

TIMBERUNITY

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ponents say is the major cause of global warming. Beginning in 2022 the law would mandate reducing carbon emissions statewide by 2035 to 45 percent below 1990 levels. It would require an 80 percent reduction by 2050. Opponents say imposing these limits will drive businesses out of Oregon, discourage others from locating here and destroy thousands of jobs. The law would have a disproportionate effect on food processing plants such as those in Boardman, which emit large amounts of carbon. Opponents say it will also drive up fuel costs since fuel importers will be required to purchase allowances for the fuels they distribute upping the cost of gas and diesel to consumers. The fuel requirement will be phased into different areas of the state over time, starting with the Portland metro area, TimberUnity says all of this will severely damage rural businesses and hurt drivers, who because of long distances use more fuel than urban businesses and residents.

Bailey says he is also worried about the way the law is being pushed. "We all matter," he says. He said he got the impression the legislators pushing cap and trade think "we are all too illiterate to understand the bill so it's their duty to pass the bill without informing us what's in it and what it will do." The Oregon legislature is controlled by a super majority dominated by liberal Democrats from the Portland area, and currently doesn't need votes from the state's rural areas to pass legislation. If passed, the legislation will reduce the carbon released in the state of Oregon, but nowhere does it say by how much it will lower the temperature of the earth, which leads Bailey to think it may be a just another way for state government to raise large amounts of tax money. "All of that money is just going into the general fund," he says. "They will just spend it on whatever special interest groups they want. They won't even tell us how all this new tax money is going to be spent." Many members of TimberUnity are saying since the cap and trade bill is a new tax it should be sent to the voters first for approval. Proponents, however, have made no indication they would be willing to do that. Bailey says the bill even exempts Portland International Airport from

the carbon regulations, as well as the railroads and shipping, another indication he says the legislature is looking out for its special interests.

Bailey, who is an employer and has owned his own repair business for 38 years, said he met people at the rally from all over the state just like him. "We aren't a bunch of angry loggers," he says of TimberUnity. "We are business owners, farmers and working people. If we can't make a living, if we can't employ people. Where are the jobs going to come from?"

The crowd was also very orderly during the rally, he says. "We weren't running around beating up the cops or causing trouble with people. When we left, the capitol grounds were cleaner than when we got there." And the people he met on the road were mostly respectful too. "We got lots of honking horns and thumbs up, but we did get a couple of one finger salutes," he adds with a smile. "But mostly people were very supportive." He says he did notice one overpass along the convoy route with a banner hanging down touting electric cars.

With the convoy and rally now over, Bailey says the efforts mustn't stop there. "People need to get involved. This is about our future." Representative Smith told him with a shift of just three seats from Democrat to Republican it would break the super majority in the legislature and put a stop to the drastic laws and regulations that have come out of Salem. Bailey urges people to study up on what is happening in their government and to vote. "You can make a difference just sitting at your kitchen table and filling out a ballot," he says.

For those who want to know more about TimberUnity he urged them to go to their web site at timberunity.com, and also look at their Facebook page. "Every one of us who is connected to working the land has a voice in TimberUnity," the web page says. "Even if you're not a forester, logger, rancher, trucker, miner, fisher or farmer, when our jobs go away, it hurts every local business in our community. We can no longer support lawmakers who support special-interests over the working men and women of Oregon. It's time to stand up and make a change."

Rebekah Lodge to host paint party

The Holly Rebekah Lodge in Lexington will host a paint party at the Lodge in Lexington on Thursday, March 5 beginning at 6 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person and it is

open to the public. Attendees will leave with a picture of a cute bunny. Call LaRae Kindle at 541-310-9499 to reserve a space. Pre-registration is due by Feb. 29.

Death Notices

Glen F. Ward - Glen F. Ward, 92, of Heppner, died Friday, January 7 at Heppner. He was born May 23, 1927 at Haines, OR.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date. A complete obituary will appear in a future issue of the Gazette-Times with a time and date of service. Sweeney Mortuary is in care of arrangements.

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Ordinance contains incorrect statement of law

To the Editor,
I respond to the January 22 G-T story about a "Second Amendment Sanctuary." It refers to Lexington Ordinance 20-1, which contains the following provision:

"...all local, state, and federal acts, laws, orders, rules or regulations regarding firearms, firearms accessories, and ammunition are a violation of the Second Amendment [of the US Constitution]."

However, that statement clearly is an incorrect statement of law. The fact that it is contained in a city ordinance does not make it correct. The US Supreme Court has clearly stated that the right secured by the Second Amendment of the Constitution is not unlimited. It is not "a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose."

This quote is from the US Supreme Court's analysis of the Second Amendment in the leading case of District of Columbia v. Heller (2008). The Court's opinion, written by Justice Antonin Scalia, held that the Second Amendment conferred an individual right to keep and bear arms - to possess and carry weapons in case of confrontation. But Justice Scalia made clear that the Supreme Court does not read the Second Amendment to protect the right of citizens to carry arms for

"any sort of confrontation," just as the First Amendment does not protect the right of citizens to speak for "any purpose."

Justice Scalia stated that nothing in the Supreme Court's opinion "should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms."

The US Supreme Court ruled that the core of our right to keep and bear arms includes self-protection in the home. However, outside of that protected core, the Supreme Court recognized the large scope of regulations that do not "infringe" our "right" to keep and bear arms.

As we face the difficult and complex problems of gun safety and gun violence, there may be less need for us to try to rely on invalid and ineffective Second Amendment theories. Instead, to protect ourselves and our children we may be better advised to focus our attention to emerging public health concepts.

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Ione Library board to meet

The monthly meeting of the Ione Library District's Board of Directors will be held on Monday, February 24 at 6 p.m. at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. 2nd Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Community lunch menu

Hopeful Saints volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, February 19 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be spinach and cheese quiche, roasted red potatoes, lemon parmesan broccoli and Rice Krispy treat.

Milk, coffee and tea is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Presidents' Day 5K scheduled

A Presidents' Day fun run will be held Monday, February 17. The run will start at the Lexington grange at 10 a.m. The course will be

mostly on gravel roads, out and back. It is free to run, \$5 for a participant medal and \$10 for tee shirts. Additional information is available by calling 541-701-7400.

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Cattle Barons scholarship applications available

Pendleton Cattle Barons weekend scholarship applications are available and due by March 1. In addition to the Cattle Baron's scholarship, the annual Protect the Harvest sponsored scholarship is available for application as well.

The Cattle Baron and Protect the Harvest scholarships are available to young adults involved in agricultural studies that reside in eastern Oregon counties. In this 13th year of Pendleton Cattle Barons weekend, a total of five Cattle Barons and one Protect the Harvest scholarship are available.

Applications for the Pendleton Cattle Barons scholarships are available on the Cattle Barons website - <https://www.cattlebarons.net/>. Applications are due March 1 with final selection of scholarship awards made during the Cattle Barons events May 1 and 2.

Applicants for the scholarships must currently be or plan to be enrolled in

undergraduate or graduate agricultural studies and be from the Eastern Oregon counties of Umatilla, Morrow, Grant, Baker, Wal-lowa, and Union.

This year's Cattle Barons event, held the weekend before Mother's Day, will feature stock saddle bronc championship, ranch rodeo, invitational select gelding sale, working cow dog sale, engraved jewelry and leather work exhibition and demonstrations, and the barbeque challenge. Net proceeds from sponsorships and the activity of two days are dedicated to the scholarship program that has now contributed over \$80,000 to support the education of young adults that preserves the ranching heritage of eastern Oregon.

More information about the Pendleton Cattle Baron's Weekend scholarship programs and the events of the May weekend can be found at <https://www.cattlebarons.net/>.

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