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REGARDING: Erroneous and Defamatory Statements

It has come to our attention that one of your most recent articles has totally incorrect and defamatory statements. Under Mullanix symbolized Nelson's supporters: Stepping all over Lakeside.

In approximately the eighth (8th) paragraph, it states that "Then, there's Bert Guinn. When he was gouging Lakeside Fire Department with higher fuel rates than were supposed to be charged, the chief took his business elsewhere..." These statements are demonstrably false! As verified by a letter (copy attached) sent to Judy Banks, Lakeside Rural Fire Department dated March 26, 2009 from Thomas Lacey, Fuels Tax Auditor, Department of Transportation, Fuels Tax Group, 550 Capital St. NE, Salem OR 97301-2530.

After receiving amended use fuel user reports for the period 2006, 2007 and 2008 from Judy Banks, Lakeside Rural Fire Department, P.O.Box 248, Lakeside, OR 97449, the tax auditor completed his review and stated (in the letter) that no fuel tax was charged on the diesel fuel purchases, meaning the Fire Department was always charged the correct price, which was \$.24 off each gallon and we have documentation proving that fact.

It is true that the fire chief and the Fire Department took their business elsewhere; however it was not due to being overcharged. You must ask the fire chief and the fire board their reasoning for not supporting local business.

We also do not understand how or why your blog would print such defamatory statements without checking out the facts. With these statements you have attacked the integrity of our business. We have operated our business with honesty and integrity for 17 years. As part of this community both Bert and I, in addition to operating our business have supported and volunteered many hours of our time for events and organizations including City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Independence Day Celebration, Fireworks, Fire Department, STEP, Bass Club and many others to numerous to name, we have willingly done much and worked earnestly to help the city and its residents.

We request an immediate retraction and correction of the facts.

Sincerely,

Dodie & Bert Guin
T'ree Acres

P: S: You even spelled Bert's name incorrectly.