

Letters

Business owner is Brad Witt supporter

To the Editor:

We support Brad Witt for State Representative.

During the course of business, I developed a problem to which I could not see a solution. I called three of our elected officials for help. One took a week to respond and referred me to someone else because my area of the state was not her district, the other did not respond at all. But Brad called me back almost immediately.

I explained my situation and how I'd tried to work with and had cooperated with a state entity. I had even gone so far as to invite this agency to my place

of business to try and resolve the situation. Needless to say it didn't work and the situation progressed unreasonable. I realized if I was going to continue the job I was in, it was going to continue costing me monetarily, lost time and violations – making me wonder if it was more than the job was worth.

Brad listened and acted immediately to resolve the situation. I didn't need any special favors, I needed someone to use common sense in a particular situation, Brad did so.

Thank you for your respect and quick response.

Sincerely,

**Norm and Pat Cadonau
Industrial Diesel Power, Inc.
Astoria**

Wants no services to help illegal aliens

To the Editor:

After his State of the State Address at City Club, I asked Governor Kulongoski why 12 state agencies were providing services to illegal aliens at "Carousels of Services" with the Mexican Embassy. The Governor answered, "They're legal." I asked, "How?" "It's federal," he replied. I asked, "Where can I get more information on that?" He said, "I don't know." He's the governor and a lawyer. He should know!

The fact is, Governor Kulongoski ignores the law. Oregon has become a magnet for illegal aliens because of Ted Ku-

longoski's preferential treatment. Can't he make that connection to the need for a special legislative session to give another \$172 million to the Dept. of Human Services? Who does Kulongoski think is bringing in methamphetamine from Mexico? Why has Oregon become a destination for scams to get drivers licenses for illegal aliens? It's obvious to the rest of us. Vote for Ron Saxton!

**Kathleen Worman
Warren**

Brad Witt responds to small town needs

To the Editor:

I'm writing in support of Brad Witt for our State Representative. Cities in our district face many challenges, not the least are Education, affordable health care, and Public Safety.

A hot topic across the state is education. Brad Witt's approach, concerns, and solutions are spot on. He believes that the tax dollars spent now on educating our youth will come back to us two-fold in a better prepared work force. This translates into better paying jobs, happier employees, trickling down to happier families that will share the tax burden we all face. Even people without school age children will reap the benefits of educational dollars spent now.

In Vernonia, we have recently opened a Community Learning Center for the education of everyone. Brad is a staunch supporter of our efforts to bring education to anyone who wants it.

We can't go wrong in electing Brad Witt. He's responsive to our needs and is willing to back it up when it comes to voting on House Bills that will bring success to our Cities, our district, and our State.

**Sally Harrison
Vernonia City Mayor**

Bush rules America much like old USSR

To the Editor:

The Bush Administration has taken it upon themselves to rule America very similar to the old Soviet Union (USSR). They feel that they don't need or want oversight by the Congress or any judicial review of any of

their Dictatorial powers.

The total lack of oversight by the Republicans who control the Congress has emboldened this administration into believing they can do anything they damned well please! Including torturing prisoners, electronically eavesdropping on American Citizens, apprehending and imprisoning American Citizens without charge, without judicial review. They can arrest you, your children or any American for no reason whatsoever. You have no rights under this fascist regime.

This administration is criminal and should be tried for war crimes and crimes against humanity. They are a bigger threat to our way of life than the terrorists are. The terrorists don't need to attack America again, they have the Bush administration to do their bidding. We have lost more freedoms since 9/11 than the terrorists had hoped for.

I implore the American people to stand up and end this tyrannical regime by voting out the Republican enablers. The republicans have forfeited their right to control our Congress through their inaction and ineptness. They have done NOTHING to protect the American way of life. They have put Party ahead of America and they have put personal gain ahead of party and country. They are so corrupt they make the mafia look like choir boys. The Republican Controlled Congress has aided and abetted this runaway regime and it is time to stop them before they ruin our great country forever.

Remember it is not just Republicans at the federal level that we need to worry about; it's at every level of government. They have become the most corrupt party in American History. They sell their souls to the highest corporate bidder. They are out to destroy every social program that helps American people and out to eliminate the middle class. They have taken away welfare for people and given it to huge companies that ship our jobs overseas. They think they owe no alliance to 'we the people.' Enjoy your short-lived larceny of our rights, your rule is near its end, the American People have seen

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Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian
Vernonia Public Library



Autumn has been such a beautiful season with the gorgeous leaves, pumpkin patches with scarecrows and corn mazes, and (until now) crisp clear mornings and clear star-filled skies. The physical beauty of the season always makes me

look more closely at the magazines such as *Birds & Blooms*, *Country Woman*, *Country Extra*, *Country*, *Oregon Coast*, *Northwest Travel* to which the library subscribes. When doing so, I'm always pleased to find pictures and articles about our unique state. September's *Country Extra* has a picture of western larch trees ablaze with color in Grant County's Blue Mountains and a picture of a couple's grandchild in a swing in, of all places—Perrydale, Oregon. (My mom and dad both grew up and went to school in that little community near Salem.) In *Birds & Blooms*, a picture and article about a violin-shaped birdhouse found in Eugene, is featured. An article found in *Reminisce* tells about a family living in Knappa during the depression in 1933 and an experience a family had—helping a hungry young man and being repaid for their efforts. Covered Bridges of Lincoln County and events and activities to be found in Pacific City are featured in October's *Oregon Coast* magazine. The latest issue of *Northwest Travel* has a whole section entitled Vacation Guide to Oregon, and has a little item of interest about nearly every area of the state. (Columbia County and Vernonia are not mentioned—maybe next time.)

We are now subscribing to *Oregon Hunter*, with the latest issue including an article about Oregon's half-breed hybrid deer—living in Oregon's fringe where east meets west and sporting characteristics of both mule deer and black tails, as well as some of their own.

When I get on the subject of magazines and

autumn, I cannot help but mention the ones such as *Taste of Home* and *Simple & Delicious* featuring pies—apple and pumpkin and the craft magazines such as *Paper Crafts* and *Crafts 'n Things* featuring ideas for the upcoming holidays. Be sure and take a look at these and others of the library's periodicals on your next visit to the library.

Numerous library patrons have expressed disbelief that DVDs were stolen from the library and offers have been made to help with replacing these items. The concern and generosity of these library patrons is greatly appreciated.

Attendance at all three of the library's programs for children has been excellent and youngsters new to the programs are always encouraged to attend the pre-school story time (10:30-Mondays), Reading Enrichment (3:30-Mondays) and Chess (2:00-Fridays). Remember that a matinee of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* will be shown on Saturday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m. and the October 30th afternoon activity will include the showing of *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* with Halloween treats being provided.

Book discussion will be Thursday, October 25th at 5:30 with *The Dogs of Bedlam Farm* being discussed.

Recent acquisitions include *Echo Park* by Michael Connelly, *Under Orders* by Dick Francis, *Angel's Rest* by Charles Davis, *Grave Surprise* by Charlene Harris, *The Innocent Man* by John Grisham, *Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frazier, *After This* by Alice McDermott, *The Short Straw* by Stuart Woods and *The Book of Fate* by Brad Meltzer.

Open your eyes and minds as you experience this beautiful season.

Vernonia Public Library: 701 Weed Ave.

Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tues., Thur. 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Preschool Story Time: Mondays, 10:30 a.m., when school is in session.

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