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Letters to the Editor

Much legislation on private property rights?

To the Editor:
I just attended Oregonians In Action's Land Use Forum in Wilsonville on February 18, what an enlightening experience.
There is so much legislation pending in the House and Senate which supports private property rights. Every Oregonian is affected when one person loses even one of their rights.
Folks, this is a civil rights issue. We need support, where are you? Why aren't you on the phone calling your senator and representative (state and national) supporting basic human

rights?
I understand our illustrious governor owns 10 acres of river front property which he plans to build a home on. Could it be he will have to deal with the same regulatory defeats as we do, or does being an environmental supporter have its own rewards? Perhaps if he feels the agony of defeat, he will be less inclined to veto basic human rights dealing with private property when they cross his desk.

Sincerely,
(s) Janice Marsh
HC 60 Box 1973
Lakeview 97630



*Dee Ruybal request
the honor of your
presence at the marriage
of her daughter
Shelly Huth
to
MaClain Lovett on*

*Saturday, the twenty-fifth of March Nineteen hundred and ninety-five at one o'clock in the afternoon at the Hermiston Fairground
Reception immediately following the ceremony*

*Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCarty
request the honour of your
presence at the marriage
of their daughter
Suzanne
to
Gary Rea*



*son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rea on Saturday,
the twenty-fifth of March Nineteen hundred and ninety-five
at three o'clock in the afternoon at the
United Church of Christ, Ione, Oregon
Reception immediately following ceremony, Ione Legion Hall*

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to
St. Patrick's Day
in
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Support our county government

To the Editor:
In the past few weeks you have seen several letters or articles concerning the Morrow County budget and the one year operating levy which will be voted on in the forthcoming election. Some discussion has been given as to whether one or both of these items is an increase or a decrease compared to last year. I do not believe that this is the main issue which should concern us. What is of concern is how will we be served by our county government? Will the county be able to meet its obligations and provide the services that we need? Have the county's leaders done their best to serve the citizens of Morrow County and managed the county's resources to the best of their abilities?

I was asked to serve on the budget committee this year and participated in the process that generated the one year operating levy which you will be voting on March 28. During

this process it became apparent to me how difficult it has been for the county to maintain the level of services which are provided for its citizens while simultaneously keeping operating levies in check. Inflation and other cost increases continually erode the amount of services our tax dollars can provide.

The county leaders and the budget committee were very concerned that the voters were getting the most service that could be provided while maintaining the tax to individuals at current or lower levels. I believe that the county leaders have done a good job of managing the resources of the county and are doing their best to obtain the maximum return on every tax dollar spent.

I urge you to support our county government and vote to pass this levy.

Sincerely,
(s) Vernon Frederickson
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Basic pool no frills variety

To the Editor:
As one who has worked closely with the Willow Creek Park District's Pool Commission (the group that developed the proposed pool plan for south Morrow County), I am writing in hopes of dispelling some misconceptions about the district's swimming pool construction and operation ballot measures.

It seems that some local residents are under the impression operation of a pool that has too many expensive frills. Actually, the \$975,000 bond measure before the voters asks only for funding to construct a simple bathhouse and a basic pool containing four 25 meter lanes with a shallow wading "fan" area and a water slide.

The "extras" envisioned for the new pool will be paid for by private contributions, donations, grants, and other non-tax sources. Pool supporters have set a goal of raising a total of \$250,000. These funds will pay for "extras" such as the indoor and multi-purpose exercise and meeting room. To date, the People for the Pool have raised about \$15,000, and, if the pool measures are approved,

the former Kinzua Corporation has pledged to donate \$45,000 to the project. Voter approval will also provide the necessary leverage to apply for other grant funds. So, while these frills will definitely enhance the attractiveness and community value of the pool facility, they will not come at any additional costs to the taxpayers.

What happens if pool supporters fail to raise the additional non-tax funds? Simple. The "extra" amenities will be cut from the project and we will end up with a nice, but basic outdoor pool facility.

Finally, another misconception about the pool measures is that voters can vote to approve the bond (Measure 25-13) while rejecting the pool operating levy (Measure 25-14). Actually, both measures are written so that if one fails the other is rendered invalid. Therefore, the effort to construct and operate a new pool depends on affirmative votes on both measures.

Now, remember to vote. The fate of the pool is in your hands.

Sincerely,
(s) Gary Marks

Nordic ski club plans meeting

The Arbuckle Nordic Ski Club will meet Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

The meeting will include a review of the recently completed BMCC cross country ski instruction class, discussion of affiliation with the Oregon Nordic Club, nominations for next year's officers and determination of the dues structure for

the coming year.

The club reports that, despite poor snow conditions, the cross country classes were successful and enjoyed by all who participated. Anyone interested in joining the Arbuckle Nordic Club is encouraged to contact a club officer. Officers are John Edmundson chairman; Dave Fowler vice chairman; or Bill and Sherry Ewing, secretary treasurer.

Bartenders race planned for Sat.

Bartenders have to get in on the act too. After all, it's St. Patrick's weekend. A bartender's race has been planned for Saturday, March 18, around 1:15 p.m. after the bed race.

The race consists of a "small obstacle course on foot, which will be a timed event, regarding a green liquid," said event organizer Kathy Cutsforth.

Cutsforth says that so far Beechers from Ione, Bucknum's, Heppner, and Mr. Bill's, Rieth, have entered the race.

Sponsor is Graybeal Distributing, Pendleton. To enter or for more information, call Cutsforth, 676-5233.

Births

Patrick Collin Doherty-a son Patrick Collin was born to K'Lyn and Rick Doherty of Beaverton on March 5, 1995 at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Grandparents are Charles and Beverly Doherty, Ione and Don and Jeanne Johnson, Hillsboro. Great-grandmothers are Louise Sannes, Troutdale; Wilma Johnson, Days Creek and Grace Bradshaw, Albany.

Thomas Walter Gates-a son Thomas Walter was born to Susan and Lester Gates of Boardman on February 28, 1995 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Congratulations Ruth Locust

To the Editor:
Congratulations to the members of Ruth Locust Chapter No. 32 of Heppner, Oregon, Order of the Eastern Star.

One hundred years young. Their devotion to the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth is outstanding. The history of this chapter, their leaders and the dedication to the youth.

The Rainbow Girls, were given training in pride, self worth, public speaking, morals and manners. This helped many to become leading citizens. Dot Halvorsen, I take my hat off to you, as their mother advisor.

This past year the General Grand Chapter (world wide-membership) voted to admit to membership many of these young women, their mothers, sisters and Bethel girls. If interested they should contact the Worthy Matron Patricia Hyatt, the Worthy Patron John Wood or secretary Dot Halvorsen.

Virginia Wilkinson (Mrs. Dick) was worthy grand matron of Oregon in 1971-72. She was and is loved and

respected.
Stuart Guthery is now worthy grand patron of Oregon and a member of Ruth Locust.

Many Masons belong to Eastern Star. We as members are related to them through blood or marriage.

The Masonic lodge in Heppner, celebrated their 100 years. Their history is fascinating. So many helped in the flood and all the history of the town.

We support cancer research (funds stay in Oregon, heart, diabetes, lupus (a form of arthritis) Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Forest Grove, Estarl (a scholarship for religious training it is non denominational and open to all), the Shrine Hospital and three other scholarships.

The Masons and the Star members, support the schools and many are active in their own church.

This homecoming party will be April 9. I hope to see many who still belong but have moved away. Heppner you will be proud.

Respectfully,
(s) Marie Bencel
Past Grand Matron
Rt. 2 Box 2724
Hermiston 97838

Commends high school students

To the Editor:
I would like to commend the Heppner High School seniors and faculty, that spent two days cleaning up the town of

Heppner. It was a wonderful thing to do for the community. It looks so nice.

(s) Marcy Bacon

Pool will benefit everyone

To the Editor:
People of Morrow County, I would urge you to vote yes for the pool. I think the design of the pool is neat and real useable. There is lots of room for everyone. I like the idea of the inside therapy pool. It is not just used for medical reasons. The young and old alike can use it. It has many purposes. Lap swimming for one, water aerobics, walking and it can be used all year round. It's the

best exercise you can do, for it's a low impact exercise. I know this from experience. I recently had back surgery and I have pain doing exercise on equipment and such, but I feel no pain when in the water and doing exercises. I feel this pool will benefit everyone.

Let's get Morrow County back into shape and have some fun all year around. Please vote yes for the pool.

Thank you,
(s) Monique Devin

St. Patrick's Celebration

March 17th: Buffet dinner (baron of beef, corn beef and cabbage) live music

March 18th: KUMA Coffee Hour 10-11:30 a.m.; buffet breakfast 11:30-1 p.m.; buffet dinner 6-8:30 p.m.; live music, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. (two bands)

April 1st: Installation of 1995-96 officers, 2 p.m.; dinner with whole roasted pig 6 p.m.; live music 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; Welcome our new Exalted Ruler duo-Robert and Yvonne Lovgren

Bingo every Wednesday nite 7:30-9 p.m.

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New York Steak	\$4⁵⁹ lb.	Baker Potatoes	25¢ lb.
Shenson Corned Beef	\$1⁹⁹ lb.	Large Size Tomatoes	69¢ lb.
Smoked Ham Hocks	\$1¹⁹ lb.	Seedless Green Grapes	99¢ lb.