

The best tribute to Wendell Berry

Regarding Ryan Zickgraf's Sept. 3 online op-ed, "Wendell Berry was the prophet of the unplugged":

There is a sharp irony in the flood of online media mourning Wendell Berry.

He famously rejected modern technologies, not out of romanticized Luddism, but out of concern for the planet's ecological crisis and a conviction that an economy prioritizing global digital efficiency over local physical resilience is fundamentally self-destructive.

Berry's work was not a reflection on an idealized past, but rather a blueprint for creating a more sustainable and equitable future.

To honor Berry and his heart-wrenchingly human writing, put your phone on airplane mode and step outside. Then write something, plant something or care for something that strengthens your local community.

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