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Letter to the Editor

2% Equal Tax measure nears sig quota

To the Editor:
To all taxpayers who are tired of supporting an ever-growing bureaucracy with higher and higher taxes, we are in the final months of getting the 125000 signatures needed to put the 2% Equal Tax Measure on the ballot next fall.

If the 2% Equal Tax passes in November, you would pay two cents out of every dollar you spend but never again would you pay state income taxes, property taxes, license fees, registration fees or any other state tax. You would be in control of your money. Never again would you file a state tax form, or have state taxes deducted from your paycheck. The assessors' offices and tax courts would be closed, saving taxpayers 45 million dollars a year.

Businesses would move to Oregon when they discover they would have only one state tax to deal with, the 2% Equal Tax. Also, tourists, foreigners, drug dealers and tax cheaters would pay their fair share along with the rest of us.

Figure out how much you paid last year in state income taxes, property taxes, gasoline taxes (approx. 23 cents on every gallon purchased), license fees, vehicle registrations, then compare it with what you would pay at two cents on every dollar spent. Spend \$20,000 in one year and your taxes would amount to \$400. Spend \$40,000 in one year, your taxes would be \$800.

This tax works because everyone pays a little, no one is overburdened because it is fair, and you are in control of your money. As it stands now, if you don't come up with your property taxes every year, you could lose your home. You have no control over escalating property taxes, you pay or else.

If you need more information

and would like to help get this on the ballot write to: Direct Legislation League, PO Box 15023, Portland, OR 97215 or call 503-239-5949. In Roseburg area call Nora LeBeau at 679-4427.

Sincerely,
(s) Janette Kirkland
544 Fir Point Lane
Glendale, 97442

Births

Carter Fletcher Currin-a son Carter, was born to Kelli and Tony Currin of Heppner, on January 11, 1994 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

Grandparents are Wilbur and Jeani Fletcher, Dayton, WA. and Ron and Judy Currin, Heppner. Great grandparents are Glen and Vernice Fletcher, Dayton, WA. and great grandmother Helen Currin, Heppner.

Monica Calvillo-a daughter Monica, was born to Maria and Mario Calvillo, Boardman on January 16, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz.

Jovanny Llamas-a son, Jovanny was born to Xochitl Llamas of Boardman on January 19, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 15 oz.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, February 1, 1994

Soft	White
Feb.	\$3.64
March	\$3.56
April-May	\$3.58
Aug.	\$3.50
Barley	
Feb	\$1.03/\$1.04
March	\$1.05

Obituary

Ilene K. Laughlin

Memorial Mass for Ilene Kilkenny Laughlin was held this morning at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with private committal service at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Recitation of the Rosary was held Tuesday, February 1, 1994 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Laughlin, 75, of Heppner, died Thursday, January 27, 1994 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

She was born Feb. 5, 1918 at Condon to John and Lottie Russell Kilkenny. She grew up on the family ranch 10 miles east of Heppner on Hinton Creek. She attended school at Pleasant Point on Buttercreek, St. Joseph's Academy at Pendleton and graduated from Heppner High School. She then attended the University of Oregon at Eugene.

She worked for over 20 years at Pioneer Memorial Hospital as office manager and administrator.

Mrs. Laughlin was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Altar Society. She very much enjoyed the Irish celebration on St. Patrick's Day at Heppner.

Survivors include a son Robert "Butch" Laughlin and daughter Sheridan Tarnasky, both of Heppner; brothers John F. Kilkenny of Portland and Robert J. Kilkenny of Lexington, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband Robert Laughlin; brothers, William P. and Robert R.; sisters, Rose Ellen, Sara, Mary Ann and Colleen.

Memorial contributions, for those who wish may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Fund, PO Box 9, Heppner, 97836 or to the Heppner St. Patrick's Day Celebration, PO Box 1232, Heppner.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Sheriff's Report

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

January 25: Norma Ortiz of Irri- gion asked the Morrow County deputy to check her residence for unwanted guests.

January 26: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray Fire Department to the Spray high school for a report of a fire alarm going off. There was no fire. The incident happened two times.

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Condon ambulance to the Airbase. One person was transported to Gilliam County Medical Center;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Morrow County Grain Growers Hogue Warner elevator site for a report of a break in. Tools and other misc. items reported at a value of \$814 were missing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Little Buttercreek area for a report of vandalism done to George Irwin's place;

Morrow County deputy took a report of a briefcase stolen from a vehicle belonging to Aaron Wanner of Irri- gion.

January 27: Morrow County deputy responded to a report of a stolen lap top computer from the Coal Fire Plant on Tower Road;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of vandalism at AC Houghton School in Irri- gion. A power meter had been smashed;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of theft at Rivercrest Farms. Amount of values were unknown at press time;

Morrow County Sheriff's office received a complaint from Michelle Garcia of West Glenn about dogs running loose and barking in her neighborhood;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police Dept in locating a vehicle that had been driven out of the Boardman BP station without the driver paying for the gas;

Morrow County deputy assisted the Boardman Police Dept in the investigation of the report of a fight which broke out at the Dodge City Inn, Boardman.

January 28: Morrow County deputy responded to investigate the report of a possible burglary at the Riverview Irrigation building located on Tower Road. The building was secure;

Morrow County deputy responded to Malhur St., Boardman, for a complaint of loud music;

Morrow County deputy assisted in returning lost property to its owner in Irri- gion;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a juvenile problem on Wilson Road, Boardman;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray Fire Dept. to the Spray High School in response to the fire alarm. The alarm turned out to be false.

January 29: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to meet a vehicle en route to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with a six year old boy with unknown injuries;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a residence in Arlington for a 90-year old female with an unknown illness. There was no transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray ambulance to the RimRock Tavern in Spray to assist a 50-year old female with an injury;

Morrow County deputy responded to investigate the report of two suspicious vehicles at Columbia Junior High School in Irri- gion. Deputy was unable to locate vehicles upon arrival;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a residence at Mancamp. Subject refused transport and was taken to the hospital by a private vehicle;

Morrow County deputy arrested Donald Lienol Baldwin, Jr., 28, Hermiston, for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance.

January 30: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray Fire Dept to the high school in response to a fire alarm. Fire alarm turned out to be false;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner Fire Dept to the transfer station between Heppner and Lexington for a dumpster fire;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Dept to a controlled burn that had gotten out of control near Boardman on Wilson Road.

January 31: Morrow County deputy began investigation of a break in at the Tagarres Shop, Boardman;

Morrow County deputy recovered a vehicle stolen from LaGrande. Vehicle was located abandoned in an orchard off Depot Road, Irri- gion;

Morrow County deputy assisted an Irri- gion resident locate the owner of a black pot bellied pig that had strayed into the street;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a bicycle reported stolen from an Irri- gion residence.

Around the County
By Earl Woods, Jr.

The Eastern Oregon Development Council has come up with a suggestion that may add fuel to the lone-Boardman road proposal. The council wants the Port or Morrow, or some other governmental entity, to build a bridge across the Columbia River. The bridge would

connect Washington Highway 14 with Morrow County's Tower Road. Evidently, potato and onion processing plants are concerned that ground in Morrow County, which has traditionally been used for potato and onion production, is slowly being changed over for tree pulp production. In addition, Washington State is issuing new agricultural water permits on the Columbia River which will allow farmers in Washington to put more land into potato and onion production.

This bridge, which would initially be a toll bridge, would allow Washington farmers easy access to Boardman processors. It would also promote tourism. Talk to John Prag if you're interested in pushing for this project. Storch Engineering from Portland claims the bridge can be built for 15 million. Incidentally, why can Washington issue water permits while Oregon can't (won't)?

Don Holes of Irri- gion, was appointed the ninth and final member of the Home Rule Charter Committee, which should please Irri- gion folks. Don is a fine addition to what appears to be a strong committee. Their next meeting is February 22 at the Public Works Building in Lexington.

Gene Allen, of Boardman, approached the county about the utilization of the initiative process to create a medical district in the north end. I haven't talked to Gene about this, but I will. I understand that the proposed boundaries of the district would be voting precincts number one and two, which are the two Boardman precincts, and which include the coal-fired plant.

It turns out that, during construction, the Corps of Engineers installed a valved pipe at the base of the Willow Creek Dam. The county is now exploring the feasibility of placing an electrical generation device at the down-stream end of the pipe. Any profits derived from the sale of electricity could be used to fund the construction of an underground irrigation system to supply water from the dam to down-stream users. The county is now gathering information from the Corps (which controls the dam), the Bureau of Reclamation (which controls the water behind the dam), and from people who have actually been involved in designing and operating small hydro-electric/irrigation projects. This may be in the "wish" category for a long time, but the county is thinking that the UP Railroad right-of-way might be used to pipe water down the valley.

The two most interesting rumors related to this dam/irrigation/right-of-way issue are: one-that the BLM has filed an application to acquire the UP right-of-way; and two-that the original construction budget for the Willow Creek Dam included money specifically designated for irrigation project development.

Stay tuned for developments as the county sleuths attempt to discover what the federal government is planning to do in our backyard.

Update: According to Ray French, the commissioners and Judge Carlson have given their "blessing" to the effort of the Extension Service to form a separate extension district.

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DATE: Friday, Feb. 11, 1994

9 - 9:30 a.m.

Russ Canon, Monsanto-Weed control in minimum till systems

9:30 - 10 a.m.

Pete Vanourek, CIBA-New Products & Label Updates

10 - 10:30 a.m.

Barry Duerk, Miles-Proper Timing for Cheat Grass Control

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Dennis Wilson, DuPont-Herbicide Resistance Management

11:30 - Noon

Jim Benson, Cenex Land O'Lakes, New Products

12 - 1 p.m.

Lunch

1 - 3 p.m.

Denise Race, Sandoz-Small Grains Staging Clinic.

Lunch will be provided and credit hours will be given
Sponsored by Dobyns Pest Control & MCGG

There will also be a welding clinic at
MCGG Shop in Lone starting at 1:30 p.m.

Court Street Market

111 N. Court Heppner 676-9643

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Fresh Oysters med. 10 oz.	\$2.99	Rome Apples	39¢ lb.
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Lean Ground Beef 81%	\$1.49 lb.	Fresh Broccoli	49¢ lb.
Hills Sliced Bacon	\$1.00 lb.	Fresh Express 1 lb. pkg. Salad Mix	99¢
Western Family 6 roll pack Bathroom Tissue	\$1.99	Kraft 16 oz. Salad Dressing	\$2.99
Western Family Paper Towel	59¢	Rosarita 16 oz. spicy or fat free Refried Beans	69¢
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