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Letters to the Editor

Smith has got to be kidding

To the Editor:
Article V, Section 10 of the Oregon Constitution puts the governor in charge of law enforcement.

Denny Smith wants to be governor.

He promises to hire more policemen to make things safer. And he says the police he will hire will "pay for themselves with the tickets they'll write."

Good grief.
That single statement blares to the world his incredible ignorance of the justice system, and the huge mistake we'd make to put him in charge. In the first place, "more tickets" means more court clerk time, more judge time,

more paperwork time, more expense and bureaucracy.

In the second place, the notion that law enforcement should be a moneymaker is almost evil, carried to logical conclusion, it means we don't want to reduce offenses, we want more.

But the big one is, he says he'll hire more police to reduce crime, giving the clear impression he's meaning burglary and robbery and rape and drug dealing, when what he really expects is for the new faces to spend their time writing traffic tickets.

He has to be kidding.
Sincerely,
(s) Meredith Wood Smith
N.E. Portland

Give yourself tax relief

To the Editor:
Now that the election season is underway, it's time to take a serious look at the future of our state. November will bring many changes that will shape our lives; some will be good changes, some will turn out not so good.

When Measure 5 was proposed, most people thought it was the answer to state tax reform. Although many people got property tax relief, no provision was made for the shortfall of revenue it would cause.

Now schools are cutting sports, essential academic programs, teachers, etc. We see increased gangs, violence, a lack of good moral values, and students who are falling behind the national average. It can only get worse as the full effects of Measure 5 become reality.

But there is hope. It's the 2 percent Equal Tax. It's the only proposal for true tax reform. It will give schools the money they need to get back on course. It will also give each of us more "in pocket" money to spend which in turn will boost the state economy.

Ten years of planning and research by a private group, not a lobbying effort, have created the plan. The bottom line is sim-

ple: two percent of what you spend is tax. Period.

It will eliminate property tax, state income tax, gas tax and the other 33 hidden state taxes and fees we are currently burdened with. Yet it will raise the same amount of funds as pre-measure 5.

No more \$15 per thousand of ever increasing assessed property value, no more 24 cents per gallon of gas, no more threats of an additional "needed to fill the revenue gap" sales tax, no more... Only two percent of what you spend.

Change is a hard concept for most people to accept. But this is the change we need to make our state work. If you are fed up with the current system, if you are tired of waiting to see which "group of suckers" will be facing increased taxes, do something. Give yourself real tax relief and schools the money they need before it's too late. Time is running out. Call the Direct Legislation League at (503) 239-5949 and see for yourself.

(s) Bryan Covell
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Sheriff's Report

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

May 24: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to 405 Ellsworth for an unconscious woman. There was no transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Department to a grass fire on Columbia Avenue. Fire was extinguished;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a two vehicle accident on 21 road by Tupper Spr. The Heppner Fire Department responded with the jaws of life. Morrow County deputy secured the area while three patients, one from the Tacoma area and two from the Fossil area, were transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

May 25: Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 looking for a semi truck pulling a house trailer that was losing the insulation. Deputy was unable to locate truck;

Morrow County deputy responded to a report of loud music at Irrigon Mobile Court. Noise was abated.

May 26: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of an assault victim. Deputy was unable to locate victim upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to a request to assist an elderly couple in a disabled vehicle on I-84, mile post 176. Deputy was unable to locate couple;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman Fire Department to a grass fire of fof Wilson Road. Fire was put out and there were no injuries.

May 27: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to a motor vehicle accident at 7th and Main. Ambulance was cancelled before arrival as there were no injuries;

Morrow County deputy began investigating a report of telephone harassment in Ione;

Morrow County deputy responded to a business near Heppner to investigate criminal mischief done to their equipment;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a one vehicle accident on I-84, east bound. Two patients were transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy responded to a disturbance at Bud's Pub in Heppner.

May 28: Morrow County deputy responded to an Irrigon residence for a report of a missing juvenile. Child returned home;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray ambulance to downtown Spray for an unknown injury. There was no transport;

Morrow County deputy began investigation of a stolen vehicle in Irrigon on 3rd St.

May 29: Morrow County deputy assisted Heppner Police Department with a disturbance at a Heppner residence;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray ambulance to the rodeo grounds for a female with an illness. Airline was activated;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a family disturbance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to Bear Hollow Camp Ground for a 32 year old female with an illness. There was no transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Ione Fire Department to Juniper Canyon Road for a field fire on the Hughes Ranch near Bellamy's;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to Hwy. 218 mile post 28 for a motorcycle accident. There was no transport;

Morrow County deputy responded to Ione to investigate a report of a suspicious person at a business. The person had permission to be there;

Morrow County deputy arrested Donald F. McEwen, 72, Heppner, for Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance. McEwen was cited and released.

May 30: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Mitchell ambulance to Hwy 207, 12 miles north of Mitchell for a male with an illness. Airline was activated and transported to Bend;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to I-84, mile post 175 west of the Army Depot for a one vehicle rollover with injuries. Two people were transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston;

Morrow County deputy located a vehicle reported to be driven by someone drunk. Driver was not drunk;

Morrow County deputy arrested Dennis Duane Peterson, 25, Prineville, on a warrant from Crook County. Peterson was lodged at Benton County;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Spray ambulance and Air Life for a resident from Spray with an unknown illness. Patient was transported to Bend;

Morrow County deputy investigated a report of suspicious circumstances at an Irrigon business. Events were not criminal mischief.

Justice Court Report

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

Daniel Wayne Sharp, 20, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 50 mph in a 25 mph zone and Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants \$1,168 fine, 365 days in jail, \$100 and 363 days in jail suspended with one year probation with no further violation of the law. Sharp was ordered to complete alcohol classes.

Births

Natalie Kurstian Penney Rauch-a daughter Natalie Kurstian was born to Kathy and Chris Rauch of Lexington on May 17 at S.W. Washington Hospital at Vancouver, WA. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Grandparents are Irvin and Millie Rauch, Lexington and Jim and Barb Andre, Ridgefield, WA.

Natalie joins a brother, Andre, four, at home.

Death Notice

Roxie J. Lovgren
Graveside service for Roxie J. Lovgren will be held 2 p.m., Thursday, June 2, 1994 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Lovgren, 82, of Heppner, died Monday, May 30, at Delamarter Care Center in Pendleton.

Memorial contributions for those who wish may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, PO Box 9, Heppner, 97836.

A complete obituary will be in next week's Gazette-Times. Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Economic development, retaining existing businesses, farm/ranch recreation, housing, infrastructure, tourism, diversity, running businesses, marketing, health, death and new life, families and 999 other concerns fill our day-to-day lives.

Following the death of a special aunt and memorial weekend remembrances, I experienced some diversity, fence repair, actually, for three days. My task was to help stand up let-down fence, and pack the chain saw and tools up and down forest trails. Thirty trees had to be removed from across the fence before all was said and done. The worst part was getting soaking wet and mosquito bitten; the best was the total silence with no phone, mail or meetings and the simplicity of it all.

Ever since I was told at a tourism conference that people are willing to pay to go help fix fence, I've been trying to figure out why. Now I know. You work hard, you sleep good, and you get in tune with what's important. (Did I pay?) Hardly. Did 'my boss' pay me? Think again. I did, however, come to some understanding as to why some people might pay for the opportunity to get away from it all and fix fence, not many, mind you, but some.

Heppner needs to become innovative to attract businesses and visitors. For example, did you hear about the three men who had adjacent businesses in the same building? The businessman at one end put up a sign reading 'Year End Clearance Sale'. At the other end, the businessman followed with a sign that said 'Closing-Out Sale'. The businessman in the middle knew his business was going to be hurting bad, so he put up a sign that said, 'Main Entrance'.

Next week, June 7, is chamber board meeting at 11 a.m. followed by the monthly business meeting where all entities in the community report on current affairs. (Hello to Charlie and Dorothy Heard former owners of the Heppner Gazette, who still renew their subscription).

Thought for the week: The Chinese word for 'crisis' is composed of two picture characters, the one meaning 'danger' and the other meaning 'opportunity'.

Obituary

Joyce A. Darst

Joyce A. Darst, 75, of Eugene, died Tuesday, May 24, 1994.

Memorial services were held Saturday, May 28 at Emerald Baptist Church in Eugene. Burial services were held Sunday, May 29 at the Valby Lutheran Church in Ione.

Mrs. Darst was born March 21, 1919, at Gooseberry, near Ione, to Leonard and Julia Carlson. She attended Ione grade school and high school and graduated from Portland Beauty school. She owned a beauty salon at Salem for many years and worked at several jewelry stores in Eugene before retiring from Skeies Jewelers in 1988.

She enjoyed sewing, gardening, cooking, horse riding and animals. She was a princess of the Morrow County Rodeo in 1937 and a princess of the Pendleton Round-Up in 1938.

In August 1940 she married Joseph P. Darst of Auburn, WA. The couple later divorced.

Survivors include sons, Richard of Prineville, Leonard of Central Point and Hal of Ashland; daughter, Dixie Copeland of Olympia, WA.; sister, Millie Hope of Eugene; brother Louis Carlson of Heppner; six grandchildren and one great grandchild. A brother, Clifford, died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alcoholics Anonymous in care of Musgrove Family Mortuary, 1152 Olive St. Eugene, 97401.

Musgrove Family Mortuary, Eugene, was in charge of arrangements.

Correction

A story in the May 25 Gazette-Times entitled "Record number students earn R&W certificates" was incorrect.

Tom and Helen Riehl, owners of the R&W Drive In, received the "Atta Boy" and "Atta Girl" awards for sponsoring the reading incentive program, not teachers Kay Chinen and Linda Shaw.

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Beef Ribs	\$2.29 lb.	Carrots	59¢
Cooks	\$2.99 lb.	Sunny Shore 1 lb.	99¢
Ham Slices	\$2.99 lb.	Broc-Slaw Mix	99¢
Tillamook Baby Loaf 2 lb.	\$4.59 each	Zucchini Squash	49¢ lb.
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