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Off the Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

Take a 386-acre plot of hilly, sandy ground with plenty of rocks that make it unillable. Add some sagebrush, bunch grass and cheat grass, but no water, except what nature provides. It might support a few cows for a short period depending on the season.

To avoid paying property taxes on this type of land that doesn't pencil out to have an economical return, one should consider giving or selling it to The Nature Conservancy for a preserve.

According to TNC, Lindsay Prairie in Morrow County is one of only three remaining protected remnants of bluebunch wheatgrass in the world. But it seems they have not done their homework by taking a look elsewhere on some of our ranches.

Nature Conservancy ecologists believe that the Lindsay site was once dominated by big sagebrush, still prevalent in the dry canyon draws. However, grey rabbit brush and matchweed have become common, along with cheat grass, bunchgrass and some spikeweed, with wild rye along the perimeters of this preserve. Sounds rather like some other rangeland in the county.

A tour of the Lindsay Prairie proved to be intriguing. I'm not bashing anyone's interest in preservation of whatever. However the astronomical costs of over \$100,000 to restore 6.2 acres to the natural state after the natural gas pipeline crossed this property is unreal. No wonder it cost around \$1 million per mile to construct this pipeline.

Hand-harvested and hand-planted grass plugs for this site certainly provided lots of back-breaking jobs. Perhaps these workers were provided with union benefits in case of permanently bent spines or illnesses due to excessive exposure.

Or, workers there could have suffered from attacks by pigmy rabbits or the spotted Washington ground squirrel that TNC believes might be rare and possibly endangered. Those dwarf rabbits are probably stunted in growth from having to travel long distances to water. And the white spots on those squirrels might be the result of not hibernating soon enough. Burned animal hair can often turn white.

TNC does work to maintain ecosystems and habitats where natural processes can continue undisturbed. With unlimited private funding, agriculture should take advantage of this "natural process". On large preserves, TNC does lease to private individuals some of 42,000 acres within Oregon's TNC's 51 preserves.

Since farming and ranching is a time-honored "natural process" agriculture could use a monetary hand-out to preserve ecosystems. Maybe they could even use some of that private funding to restore needed moisture, the lack of which is causing rangelands and crops to burn to a crisp. Without the use of chemicals, which TNC rules out because it might kill other plant species, we could even use some volunteer help when it comes to chopping thistles or pulling rye.

Green's celebrate 10th anniversary



Cliff and Cindy Green celebrate their 10th anniversary of ownership of the Heppner Coast to Coast store last Friday. "We appreciate your business and we plan on being here another 10 years," said Cliff.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Employee's Association would like to thank the voters in Morrow County for their support.

If the Morrow County Sheriff's Office is to continue operating as it is we must have the continuing support of the voters. In 1993, we came very close to losing the whole criminal/patrol division because voters failed to approve budgets. Thankfully, in 1994, the county operating budget was passed, on the first ballot, by a large majority. The members of the Morrow County Sheriff's Association appreciate your support.

We now ask you to support the new tax base as it appears on the May ballot. The new tax base would insure the citizenry of Morrow County that their law enforcement (as well as other county services) will continue at the present level. There will be no increase in tax burden.

The current tax base dates to 1911 and because Morrow County is still operating on this level the yearly budget elections have become necessary. Passage of a new tax base will not increase the burden, to the tax payer, but it will eliminate the need for the yearly budget elections to fund county government.

Passage of the new tax base will insure that Morrow County will never again have to face a loss of effective law enforcement. Please vote for the new Morrow County tax base.

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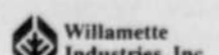
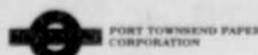
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A Teddy Bear's picnic

Approximately 14 children participated in a Teddy Bear's picnic held at the park Tuesday morning May 10. The picnic was sponsored by the Heppner Public Library and featured stories, cookies and teddy bears and hats. Following the picnic children played in the playground area.

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