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Letters to the Editor

Why not C-Span?

To the Editor:
Having lived in the Willamette Valley for 12 years where C-Span I and II is a regular program, Dee and I are at a loss to understand why Heppner TV does not have these programs.

Since Heppner TV Inc is a local publicly owned TV net work, whose object we feel should be to bring into our lives,

programs that affect our lives, in a positive manner, especially what our country representatives, house and senate are doing.

This is the object of C-Span I and II, to furnish free, to all cable networks. But when we attended a TV board meeting, and suggested same--we were advised after some discussion, that it was too costly.

Seems like we can afford "soap, rap" or any other program but cannot afford a program that is issued free, that would let us all know what they really are doing, while they are actually doing it.

If you are really interested in how the government operates, push for C-Span I and II.

(s) Lowell and Dee Gribble

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1992

Soft White	
Aug	\$3.80
Sept.	\$3.81/\$3.83
Oct.-Jan.	\$3.83
Barley	
Aug.	\$93/\$94
Sept.	\$95/\$96
Oct.	\$97/\$98

Many reasons not to use drugs, alcohol

To the Editor:

I want to share many of the good wholesome reasons for the youth in our community not to engage in use of alcohol and other drugs.

Fishing in Willow Creek, horseback riding, 4-H exhibits, Boy Scouts, baseball games, softball, picnics in the park, Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, football games, homecoming weekend, homecoming dance, Saturday night dates, junior-senior prom, volleyball games, track meets, basketball games, school dances, school carnival, trips to the library and museum, St. Patrick's

Day weekend, friends at school, free education, conversations on the school bus, trips with Grace, church and Sunday School and many many more.

I am sure if you used your imagination you could think of many fine wholesome reasons not to use alcohol and other drugs.

Thanks for taking the time to read, ponder and share your good reasons.

Sincerely,
(s) Rev. Stan Hoobing
Convener of the
Heppner/Lexington
Oregon Together

Streets need cleaned

To the Editor:

Any tourist would notice our beautiful flowers on Main Street.

Let's hope that they don't also see our very dirty weed infested

main thorough-fare.

What does it take to have the street cleaned at least once a month?

Sincerely,
(s) Lorena Jones

Proud to work for Cooley

To the Editor:

I am really proud to be working on the Wes Cooley for state Senate campaign. After believing that I would never again be so involved, I could not resist the opportunity to help elect a man that will truly represent the Eastern part of the state in Salem.

Wes Cooley is highly qualified, both academically and in work experience to do a very good job for us. He is a working man, a farmer, a business man, a family man and represents a way of life that we all know so well. He has a lovely wife, Rosemary, who is not only helping with the

campaign, but holds the family business and home front together when Wes is campaigning in this huge, 11 county district.

It is not too early to think about the election on November 3. If we really want good policy to come out of Salem, we must send good people to influence that process. Wes Cooley supports the timber industry, agriculture, property rights, jobs, business, family values and term limitations. He also gives high priority to education. We are fortunate that Wes Cooley is willing to work for us in Salem.

Sincerely,
(s) Rita Swyers
Hood River

For Wes Cooley

To the Editor:

I'm voting for Wes Cooley for State Senator in District 28. Wes has been very involved in fighting for rancher water rights. I really appreciate that. Water is the most important thing to our way of life. He is a farmer and rancher in Alfalfa, Oregon. I am impressed

that he has been so involved in organizations like the Cattlemen's Association and the Farm Bureau, who fight every day for farm people.

Wes Cooley has my vote.
Yours truly,
(s) Frank Windust, Jr.
Corbett

Cease persecution of producers

To the Editor:

I am a farmer of 30 years and a second-year Audubon Society member. I try to be a responsible steward of the natural resources I manage. Lately I feel a growing concern as to the responsibility of the Audubon Societies' leadership. I have read Society articles that seem to endorse the destruction of our free enterprise system, elimination of private property rights, support of flawed legislation and complete denial of the necessity of a healthy agricultural industry in the United States.

Our active environmental organizations are a result of our affluent society. This is good. Our farmers are such good producers they have freed tens of millions of people from food production to pursue profitable and comfortable jobs throughout our country. This is good. Adequate food, clothing and shelter are fundamental needs we all share. Farmers have invested generations in providing food for us at the lowest prices in the world. The United States farmer has subsidized the U.S. consumer far beyond any pittance he receives from government programs. If he was paid a parity price for his production he could afford to pursue many environmental projects on his farm or ranch. Instead farmers find themselves being persecuted by well meaning, but often ignorant environmental groups. In my local Audubon chapter I have found the general membership not only ignorant of the facts concerning production agriculture, but innocently purporting falsehoods and misinformation as fact. We cannot as a society expect a few farmers and loggers to carry the financial burden of environmental enhancement.

When we decide as a society to preserve a species, wetland, or an eco-system we must be willing to collectively pay for this valuable resource. To demand an individual land owner to bear the entire financial burden is to deny our heritage, the very heritage that fosters the right of free expressions, that allows en-

vironmental groups to exist, and to access our legal system. This would not be allowed in a country ruled by dictatorship or communism.

If we bankrupt the United States economy through destruction of the free enterprise system, there will be no pristine environment to protect, because the poor starving masses will overrun these areas and the government regulators will be either fired or shot. People will not standby and freeze and starve while spotted owl populations increase and prime farmlands lay dormant because of improper wetland delineations. Members of the environmental movement must support free enterprise and entrepreneurship because this is where our future lies. Through efficient and responsible use of our renewable resources we can offer the United States citizenry a stable economy as well as a pristine environment. Knee jerk environmentalism does a disservice to true conservationists. Using bad science and ignoring true responsible scientists to push for

Be a Farmer

What a great time to be a farmer. Cattlemen are being kicked off the public domain, irrigation water is being left in the rivers for fish and pesticides are being shelved in favor of "the environment." the future of farming couldn't be brighter.

I read just last week that the big West Coast cities-Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Denver-were aligned in their efforts to go after irrigation water for municipal use. Of course, they join the tribes in their claims for in-stream flows to support fish.

Federal wetlands legislation gobbles up any old mud puddle for birds and state rule makers prohibit building a farm house on the farm.

With the crippling onslaught of anti-agricultural sentiment, the future in farming couldn't be brighter. Farming has evolved considerably from Grant Wood's "American Gothic". Today's farmer must be botanist, chemist, mechanic, marketer and political scientist all in one. Today's farmer has a tough job, especially with his own money on the line and prices assuring a meager return.

There are lots of good farmers today. So many that agricultural production has created surpluses and export goods beyond expectations. And that's what makes the future of farming so bright. Consider:

1. A growing demand for water for municipal, industrial, fish and recreation will make fewer and fewer acres available for ag production.
2. Environmental concerns for clean air, land and water will make fewer and less effective farm chemicals available, thus lower productivity on those fewer acres.
3. The political and social bias against agriculture will dissuade more and more young people from seeking a career in farming, thus fewer and fewer farmers to farm those fewer and fewer acres that are less and less productive.

What a bright future that is, indeed. How so? you say. People, human beings, homo sapiens, require food to live. Nearly all of that food comes from one farm or another, not the supermarket as most of them now believe. That fact alone, that people eat food, is not startling in itself. Even when you consider there are more than 260 million mouths to feed in the United States alone or when you realized there are five billion (yes billion with a "b") world wide. After all, only a small percentage of them are starving to death now and most of them have over eaten to obesity.

Here's where the bright light comes on, however. Most authorities expect the population of the United States to double to 520 million in the next 100 years, but the world population to double to 10 billion in just 40 years. Can you imagine manufacturing a product less and less competition, for a market that doubles in just one person's productive lifetime? When Honda wants to sell more cars to a growing population, they just build another factory. But when that growing horde of people want more food, they grab some more water for recreation. It's like burning down a factory every time you want more cars.

With that soaring demand for food, and fewer acres to produce it, farmers will finally be in the economic position the product deserves. Farmers will become highly respected professionals, more so than doctors or lawyers. And they will be specialized, hiring the botanists, chemists, mechanics and marketers to do the work.

It's that huge population growth, couple with a declining productive capacity that will make a farmer a king. What a future.
(Next week: Don't buy land.)



By Ed Glenn

New Menu - New Cooks - New Taste
B.P.O.E. #358
- Heppner Elks Lodge -

Invites its membership and their guests
For an evening of fine food and fun
Starting at 6:00 p.m.
(Lounge opens at 4:00 p.m.)

This Fridays and Saturdays Menu:

"2 Fer" Special: 2 complete 'Filet Mignon' steak dinners special: **\$15⁹⁵** (Fer 2)
OR
Chicken Devine-Fettuccine
Boneless breast of chicken in a white wine sauce...special: **\$8⁹⁵**
OR
Char Broiled Salmon Fillet...special **\$9⁹⁵**
All Dinners Include:
Homemade soup, green salad,
choice of potato and a dessert

Heppner Elks 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main

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Fresh Express 1 lb.

Salad Mix	99^c ea.	Western Family 16 oz.	Green Beans	2 for 89^c
10 lb. bag		Western Family Corn, Peas, Mixed Veg. 16 oz.	Frozen Vegetables	69^c ea.
Potato	\$1⁰⁰ ea.	Western Family 8 oz. American or Swiss	Sliced Cheese	\$1¹⁰ ea.
Green Cabbage	19^c lb.	Western Family 12 ct. box	Hard Taco Shells	79^c ea.
Fresh Corn	6 ears \$1⁰⁰	Western Family 16 oz.	Refried Beans	2 for 99^c
Western Family 8 oz.			New York Steak	\$4⁵⁰ lb.
Yogurt	3 for 99^c		Ground Beef	\$1³⁰ lb.
Dawn or Ivory 42 oz.			Boneless	
Liquid Detergent	\$2³⁰ ea.		Beef Pot Roast	\$1⁸⁸ lb.
Van Camp 16 oz.				
Pork and Beans	2 for 99^c			
Nalleys 30 oz.				
Chili with Beans	\$1⁰⁰ ea.			

Prices good August 12th through August 17th