

Letters to the Editor

Do not enact motel tax

To the Editor:

Since about 90 percent of our Northwestern Motel guests are business related I fear that the 5 percent room tax imposed on our working people will encourage them to seek accommodations elsewhere instead of stopping over in Heppner. This could result in a 5.4 percent decrease not only for my business but other hospitality related businesses as well. If I have to raise my rates to compensate for this loss it will damage my business even further not to mention the loss of public relations and good will that Heppner presently enjoys because of the absence of this tax.

The Chamber of Commerce is a private business and like any other private business should be self supporting and not have to rely on tax dollars to keep it in business.

There are other income producing projects the chamber could initiate such as booth at the St. Patrick's weekend and rodeo and county fair, bake sales, auctions, rummage sales, car

washes, to mention just a few, reduce the secretary's hours by enlisting volunteers etc., etc., etc. So please consider the effects of the proposed room tax before trying to enact it. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Tom LaRusso
Dolores Cooper, owners
Northwestern Motel

Editor's note: following is an article from the American Hotel and Motel Association newsletter.)

A new study done by Purdue University for the American Hotel and Motel Association indicates that, on average, the number of rooms rented declines about 4.4 percent for every 10 percent increase in either room rates or taxes. This amounts to a drop in occupancy rates of about 3.1 percent.

Smaller properties, those with 150 rooms or less, are hit hardest by the tax. The drop in occupancy rate for this group averages 5.4 percent compared with only

0.7 percent for hotels that have 600 or more rooms. When room taxes are imposed, the occupancy rate decline is highest (6.8 percent) for properties that have less than 150 rooms and nightly room rates between \$75 and \$100.

If room taxes are so harmful to hotels, why are state and local governments so anxious to pass them?

"Special taxes on away-from-home lodging services are often viewed as a painless way to raise revenues in a community, particularly if the need is for revenues to build convention centers, to purchase assets for use by tourists or to promote local tourism," the authors write. However, they note that room taxes are not always used for those purposes.

"The general consensus (by government officials) has been that such taxes...have little adverse impact on the lodging industry because the taxes are paid largely by business indirectly or people on vacation with relatively high incomes. In addition, the taxes are imposed on people (who) are away from home and have no vote in either the decision to tax or the use of the funds."

Booster Club plans meeting

The Heppner Booster Club will meet Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School home ec room.

Hardman center plans potluck

The Hardman Community Center will have a potluck following their monthly meeting Sunday, March 1. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with dinner following. Everyone is encouraged to be in attendance as plans for the calendar year's activities will be made as well as plans finalizing the St. Pat's day float and food sale participation.

Dues for the 1992 year should also be paid and may be mailed to Box 385, Heppner.

Garden Club to meet

The Heppner Garden Club will hold their monthly meeting on Monday March 2 at the St. Pat's Senior Center beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Jane Rawlins will give a program on Clematis and Vern Batty on flowering shrubs and branches. Hostesses for the evening are Verna Brinda and Vern Batty. The public is invited to attend all meetings.

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Special Transportation Fund Budget Oversight Committee on Wednesday, March 4, 1992 at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner, OR at 2:00 p.m. All those interested may make a request and presentation to the Committee. The purpose for this meeting is to discuss Special Transportation Funding. This is a public hearing and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Louis A. Carlson
Morrow County Court
Published: February 26, 1992

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MORROW

In the Matter of the Marriage of Myra Leadisa Appleby PETITIONER

and Jimmy Martin Appleby RESPONDENT No. 92 CV 15

Order for Publication of Summons

THIS MATTER coming on to be heard on the motion of the petitioner for an order directing service of summons upon the respondent by publication thereof, and it appearing from the records filed herein that respondent cannot be personally served with summons herein in the State of Oregon in the manner provided by law for the reason that respondent cannot be found after due and diligent search and the respondent is not now known to be within the State of Oregon;

That the petitioner herein has a cause of suit against said respondent, and the relief demanded in said suit consists of a dissolution of the marriage relationship between the petitioner and respondent; that it is necessary to serve summons upon said respondent by publication thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that service of summons be made upon said respondent herein, by publication thereof; that said summons be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in Heppner Gazette-Times where is hereby found and determined to be a newspaper in general circulation in the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, which newspaper is designed to most likely provide notice to respondent of the within action taken against him and by first class mail to his last known address.

DATED this 21st day of February, 1992.

Judge Peter L. Fels
Circuit Judge ProTem
Published: February 26; March 4, 11 and 18, 1992

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Morrow County Museum Commission will meet Tuesday, March 3, at 6:00 PM, at the Morrow County Museum. Published: February 26, 1992

PUBLIC NOTICE COUNCIL MEETING

A public meeting of the Common Council of the City of Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon to adopt several ordinances will be held Monday, March 9, 1992 at 7:00 PM at Heppner City Hall, 188 W. Willow, Heppner, Oregon.

A public hearing will be held on the adoption of Ordinance Number 493-92, An Ordinance Providing for a Transient Room Tax and Providing Administrative Procedures for Collecting the Tax and Declaring an Emergency and Ordinance Number 492-92, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Numbers 486 and 487 for Clarifying the Billing Procedures upon Discontinuance of Water and Sewer Services and Redefining the Penalties for Unauthorized Water Turn-off and Declaring an Emergency. Copies of the ordinances are available at City Hall for public examination.

This is a public meeting where deliberations of the Common Council will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed ordinance with the Council.

Gary Marks
City Recorder
Published: February 26, 1992

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council for the City of Heppner, Oregon will conduct public hearings at 7:00 PM on March 9, 1992 at Heppner City Hall, 188 West Willow Street regarding violations of City Ordinance No. 474, an Ordinance Abating Nuisance for Accumulation of Solid Waste and Fire Hazards.

The following properties are in violation of the ordinance because of deposits of solid wastes scattered about the premises that create a fire hazard and harborage for rodents and insects and is injurious to the health, safety and general welfare of the people.

1. 280 West Baltimore Street, Map #2S 26 34AA, Tax Lot #1500.

2. 565 South Chase Street, Map #2S 26 35CB, Tax Lot #3000.

3. East side of North Gale Street, Map #2S 26 35BB, Tax Lots #10700 and 10200.

City of Heppner
Box 756 188 W Willow
Heppner, Oregon 97836
Clytha Rene' Devine
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PUBLIC NOTICE

OREGON CIRCUIT COURT FOR MORROW COUNTY Probate Department

In the Matter of the Estate of

VIOLET M. GOURLEY, Deceased.

No. 92-PR-4

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is given that the undersigned have been appointed and have qualified as the personal representatives of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present it, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representatives at the offices of Kuhn and Spicer, 269A N. Main Street, P.O. Box 428, Heppner Oregon, 97836, or they may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representatives or the attorney for the personal representative.

DATED and first published February 26, 1992.

Patrick O'Brien
Personal Representative
c/o Rancho Villa
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Robert Hoskins
Personal Representative
Rt. 1, Box 36
Ione OR 97843

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of Willow Creek Park District, Morrow, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993 will be held at Columbia Basin Coop. 171 W. Linden Way. The meeting will take place on the 10th day of March 1992 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose is to receive the budget message and document of the district.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF CIVIL FORFEITURE OF:

\$781.76 in U.S. currency; \$60.00 in Food Stamps; miscellaneous weapons; miscellaneous drug paraphernalia; and miscellaneous electronic equipment, including scanners, seized from Michael Lynch, Naomi Johns and others on January 7, 1992.

NOTICE TO ALL POTENTIAL CLAIMANTS AND TO ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY!!!

YOU MUST "CLAIM" AN INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED SEIZED PROPERTY OR YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY LOSE ANY INTEREST YOU MAY HAVE. TO "CLAIM" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE "FORFEITURE COUNSEL" LISTED BELOW, A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "CLAIM". THE "CLAIM" MUST BE GIVEN TO THE FORFEITURE COUNSEL WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE LAST DAY THIS NOTICE IS PUBLISHED. THE CLAIM MUST INCLUDE: A) YOUR TRUE NAME, B) YOUR CURRENT AND FUTURE MAILING ADDRESS, C) THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, D) THE TIME, TRANSFEROR AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR ACQUISITION OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, E) THE REASONS YOU BELIEVE THE PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE, F) ALL FACTS SUPPORTING THESE REASONS, G) ANY ADDITIONAL FACTS SUPPORTING YOUR CLAIM AND, H) THE PRECISE RELIEF YOU SEEK. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND BE SIGNED BY YOU UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY. THE DEADLINE FOR FILING IS MARCH 18, 1992.

WHERE TO FILE A "CLAIM" AND FOR MORE INFORMATION FORFEITURE COUNSEL Jeff M. Wallace, M.C.D.A. PHONE 676-9061 Address P.O. Box 664, Courthouse, Heppner OR 97836 SEIZING AGENCY Morrow County Sheriff PHONE 676-9061 Address P.O. Box 159, Courthouse, Heppner OR 97836

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BASIS FOR CIVIL FORFEITURE
On or about January 7, 1992, the above described was seized for civil forfeiture by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. The property is subject to forfeiture under OR Law Chapter 791 as X proceeds X profits and/or X instrumentalities used in the following prohibited conduct, and/or the solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit the following prohibited conduct: X possession of a controlled substance, X delivery of a controlled substance, X manufacture of a controlled substance. FORFEITURE means that the property will be transferred to the government and persons with any interest in the property will be deprived of that interest without compensation because of the use or acquisition of the property in or through prohibited conduct as defined in OR Law.

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tive role in their children's learning during the most critical years. So more children are better prepared for school. And are finishing school better prepared for life.

This program is working in cities and towns throughout Oregon in the form of the Oregon Family Resource Coalition. It's a program

to which US WEST has donated over \$100,000. And it's helping families from all walks of life, but especially those who may be economically vulnerable.

The Early Childhood Education Initiative is only part of US WEST's \$26 million dedication to education. It may not solve the crisis, but it's a good place to start.

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US WEST supports the Week of the Young Child, April 13-20.