

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wal-Mart

Store will make bad traffic worse

Editor,

Returning home through Yelm last Friday was arduous. The bumper to bumper traffic began at 4:53 p.m. at Southworth Elementary School. We crawled inch by inch.

In my car mirrors, I could see the line reaching beyond my sight. Twenty-one minutes later I was at the single stoplight in town. Six minutes later. I turned left toward the post office at Five Corners to pick up my mail.

Getting immediately back on the road, I entered Clearwood at 5:40 p.m.

All I could think of was, if Wal-Mart gets into Yelm with 8,000-plus additional cars on the road, and if the new housing construction continues at this fast pace, what is the Christmas

2007 shopping season going to look like?

Am I to sit behind the wheel of my car with my fingers crossed until the bypass is complete — if it ever comes about — with gas prices and the new gas taxes going up for the next seven or more years?

Winsor Rowe
Yelm

Enjoy our city without Wal-Mart

Editor,

I thought I loved Wal-Mart, until:

■ I discovered that, instead of selling American made products, as was their proud claim for many years, it uses cheap child and slave labor in Asia and elsewhere to produce low cost products;

■ I read about one little town after the other becoming ghost towns in their wake;

■ I heard about its discrimination of women and people of color, low

wages, its health benefits that are costly to the employees and not available to all, and its incredibly high personnel turnover;

■ I found out that it has tiny computer chips placed in many of their products that permits them to track the products and monitor customer buying habits, and;

■ I became aware of their ruthless methods to drive out competition and to pressurize their suppliers.

Do I need to say more?

The benefits of buying most everything under one roof, and shopping for those few items that are actually priced below competition, can be had by driving 30 minutes to Wal-Mart in Lacey or Spanaway.

Let us protect the quality of life that we have in beautiful Yelm. Let the city continue to grow without inviting gigantic stores, totally out of proportion with our small city.

Let's continue to enjoy Yelm's individual character without Wal-Mart.

Eva Fyrst
Yelm

MEETINGS

GOVERNMENT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

• **Yelm Historic Preservation Commission** meets at 4 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month (except July and August) in council chambers at Yelm City Hall, 105 Yelm Ave. W.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

• **Yelm City Council** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Yelm City Hall, 105 Yelm Ave. W. Call 360-458-3244.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

• **Yelm School Board** meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the administration office, 107 First Street N. Call 360-458-1900.

• **Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 17** meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Station 1 in Roy. Call 253-843-2425.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

• **Yelm Parks Advisory Committee** meets 6 p.m. on the second Monday of the month (except July through September) in council chambers at Yelm City Hall, 105 Yelm Ave. W.

• **Roy City Council** meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Roy City Hall, 216 McNaught St. S. Call 253-843-1113.

• **Port of Olympia**

St. S. Call 253-843-1113.

• **The Yelm Timberland Library Board** meets from 4-5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Yelm Library, 210 Prairie Park St. Call 360-458-3374.

• **Rainier City Council** meets 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in Rainier Town Hall, 102 Rochester St. Public hearings start at 6 p.m. Call 360-446-2265.

• **Tenino City Council** meets 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in Tenino City Hall, 149 Hodgden St. Call 360-264-2368.

MONDAY, JUNE 20

• **Yelm Planning Commission** meets 4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in council chambers, at Yelm City Hall, 105 Yelm Ave. W. Call 360-458-3244.

• **Second District Democrats** meet 7-9 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Roy Community Center, 122 3rd St. E.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

• **Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees** meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Administrative Service Center, 415 Tumwater Blvd. S.W., Tumwater. Call 360-943-5001.

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 6

• **Yelm Rebekah Lodge No. 296** meets at 1 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month at 15425 Mosman St. S.E. There are no meetings in July or Aug. or the first Monday in Sept. Call Esther Webb at 360-458-7189.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

• **Dollars for Scholars** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Prairie Hotel. Call Denise Bagwell at 360-458-6106.

• **Deschutes Grange** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the grange hall on Vail Road and 143rd St. Call Glen Beldon at 360-894-2215.

• **American Legion Post 164** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Nisqually Valley Veteran's building, 16733 103rd St. Call Carl Provine at 360-458-2765.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

• **Yelm High School Booster Club** meets at 8 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month at Mr. Doug's. All are invited.

• **Lake Lawrence Garden Club** meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month at various locations. Call Marianne at 360-894-2980.

• **Rainier PTA** meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the