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Letters to the Editor

Vote yes for levy

To the Editor:

The final date for getting the ballots in on this current election is getting close; if you haven't voted yet please do and please consider a yes vote for the levy supporting the new fire equipment.

This is an investment in our community we need to make. We've all seen how important the contribution made by our firemen is and how critical good fire protection is. We have equipment that is getting worn out and in

need of updating. We need to keep strong, effective fire protection and we owe it to the men who volunteer their time to have equipment and facilities which are equal to the job we're asking them to do for us as volunteers.

None of us want to pay more taxes but looking at the total cost, the benefit and the possible alternatives, this levy deserves our support.

Sincerely,
(s) Bob Kahl

Voice of moderation

To the Editor:

I have appreciated the recent letters by Stan Hoobing and Kelly Christman on the dangers and prevalence of alcohol abuse. Both had excellent points.

I would like to add the voice of moderation and discipline from those of us who enjoy a glass of wine. The following are "Auntie Lea's Drinking Rules" that I wrote for a beloved niece who got in trouble for drinking in a car a few years ago. She still has them pasted to her wall:

1. Never mix drinking and driving in any combination.
2. Know your limit and stick to

it.

3. If you can't stick to your limit, don't drink at all.

4. Don't drink with people you don't know well.

5. If anyone tries to pressure you into drinking more than you want, recognize that they have a big problem. Walk away.

Finally, I sent her a book that I would recommend to anyone concerned with their own drinking or that of a loved one: "Under the Influence" by James Milam and Katherine Ketcham.

Sincerely,
(s) Lea Mathieu
Lone

Fire volunteers are committed

To the Editor:

The Heppner Fire volunteers are committed to our community. We are committed in saving property and lives, to you, our neighbors and friends.

Please show your support and commitment to us by voting yes on the Capital Improvement Bond Measure.

(s) Steve Rhea
Heppner Fire Dept.

Second graders like nursing home

To the Editor:

This is the second year the second grade class of Heppner Elementary has been visiting the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

As a culminating activity we asked the students why they liked visiting.

Here are their reasons.

Sincerely,
(s) Lea Calvert
second grade teacher
Tonya Jones
Activities Director

I like Irene because she usually holds my hand when I am there and she usually hugs me when I am there. That's my story about why I like her.

Rhonda Wilhelm

Because Elvy was a special person. I like the nursing home.

Eddie Meek

I like to read with Anna, it is fun. I like to do a butterfly with Anna. She likes a butterfly. It is fun.

David Norton

It's fun and they should have the privilege to meet Residents. I liked Roxie. She gave us butterflies.

Daniel Traylor

I like all of the people there. They make me feel good. I like to be there. It is fun and I think you should try it.

Leland Rill

So the first graders have more old friends.

Brett Barber

Petition would limit money to candidates

To the Editor:

Norma Paulus, a republican, Rep. Mike Burton, a democrat, and Common Cause are the chief petitioners of a petition for campaign finance reform that would limit the amount of money pacs, organizations, businesses and individuals could give candidates for political office. This is a bipartisan effort to lessen the influence of special interests. This is particularly needed in rural areas as we currently are voiceless politically. We do not have moneyed interests to promote our special needs. And urban area politicians simply don't know our needs.

Anyone interested in securing a more equitable voice for rural areas should sign the petitions that are available at Murray's Drugs in Heppner and Bristow's Market in Ione. Two signatures are necessary as one petition limits while the second petition makes the limits legal.

Time is of the essence as these have to be mailed Friday, June 26. Please sign, twice.

Sincerely,
(s) Meg Murray

J.J. Shaw inducted into society

John Jacob (J.J.) Shaw, a junior in mechanical engineering at the University of Idaho in Moscow, was recently inducted into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. To be eligible, students must be in the top eight percent of junior engineering majors. Shaw maintained a 4. grade point for the entire year. He is the son of Linda Shaw, Heppner.

I think second grade should go to the nursing home because they will learn not to be afraid of old people.

Shelley Rietmann

It makes not only you feel good but the Resident's feel good. You make friends and have a good time talking.

Olivia Sagely

I think not just second graders should go to the nursing home. Other grades and other people should go too. It brings joy into their hearts and if you go up alot they get to know you and your name. But my partner Beth at the nursing home is outstanding. Her voice is like a sweet soft bell ringing. She is so kind. This summer I think everybody should go up there at least once or twice this summer. And if you think they're not they're just older than us.

Julie Proctor

Because they don't get to see their kids very much but when we go up there they can visit with us. And also we like to go up there and see them.

Kyle Waterland

I know some of the people and we sing good and we know some good songs and we have friends.

Tane Deardorf

I think that second grade should go to the nursing home next year because I liked making crafts at the nursing home. I think they will like it.

Molly Turrell

Well the reason I like to go to the nursing home is I like to sing and make experiments (activities) and visit. I think that we should give them a treat.

Jake McDaniel

I like going to the nursing home because you get to know more about the residents and you get to do activities with them and sing songs with them and you get to read with them.

Claire Anderson

It's fun to go up because we have candy. We have a good time and I like talking to them.

Tabatha Lynn Baldwin

I think second graders should go to the nursing home because whoever goes there will meet a lot of very nice people and make a lot of new friends.

Jessica Gutierrez

My resident Sara, I missed you. I'm glad you're hear today. She shows me pictures of her family and friends. I like her because she always listens to me when I say something.

Jodie Carlson

D.A.'s Report

June 19, 1992: Larry Hottel, 21, Irrigon, plead guilty in Morrow County Circuit Court to delivery of marijuana for consideration. According to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace the charge arose as a result of an investigation by the Morrow County Drug Task Force in August of last year.

Hottel was placed on two years' formal probation and given 120 custody units under state sentencing guidelines. He was also fined \$500, ordered to pay \$80 in assessments and complete 80 hours of community service. He was given a standard range of drug related probation conditions including random urinalysis, evaluation and treatment for drug abuse, and submission of his person, residence and vehicle to search for evidence of drug use.

Who's In Charge?



It's not all that difficult to find, not "little known" at all. It is right there in the books for all who look to see.

It does not take a Philadelphia lawyer to find it, either. Any elementary kid, with a little curiosity and passable library skills could be on it in 10 minutes. So how did it escape so many, so long?

You see, the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) are compiled in a set of paperback books that take up nearly two feet of shelf space. "The Code" as some lawyers call it, is divided into more than 600 chapters, each dealing with one subject or another. It's bound in paper because they send you a whole new set every two years after the legislature changes all the rules.

But finding a needle in the hay stack is not all that tough. There's a two volume index, and reading an index is a basic library skill taught in about the fourth grade. Then each chapter has a Table of Contents and most kids learn about that even sooner. Reading a table of cross references is certainly within the skill level of an eighth grader. And there you have it-all except the curiosity.

Now suppose you were just mildly curious about the law pertaining to the formation of a new library district. You might go directly to the law books, the "Code," the ORS's and look. You probably wouldn't know the appropriate chapter number, few lawyers would. So here's your library lesson for the day.

Step 1: Pull down volume 1 of the Index and flip through to "Districts". Scan down the list of sub-entries to "Formation". And there you see that Chapter 198 contains most of the law on the formation of special districts, including library districts. That's not so tough, so far, is it?

Step 2: Pull down the volume containing Chapter 198 (it's written on the spine) and take a look at the table of contents. Each Chapter of the Code is divided into sections and the section number and title are listed in the Table of Contents that precedes each Chapter.

Step 3: While you have the page open, read on down the table of Cross References that immediately follows the Table of Contents. And son-of-a-gun, there it is. "ORS 308.225 Boundary change or proposed change; procedure."

In all fairness, an elementary student might not recognize the significance of a cross reference or this one in particular, but any lawyer worth his salt would read it. More importantly he'd know about it even before he read any of the stuff in Chapter 198. So why didn't any of them?

You know that it's ORS 308.225 that prevents the Oregon Trail Library District from levying taxes this year because no one filed a description and map of the proposed boundaries by March 31. No one seemed to know about ORS 308.225.

The question is: who should have known? The chief legal advisor to the county is commonly thought to be district attorney Jeff Wallace. But he's really a state officer, elected under state law and paid by the State of Oregon with the principal duty of prosecuting crime. Only by reason of a little supplemental contract does he have any duty at all to advise the county on matters such as this. He heard about ORS 308.225 from Bill Kuhn just last week.

The deputy district attorney Val Doherty, commonly called the County Counsel, has the duty to advise the county, but also has obligations to prosecute criminals. She takes direction from both the district attorney and the county court. She did do some work on the library district formation but then "got busy with a bunch of criminal cases." Val heard about ORS 308.225 from this reporter while preparing this article.

The county judge is not formally educated in the law, but does preside over the county court. The county court is the county's governing body that undertook to put the library formation issue on the ballot. He says the proponents of the district had some responsibility. He heard about ORS 308.225 too late to comply.

Jerry Alldredge is the chief proponent of the district, and the librarian at Sam Boardman Elementary. He relied on a pamphlet on the law distributed by the State Library. It did not mention ORS 308.225.

Bill Kuhn, city attorney for Heppner, is a proponent of the district and was elected one of its directors. He heard about ORS 308.225 from his wife.

Former district attorney Ann Spicer practices law with her husband Bill Kuhn, and she is a candidate for county judge. She read about ORS 308.225 in the Condon newspaper.

Officials at the city of Boardman started the whole idea of a library district when they told the city's library board to go out and form a new district. The city of Boardman was not going to fund libraries anymore, but will use the money to hire a new police officer. Some of them may not have heard about ORS 308.225 yet.

Now that we have a cast of players, ask yourself "who's in charge?" In this case it looks like nobody.

Pioneer Memorial Clinic will be closed Friday July 3, 1992.

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