

## Letters to the Editor

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state services. Elizabeth has been open with her concern for adequate, stable state funding for K-12 education since the passage of Ballot Measure 5 in 1990.

Elizabeth Scheeler will bring the same level of commitment and sincerity to her legislative responsibility that she has exhibited as a school board member serving Pendleton School District. Elizabeth will bring a healthy, fresh perspective to the Legislature at a time when it is drastically needed. Elizabeth is an analytical decision maker who is willing to do the research to make a sound decision. She will give high energy to the legislative process and will work tirelessly to help Oregon solve the revenue crisis. Elizabeth Scheeler has a true vision for our state that includes solutions not excuses.

Elizabeth Scheeler has the right motive for running. Her motives are not personal, but rather to seek what is best for the citizens and youth of this state. She has the courage to do what is right long-term. Her vote will be based on conviction. She has the personal qualities that will help build a consensus across party lines to bring about long-term solutions. Elizabeth is a both bright and sincere and possesses a high level of common sense. Elizabeth Scheeler is the right representative for this critical time. I urge your support for Elizabeth Scheeler.

(s) Jim Keene  
Pendleton

### More Scheeler support from Pendleton resident

To the Editor:  
I am deeply concerned about the future of public

education in Oregon. After an unprecedented fifth special session, the Oregon Legislature still has no clear plan for long term stable funding of education other than cut the budget.

Voters in District 57 have an opportunity to elect a candidate who is also concerned about the future of public education in Oregon. Elizabeth Scheeler is the clear choice for District 57 State Representative. Her opponent says he supports public education, but voted consistently against stable funding for Oregon's schools. His pro-school voting record during the regular session was 67 percent (source OEA) and he scored a Zero (source OSEA) during the first two special sessions. Elizabeth Scheeler has a demonstrated interest in Oregon's schools. She serves as a member of the Pendleton School Board, and she volunteers in her children's classrooms. She has first-hand knowledge of the disaster that has occurred in Oregon's classrooms. The best thing about Elizabeth Scheeler is that she's willing to step up and make the case for stable funding for Oregon's schools and better government in Oregon. Elizabeth Scheeler is the clear choice for District 57 State Representative.  
(s) Tom Groat  
Pendleton

### Officer's wife lends support for Smith and Nelson

To the Editor:  
During the 5th Special Session of the Oregon Legislature, Representative Greg Smith and Senate Majority Leader David Nelson were strong advocates for public safety. While there was much

political bantering going on surrounding which programs should be funded, and which should not, Rep. Smith and Senator Nelson were committed to making sure our law enforcement officials received the money needed to operate and protect our communities.

As the wife of an Oregon State Police officer, I appreciate Representative Smith and Senator Nelson for their understanding and commitment to the importance of public safety.

(s) Fran Oswald  
Heppner

### Lexington resident voices opinion of local councilman

To the Editor:  
There is an old saying that—"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

Glenn Anderson must be blind not to see the used car lot and junkyard next to the city hall, right in the middle of downtown Lexington. People can't even get to the city hall without parking across the highway or out in the middle of it.

Perhaps he might also have someone drive him around town and point out the six-foot high weeds in the city streets and on some private property (including Jim Nelson's).

Yes, Jim did help pick up some of the pipes and junk left over from the water pipe project, but it was all dumped up at the cemetery well site and will need to all be moved, before any further work can be done up there. As for cleaning up his private property, Glenn also forgot to mention that town equipment and the town maintenance man were also used to do some of the projects. There is a law against just such actions and in fact the town has been reprimanded, quite heavily in the past for them.

The town is a mess with weeds, junk and old cars

everywhere. The ditches need to be burned out in case of a flood. The town property has not been mowed all summer; there are rocks everywhere that need to be picked up. Newly purchased equipment (a high wheel trimmer and now an expensive lawn mower) will be in need of repair soon, if they are not.

Jim would not have had to pick up pipes and junk if the city maintenance man and his community service helper had been doing their jobs, instead of driving up and down the street, trying to look busy.

Every time something is brought up at the council about the condition of the town and the work that needs to be done, Glenn seems to think it is "no problem" but then, maybe, he doesn't want to address them, as he is too busy with his own personal agenda and "kicking under the table".

(s) Robert Taylor  
Lexington

### Some think Smith has sensible solutions to the problems

To the Editor:  
We are writing in support of Greg Smith for Oregon Legislative District 57.

Rep. Smith has the endorsement of veteran legislators Bob Jensen and David Nelson.

Rep. Smith knows how the legislative process works and he has demonstrated by his past performance that he can get important things done for Heppner, the Willow Creek Valley, Morrow County, and District 57.

Rep. Smith knows and understands the issues of resource management, agriculture and education. He has sensible solutions to the problems in these areas.

Please join us in casting your vote for Greg Smith.

(s) John and Pat Edmundson

### Opinion on grant donation to the Rebekah Lodge

To the Editor:  
I would like to recognize all of the citizens of the Town of Lexington who showed their support in the effort to get the Town Council to donate \$7500 of a \$10,000 grant to the Rebekah Lodge to update the wiring in the old lodge hall used by so many of us.

The majority of the council did not see fit to follow the wishes of the 150 people that signed the survey in support of using \$7500 of the grant for this project. (They did donate \$3,000.)

There is an election coming up. If you haven't voted yet, please get to know your candidates and what they really stand for. Let's have a council that will really work for the good of the people and not just their own selfish agendas.

(s) Shirley McCarl  
Lexington

### Local senior gives word of support for Smith

To the Editor:  
I am pleased to support the re-election of Oregon State Representative Greg Smith. I have known Greg for many years, and I'm confident that he is the best choice to represent our interests in Salem.

Greg will work hard to keep housing affordable, which includes assisted living facilities. That's why the Oregon Health Care Association has given him the title of "Senior Champion". During the last session, he fought hard to maintain the Medicaid Upper Limit Reimbursement

Rate. He's willing and ready to continue fighting for the things that matter to seniors.

I hope that you will join me, and many other senior citizens, with your vote to re-elect Oregon State Representative Greg Smith.  
(s) Shirley Richards  
Irignon

### October scarecrows bring Fall-time joy

To the Editor:  
What a delightful experience the many scarecrows and assorted creatures gracing Main Street and some yards have afforded us this month! Wonderful imaginations brought us such a variety of creations, from serious to frivolous. I think they are all my choice for "outstanding."

And speaking of standing, my grandson has conversed in his year-old language with a couple of creatures, thought about taking one's empty martini glass, and checked out the bony fingers of another. I briefly thought I was talking to two individuals I know but decided that they were, in fact, simply look-alikes. (Both of these individuals are tacit types, so the silence of the pumpkin heads was not an immediate clue in either case.)

We are pleased with all of the individuals who have shared their youthful spirit and added to our drives and walks around Heppner in October.

(s) Doris Brosnan  
Heppner

### Madame Strangelove people's choice

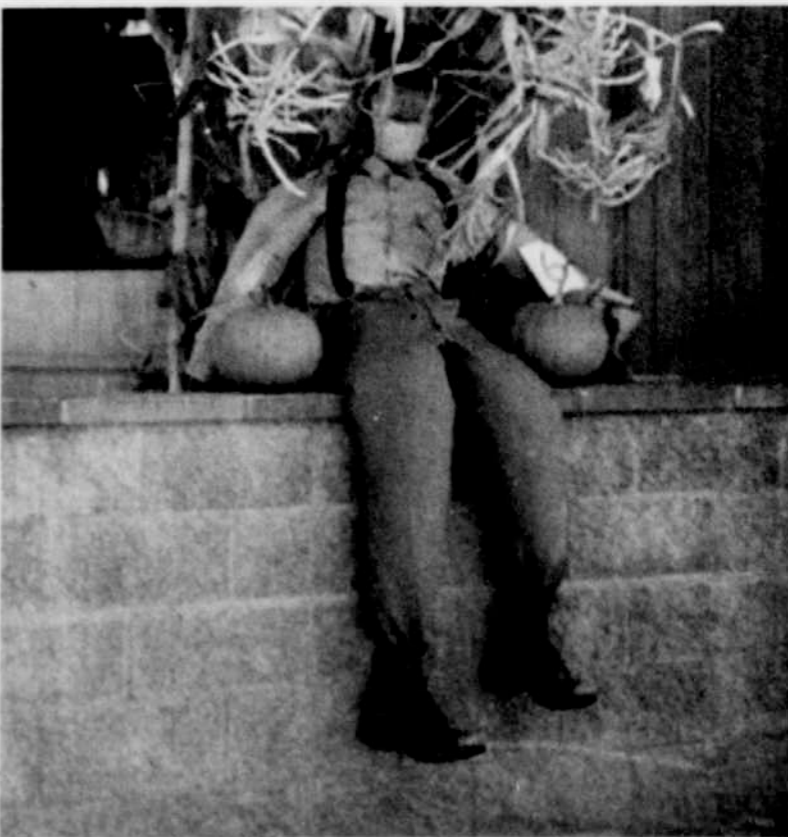


"Madame Strangelove" winner of the 2002 People's Choice Award for Harvest Scarecrows

Judges of the scarecrows roaming around town said "there were so many excellent entries that it was both fun and frustrating to try to choose and they could have used more categories." They also reported that "the memorials of 9/11 were too special to be put in the scarecrow judging, but were respectfully enjoyed by all."

Results are as follows:

**Funniest:** Bucknum's "Madame Strangelove"; **Biggest:** Heppner Ranger District; **Smallest:** Wheatland Insurance; **Most Unique:** R&W Drive-In Veggie Scarecrow; **Most Welcoming:** Oregon Trail Library District "Kids"; and **People's Choice:** Bucknum's "Madame Strangelove".





Heppner Ranger District got biggest

CONGRESSMAN

# GREG WALDEN

## Leading the Oregon Way

**Getting Oregon Back to Work...Rebuilding Our Economy:** As a small business owner in our district for more than 16 years, Greg knows firsthand the economic problems we face and is working hard to solve them.


**Dedicated To Our Children's Future:** As the parents of a 12-year-old in an Oregon public school, Greg and his wife understand the importance of providing our children the best education possible.

**Working Hard for Seniors:** Greg has repeatedly voted to create a prescription drug benefit, and to strengthen Medicare and Social Security. He feels strongly that no senior should have to choose between buying food or their prescription drugs.

**Standing up for Farmers & Ranchers:** Having grown up on a cherry orchard in The Dalles, Greg understands the needs of our agriculture community. He is dedicated to opening new markets and ensuring a level playing field for Oregon's producers.

*"Returning home to Oregon every week from our nation's capital, I see firsthand the problems we face and work closely with local people to develop solid solutions. With your support, I will continue to work hard to make a real difference for real people. Together we will make our state and our nation stronger and more secure."*

*Greg Walden*



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