a good point when he said that taking of private property was a taking of 'personal rights'.

The U.S. Constitution states that 'No person shall...be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.' In disregard of this section of our Constitution, government continues to 'take' private property. Our federal and state governments are taking land to provide 'scenery' for the Columbia Gorge, for the spotted owl habitat, for wetlands and a multitude of other 'public uses,' with no compensation to the land owner.

I commend Senator Packwood for

his support of private property rights and personal rights at the federal level.

Legislative bills in support of private property rights in Oregon have been introduced in the current session of the legislature and in most past sessions, but have received little serious support. In the meantime state agencies like LCDC 'Land Conservation and Development Commission' continue to whittle away at our private property rights. Numerous people have had their property down zoned in the recent past. Loss of building rights has destroyed a number of dreams, caused financial disasters, scared away numerous business ventures and created long legal battles for those able to fight.

While we are working to force our federal government to comply with the Constitution, maybe we should first clean up our act in Oregon.

Sincerely,  
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### NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. is notifying all members that nominations are open for the following two director's positions:

**ZONE NO. 1.** That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative lying West of the Morrow-Gilliam County line and North of the Township line dividing Townships 3 South and 4 South.

**ZONE NO. 7. FOSSIL CITY ZONE.** That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative within the incorporated city limits of Fossil, Oregon.

The members of the nominating committee are:

**ZONE NO. 1:** Allen Anderson, Arlington, Oregon, 454-2577

**ZONE NO. 7:** Steve Conlee, Fossil, Oregon, 763-3263

The nominating committee will accept nominations up to and including the last day of August.

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### Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

During the week of July 22-28 the Morrow County deputies assisted two disabled motorists.

July 29: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a one vehicle accident on I-84, mile post 149. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire department to a grass fire on Anderson Road. Page was cancelled;

Morrow County deputy arrested Willie Eugene O'Dell, 24, Prineville on two Crook county warrants for Failure to Appear II and Theft III. O'Dell was lodged.

July 30: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire department to a car fire on I-84 mile post 163.5. There were no injuries.

July 31: Morrow County deputy assisted a Boardman resident in getting her keys out of a locked vehicle;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Lamb Weston, Boardman. One person was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with an unknown injury;

Morrow County deputy responded to a location on Hwy 730 east of Irrigon for a motor vehicle accident. There were no injuries;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a field fire on the Anderson Ranch;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a field fire on the Phillippi Ranch;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a field fire on Powerline Road, Arlington;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Mitchell ambulance to a motor vehicle accident on Hwy 26, mile post 82;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon fire department to a field fire on the Greiners ranch;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a field fire on the freeway;

Morrow County deputy made contact with a residence on Willow Creek Road in Heppner regarding a suspicious matter. No action was taken;

Morrow County Sheriff's office contacted the Navy Bombing Range facility regarding numerous reports of field fires on their property.

August 1: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner fire department to a field fire at the Drake ranch on Sand Hollow Road in Heppner;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman police department with a domestic disturbance in Boardman;

Morrow County deputy made contact with a Heppner resident regarding an animal problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington fire department to a field fire in Phillippi Canyon near Arlington;

Morrow County deputy made contact with an Irrigon land owner regarding a civil problem;

Morrow County deputy arrested Abel Rodriguez Hernandez, 26, Boardman, on a Morrow County warrant for Failure to Appear, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Subject was lodged at Benton County jail;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon fire department to a grassland fire on the Camerer ranch near Ajax.

August 2: Morrow County deputy arrested Richard Jon Silver, 27, Kennewick, WA for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Silver was cited and released;

Morrow County deputy responded to Division St in Irrigon for report of vehicle accident near the school. Deputy was unable to locate accident upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to begin investigation of a vehicle stolen from 14th St. NE. Vehicle belonged to Don Eppenbach;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a bicycle stolen from the Neila Coffman residence, 195 Utah in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a possible assault in Ione;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a bicycle stolen from 600 NE Oregon in Irrigon. Bicycle was valued at \$175 and belonged to Laura Morgan;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist Umatilla ambulance in Irrigon. Patient was in the ambulance before deputy arrived;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon fire department to a brush fire between Lincoln and Church streets in Condon;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon residence to begin in-

vestigation of a possible domestic disturbance. Everything was OK;

Morrow County deputy responded to West Glen near Boardman to investigate a report of a vehicle parked in a dark wooded area. Vehicle was unknown to residents there. Everything was OK.

August 3: Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police department with a family dispute at a Boardman residence;

Morrow County deputy arrested Tracy Shawn Wilson, 18, of Ione for Criminal Trespass I. He was released on his own recognizance;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a reported theft of services. Gasoline was taken from Brown's Truck Stop in Irrigon. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy arrested Kenneth Gene Duvall, 25, Madras, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and Driving While Suspended felony. Duvall was also arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants;

Morrow County deputy responded to a reported fight in progress on Third St West in Irrigon. Report is under investigation;

Morrow County deputies responded to a possible domestic disturbance in Irrigon. The matter was diffused.

August 4: Morrow County deputy responded to Olson Road in Boardman for a report of unwanted subjects. Problem was solved;

Morrow County deputy made contact with an Irrigon resident regarding a civil dispute;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Rowan residence in Irrigon for a report of a stolen bicycle. Amount of value was unknown, investigation is continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to Well St. Condon, for one female that was transported to Mid-Columbia The Dalles;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to the Chevron station. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon for a report of a suspicious vehicle leaving the marina.

August 5: Morrow County deputy responded to Rt. 2, Depot Road in Irrigon, for a report of vandalism. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence on Old Hwy 730 to assist the Irrigon ambulance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to a residence on Jefferson St., for a man down. There was no transport.

### Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the last week:

Shawn Ray Eng, 19, Lexington-Careless Driving, \$172 fine;

William Charles Porter, 61, Lexington-Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, one year probation, complete alcohol education program, \$591 fine, 92 days in jail credit for two days spent.

### Marriage Licenses

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

July 29: Bruce Arnold Coe, 32, Milwaukie; and Vicki L. Schubert, 33, Milwaukie.

August 2: Gregg Rietmann, 28, Ione; and Cheryl Ann Turner, 32, Ione.

## Lawns Should Be Concrete

"Honey, I'd like to have a lawn this year."

That didn't surprise me. She's wanted a lawn ever since we moved here. But she still does not understand that you can't grow much of a lawn without all the other goodies that go in to it. Like an underground sprinkler system that runs from an automatic time clock. Everybody knows you can't grow a decent lawn without an automatic system. We didn't have one of those.

And you have to level the land, work up the dirt, fertilize it a lot and then if it does grow, you've got to have a lawn mower. I still don't think she really understands.

One thing, though, she's talking "year" now. She used to ask for a lawn "this week." Then it was "this month." When she started saying "summer" I felt like maybe there was some progress. But now it's "year."

"Really honey, if we just had a little lawn out back, I'd feel a lot better about this place."

Now that's my first notice she was feeling bad about the place. Maybe it's this new outfit, Barenbrug, that's got her thinking. Any new industry comes along has a down side. Barenbrug is harvesting all that grass seed around here so that's what's got her to thinking about lawn.

Well, I begin to think about it. After all, there is a little corner of grass out front that's been there since we moved in about 10 years ago. Don't ask me how it's survived what with dragging hose to water it all these years. Maybe a little patch out back would sort of balance things out.

So I got to planning. I can do that well, and so there's a most elaborate plan on where the sprinkler system goes and how it hooks into the water pipe at the old winery. The automatic controller is inside the winery out of the weather, say, it is a good plan.

But-you have to work up the ground first-right? That's calls for a rototiller and I'm not about to get beat to death on one of those cheapies. So we've got a nice big 10-horse-power rear-tine self-propelled tiller that wasn't in the plan.

That isn't the only thing not in the plan. When we got to buying sprinkler parts, we found some fancy pop-up sprinkler heads and automatic drain valves and electric control valves. Wow, does that stuff add up.

Then things went along pretty well all spring and into the summer and we had a nice wet patch of worked up dirt. We did find a few rocks that tore up the new tiller, but the guy who fixed it went easy on me, he didn't charge quite as much as the thing cost new.

Finally it came time to plant. Seed of course. My lawn is going to be grown from seed. Turf is for sissies. There's two kinds of turf fellows, the kind that drives with two-foot wide tires on his 4-wheel drive pickup and the kind that builds new houses on speculation (to be distinguished from custom house builders who take the 90 percent completion draw and disappear). Spec house builders and wide tire runners lay turf, real men plant seed.

By now it's well into the summer but imagine how smart I feel when my fully automatic system keeps that old bare sand wet even on a hot, windy day. The extra drain on the well caused it to start sucking sand and that eats up the impellers on the pump. When it got down to where we could only run one faucet at a time, we had to put in a new pump.

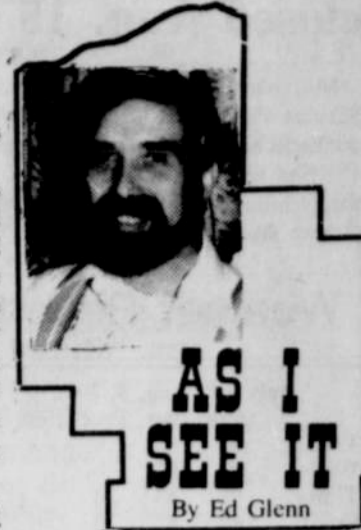
Maybe it was just the age, or the pressure from the new pump that caused the pressure tank to start leaking. Have you ever tried to patch a pressure tank? I'm working on my third band of goop and about to believe it can't be done.

But look at that, the darned lawn is turning green. On closer examination though, it appears to be coming up sand burr. Oh no, I don't mean an occasional burr here or there. They're golf green thick.

Back to the drawing board. Let's see, we'll have to till her up again, let her dry out, rack and level and then replant. Maybe it's too late in the year to get a good stand now, looks like a restart next summer.

I've noticed the pig weed is coming good now too, maybe I'll just let her grow until fall and then I'll have a good crop of green manure to start with next year.

"Honey, I don't see any grass coming. Will it be a lawn soon?"  
See, I told you she didn't understand.



### Births

**Whitney Smith**-a daughter Whitney, was born July 22, 1991 to Sheila and Arkie Smith of Gallup New Mexico. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs.

Grandfather is Mel Piper, Heppner. Great grandparents are Irma Kiggins, Heppner and Ada Piper, Portland.

**Shianne Cearra Tanner**-a daughter Shianne Cearra, was born to Jennifer Tanner, Heppner, on August 1, 1991 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 7 lbs.

Grandparents are Becky and Wayne Florea, Heppner. Great-grandparents are Betty Tanner, Heppner and Clarence and Jeanette Florea, Bonner's Ferry, ID.; and Linda Baird, Grants Pass.

**Margaret Elizabeth Michael**-a daughter Margaret Elizabeth was born to Kim and Michael Armato of Lake Oswego on July 23, 1991 at St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center in Portland. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Grandparents are Kenneth Cutsforth, Hermiston; Sharon Lewis, Heppner; and Frank Armato, Petaluma, CA.

Great grandparent is Alta Cutsforth, Heppner.

**Christina Hernandez Garcilazo**-a daughter Christina Hernandez was born to Aurelio and Fidelina Garcilazo of Irrigon on July 24, 1991 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz.

**Dustin Ray Osborne**-a son Dustin Ray was born to Dwight and Michelle Osborne of Irrigon on July 23, 1991 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz.

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