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Editorial.....

Motel tax good for Heppner

So here they go again. Another tax measure on the ballot. This one, a tax on motel rooms in Heppner.

The motel tax has already been enacted by the city council, but the absentee owners of the Northwestern Motel gathered enough signatures to put a repeal measure before voters, so ballots should be in the mail soon.

But wait, before minds are made up across the city, consider a few facts, and maybe a dose of reality, to better understand how this tax came to be and why it is a good thing for Heppner. First a few facts.

As taxes go, you won't find a better one than this. Mainly because, unless you stay in the motel, you won't have to pay it. That's pretty easy to swallow. As fairness goes, it scores pretty high too. The motel owners will be paid 10 percent for the trouble of collecting the tax, and the city will get another 10 percent for administering it. The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will receive the balance of the money.

Now for reality. From a business standpoint, and that means grocery, hardware, shoe, clothing and other types of stores, as well as restaurants, tire stores and even newspapers, operating in small town America is no piece of cake. Besieged on all sides by discount retailers, grocery chains and other big operators, small town businesses often find they can no longer stay open. No one wants to buy them, so many times the owners just close up and walk away. In the Heppner, Ione and Lexington area 18 businesses have either closed, merged or not reopened after fire in the past 12 years. These businesses represented both services to local people, and a source of employment in the community.

The motel tax you will be voting on represents a self-help effort by local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to stem the flow of business closures and maintain a high quality of life in our small town. Through aggressive promotion of tourism, community activities such as St. Patrick's Day and economic development, the Heppner Chamber of Commerce seeks to strengthen our town's economy for the benefit of us all. On this basis we urge you to vote 'no' on the transient room tax repeal.

(s) David Sykes

Norene Veterinary Hospital
wishes to announce
New Office Hours
for the convenience of our clients
Mon.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tues...9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & 7 to 9 p.m.
Wed.....CLOSED
Thurs..9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & 7 to 9 p.m.
Fri.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Open for EMERGENCIES Saturday & Sunday
Office Call Charges now Reduced

Heppner Elk's Lodge #358
Says:
"Thank You" to all who supported us during the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo and especially all the volunteers who made it all possible!

This Weekend's Menu

- '2 fer' - 2 Filet Mignon Dinners
'2 fer' - **\$15⁰⁵**
- 'Surf & Turf' - Lobster Tail & Filet
"8 oz. Filet & Lobster" - **\$14⁰⁵**
- Lobster Tails - 2 Tails **\$10⁰⁵**

All dinners include
Soup, Salad, Bread and Special Dessert
Dinners Served Friday & Saturday
6 p.m. till 9 p.m.
Lounge Opens at 4 p.m.
Wednesday through Saturday

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

Letters to the Editor

'No' vote will help chamber

To the Editor:
Vote no on the City of Heppner transient room tax ordinance repeal.
Why?
Heppner's Chamber of Commerce is a main force in town devoted to maintaining the livability and vigor of our community. The chamber provides economic and community development activities for the city of Heppner.

As a result of the passage of ballot measure 5, the city can no longer provide direct, general fund support for the chamber. Another funding source is needed. The transient room tax is the means by which the city can maintain financial support for the operation of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce office.

The transient room tax should not be repealed. Heppner needs your vote.

(s) John Edmundson

Judge Carlson a professional

To the Editor:
Concerning the proposal made at the Irrigon candidates fair that Morrow County hire a professional administrator, I submit that

we already have one, who well understands our problems. His name is Judge Carlson. Let's re-hire him in November.

(s) Meg Murray

Vote no on repeal of room tax

To the editor:
The voters of Heppner will soon receive a ballot asking the question, "should the city of Heppner repeal ordinance 493-92, The Transient Room Tax Ordinance?" We would encourage everyone to carefully consider the question and vote no. This would leave the already enacted room tax in place.

area. The room tax is not paid by the motel owner or local citizens.

Mr. Tom Larusso from Bend, the owner of the Northwestern Motel, has petitioned this onto the ballot because he feels he is being unfairly taxed. We need to remember that when we stay out of town, the local room tax is collected from us to promote that

The proceeds from the room tax will be used by the Chamber of Commerce to benefit the entire community, not just the downtown businesses. Chamber members include all segments of the community and they work together to support the continued economic well being of our community, as well as such community events as St Patrick's weekend.

Cooley knows farming ranching issues

To the Editor:
I had the opportunity to meet Wes Cooley. I was impressed by how much he knew about farming and ranching issues. He also talked about how the Oregon Legislature impacts our way of life with their decision. Mr. Cooley talked a lot about water rights and how few of the legislators really know anything about it when they vote. Mr. Cooley is a member of Water for Life and on the State Conserva-

tion Advisory Board. We're in the sixth year of a drought and our future in agriculture and our children's future on the land is in the hands of people from the western cities. That's scary to me. I'm going to vote for Wes Cooley because I want someone in the legislature who understands our way of life in Eastern Oregon.

Community great in time of need

To the Editor:
I would like to inform your readers of what a wonderful community this is. Two weeks ago I slipped off our deck, and broke and dislocated my right ankle. The care and help came immediately. Neighbors from all directions came running to my aid and to the aid of my family. The EMT's arrived with the ambulance very quickly. They were efficient, gentle and supportive. Not an easy task considering I was crying and screaming in pain. Complicating their job by the fact that I am pregnant and due in only a few weeks.

Sincerely
(s) Eric Menard
Baker City

The EMT's managed to lift me into the ambulance without further trauma. The neighbors assisted by caring for our daughter, Kelly, and our dog. They even stayed near me and assisted the EMT's whenever needed.

We arrived at the hospital quickly. No one left my side for a moment. Shanna Paullus and Bob Nairns were close at all times. The hospital staff were just great. They did everything to make me as comfortable as possible and took every precaution with my health and the health of our unborn child.

unavoidable under the circumstances. Jay had to be at the hospital with me quite a lot. The rest of the community continues to be terrific. We are in everyone's debt. Never have we felt so appreciated and cared for. The people of Heppner are unique and we appreciate your friendship. We hope, if the need arises, we are able to help you too. Heppner friends know what friendship is. We thank you all.


Sincerely,
(s) Lori E. Straley

Justice Court Report

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

Michael Scott Jenison, 23, Spray-Failure to Use Seat Belt, \$50 bail forfeited.

It's in all the papers



AS I SEE IT
By Ed Glenn

Time wears heavy for this listless old newspaper publisher. This will be two weeks since the last issue of the Chronicle and while there are still thousands of details in the closing up to attend to, work is just not the same without a deadline. Oh, there are some things in the works, but nothing for sure yet, just waiting by the phone for a call back.

Used to be little time for reading the competition. About one daily a week and the weeklies got a once over lightly. Now, I hunger for a paper, and read it cover-to-cover. Not out on the beat, I've got to know what I've missed. Sure Didn't miss much.

Sittin' and reading is just what the doctor ordered after last week's horse back ride. Whoa! It had been 25 years since these old legs were draped over the skirts of a saddle. Didn't go far, but sat for half an hour before the parade started. I was offered a set of spurs but declined. That was a mistake since the old pony had never been in a parade before and was a little concerned with the loud speakers. I'm feeling a lot better now, thank you.

Tonight's newspaper has a few curious articles. Looks like Randy Weaver's family is on the line too. Somehow you just can't help but root for the outlaw in that scenario. It'll turn into a real bloodbath before it is over. I remember when they gunned down Billy Estes over in Wallowa County 30 years ago. Billy found his girlfriend in bed with another man, so shot'em both, right there in the bed. He couldn't hide out either..

Senator Packwood's visit to Boardman Foods last week got just a little play.

It seemed to us that while the Chronicle was alive, happenings in Boardman, Irrigon and Morrow County got renewed attention from the rest of the press around. Now that we're out of the scene, things are back to normal. Of course, the daily never really did think Morrow County was part of the real world.

Duff is bucking for home town hunting rights and Fels is going to chair the youth commission. You'd think it was election year, wouldn't you? When it comes election time, expect the politicians to do all kinds of goofy things. Like ride a horse down main street, Heppner. At least Jeff didn't play that hokey accordion this time.

I see the environmentalists have shut down another timber sale with yet another appeal. The system does have to allow for all voices to be heard, but sometimes the issue is won just in getting the hearing. A hearing set for next year sometime because government cannot seem to get anything done without a year or more to think about every detail. Bob Smith threatens to go to the secretary if they don't get on with the salvage, the Northwest Timber Workers Resource Council's big ad said it was too late and the folks in California are still trying to put out the fire. I added to the problem by burning the paper when I finally got it read.

Did you ever wonder about the political leanings of the regional daily? Two editorials on that page might give a hint. "...mean-spirited, sordid little spectacle in Houston last week..." "The Bush Administration...(has) decided...to destroy the character and reputation of Hillary Clinton...by lying." This does not sound like a Republican paper to me.

What's more of a mystery to me is how the folks in Pendleton have put up with such a wild-eyed bleeding heart bunch of liberals as has controlled their paper for the past 50 years.

Oh, say. The pullets are beginning to lay. Yes, these are feather chickens, but if you get enough of those little tiny pullet eggs you can make up quite a batch of scrambled eggs. They were swell with the Lostine River trout for supper last night. If I don't get that phone call in a day or two, maybe I'll take another run up to the ol' fishin' hole.

Big doin's in Boardman this weekend: Pioneer Days, Mountain Man Rendezvous, Indian village, black power shoot, parade on Saturday. I won't be riding a horse.

Against room tax repeal

To the Editor:
I am writing to ask voters to vote no on the motel tax repeal measure.

The measure will tax only out of town guests and bring needed

revenue to the Chamber of Commerce to continue the important work it does. Please vote no on the motel tax repeal measure.

(s) George Koffler

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

August 19 - 25, 1992

	High	Low	Prec	Rain
Weds..	96	58	.0	
Thurs.	91	56	.0	
Fri.	88	55	.0	
Sat.	79	52	.07	
Sun.	68	49	.18	
Mon.	67	37	.0	
Tues.	73	41	.0	

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1992

	Price
Soft White	\$4.12
Aug	\$4.12/\$4.07
Sept.	\$4.05
Oct.-Dec.	\$4.05
Barley	\$94
Aug.	\$95/\$97
Sept.	\$99/\$1.01
Nov.	\$1.02
Dec.	\$1.03

Court Street Market
111 N. Court Heppner 676-9643
GROCERIES - MEATS - PRODUCE

Prices good August 26th through September 1st

3 lb. bag Gala Apples	\$1⁰⁰ bag	3 lb. Hills Doggies	\$4⁰⁰ ea.
Bartlett Pears	39⁰⁰ lb.	Western Family 32 oz. Strawberry Preserves	\$1⁰⁰ ea.
Baker Potatoes	35⁰⁰ lb.	Crisco 48 oz.	\$2⁰⁰ ea.
Oranges	35⁰⁰ lb.	Oberti 5.75 oz.	99⁰⁰ ea.
Hermiston Watermelons	12⁰⁰ lb.	Olives	99⁰⁰ ea.
Starkist 6 1/4 oz.	59⁰⁰ ea.	Tip Roast	\$2⁰⁰ lb.
Western Family Paper Towels	59⁰⁰ ea.	T-Bone Steak	\$4⁰⁰ lb.
Western Family 11 oz.	99⁰⁰ ea.	Pork Blade Roast	\$1²⁹ lb.
Toaster Pastry	99⁰⁰ ea.	Pork Sausage	\$1⁰⁰ lb.
11 oz.			
Duncan Hines Cookies	99⁰⁰ ea.		