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— LETTERS TO THE EDITOR —

Thanks to community for 'Night with Nancy' success

To the Editor:
Wow! Occasionally we are blessed to be part of such a truly incredible event, a celebration where we are able to enjoy and honor a truly special person. Saturday night was one of those occasions and Nancy Basche is that special person.

There were two goals for the night and both were met far beyond our wildest expectations. Your incredible generosity helps lighten Nancy's financial burden, just as important, was your attendance. Thank you for turning out in incredible numbers and for showing Nancy that she is not alone in her journey, and she is very dear to so many hearts.

The night would not have been the success it was without the help of exceptional people. Tom Lager, Rocky & Diana Brown & the Baker County Board of Realtors stepped up and brought "The Chaz Browne Group" to the event. This amazing band had the juke joint jumping all night. Bev & Dave White, Tabor & Dee Dee Clarke, Scott & Tracy Warner and the lovely Amy Dodson were the backbone of the event. They joyfully put in the time and resources needed to make this night over the top! A night that will keep us talking and fondly reminiscing about the fun, the friends and the great time we had with Nancy for years to come.

Thank you Megan Paoletti & Ember Smith, you added your own special magic to the evening. You must have set a world record delivering 400 syringes of "medication"! You were a joy to everyone who attended. Without your participation part of the magic would have been missed. A sincere thank you to Timothy Bishop who preserved the evening by taking hundreds of professional photos for Nancy and her family to enjoy.

The "ultimate" auction was made possible by the vision of two groups and the generosity of the bidders. Casey Vanderweile and the folks at Triple C Redi Mix donated the excavator and Mark & Lisa Ward of Ward Ranches generously provided the building to be "removed." Auction winner, Rob Miller, was as classy as they come as he proved when he insisted that Nancy receive the honor of destroying the pesky building with Triple C's excavator! Rob, you are truly first rate.

Thank you everyone for all you have done. I ask one more thing of you. Keep Nancy in your prayers and near to your heart as her journey continues.

Randy Dodson
Baker City Beach Club
Baker City

Grant County Court prevents citizen comments

To the Editor:
Tired of hearing that people want an open motorized access forest, the Grant County Court abolishes the public comment period from the court agenda.

Two weeks ago the court removed public comment from the county court meetings, effectively abolishing your rights to speak out on topics the court has jurisdiction over and in what seems to be an attempt to help move the forest service agenda ahead to restrict motorized access in Grant County.

Apparently it is more effective for the court to be lobbied outside the open court

time by men looking to better their personal and career positions, and keep the local residents as silent as they can.

Luckily I didn't vote for two of the men on the court today, but unfortunately I did vote for one, and I can assure you that will not happen again come the next election cycle if he is on the ballot. If you know removing public comment from the county court meetings this is wrong, I would ask you contact Judge Myers, Commissioners Britton and Commissioner Labhart and tell them so.

While what they've done may seem effective to them, I'm sure the people of Grant County feel different. You deserve a local government that works for you, not a group of three men that move to circumvent the very people that elected them into their positions.

John George
Bates

Hillary should clarify gun control stance

To the Editor:
It's time to ask Hillary for clarification on her mantra of universal background checks for gun owners. She hasn't made any friends in rural America with her references to Australian-type gun control, which is outright confiscation. I am at a loss as to who might not pass one of these background checks. What seems to be gaining traction is "keeping guns out of the hands of those who might use them for nefarious purposes."

School shootings come to mind. The perpetrators are usually mentally deranged so it would make some kind of sense to make sure that they don't get their hands on a weapon. At the same time I heard one of the gun control people say, "There are 40 million people in the United States with some kind of mental health issue, and some 300 million guns." So who are these people that might get on a list?

I assume federal privacy laws will have to be altered and possibly mental health professionals might have to turn over the names of patients. At the same time we are talking gun control we are talking about the shoddy state of mental health treatment in the United States, depression, teen suicides etc.

I wonder how many will come in for treatment if they think that just going in to talk about personal problems might put them on a gun ownership prohibited list. Our returning vets suffer from high suicide rates and the military ranks are filled with a disproportionately high rural recruitment rate, gun-owning rural America. Will our vets opt not to treat PTSD because they might never be allowed to own a gun?

Domestic violence is another thing that can get you on a gun prohibited list. Are there any provisions to punish a vindictive domestic partner who would use gun control to punish a used to be significant other? What provisions are there for appeals?

Drug possession felonies sky high and felons are prohibited from owning a gun and many times that is a barrier to getting a nonviolent kid back into the rural lifestyle of hunting or carrying protection while alone in the mountains.

The devil is in the details and we need to know just what details you have in mind, Hillary.

Steve Culley
Baker City

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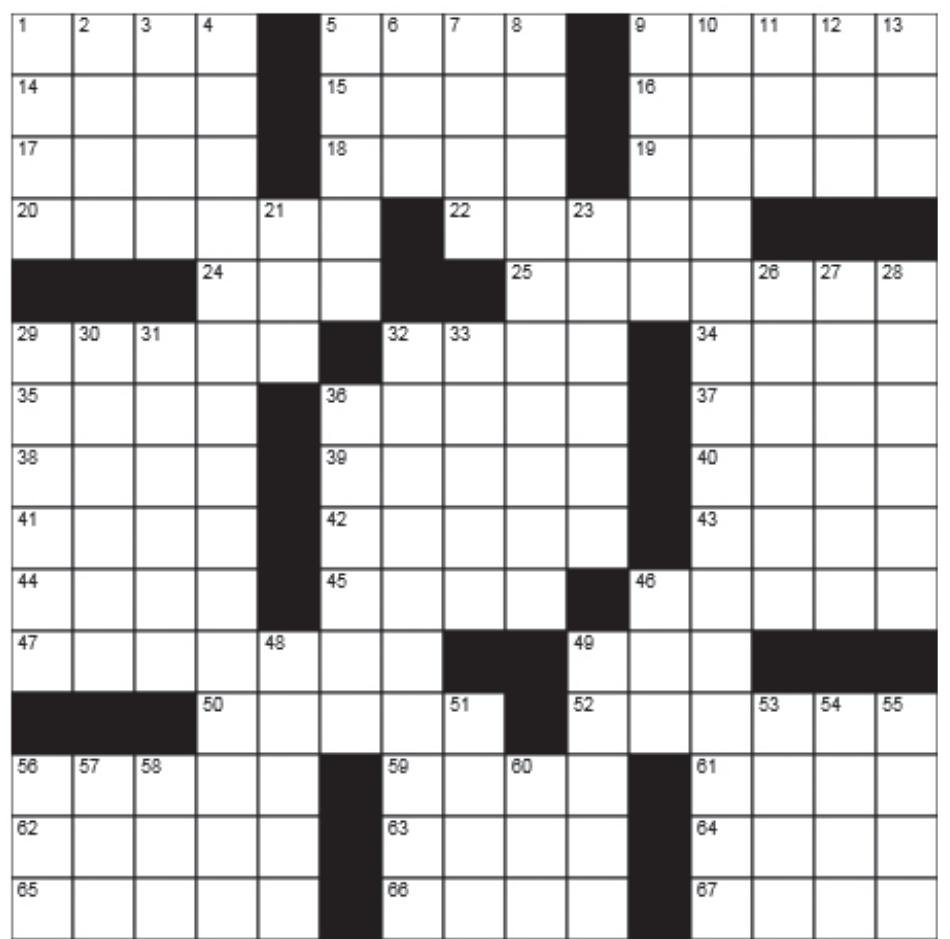
Bebe's word search Halloween

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an activity played on Halloween.

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| CANDLE | GHOSTS | PUMPKIN | VAMPIRE |
| CANDY | GHOULS | SCARECROW | WEREWOLF |
| CEMETERY | GOBLINS | SCARY | WITCHES |
| COFFIN | GRAVEYARD | SCREAM | ZOMBIE |

This week's crossword puzzle



Across

- 1- Completely without madness;
- 5- Jazz singer James;
- 9- Pale;
- 14- "Family Ties" character;
- 15- Secular;
- 16- Because of;
- 17- Pusher pursuer;
- 18- Corp. VIP, briefly;
- 19- Horrify;
- 20- Disfigure;
- 22- Billow;
- 24- Start of the 16th century;
- 25- Fruit-flavored ice;
- 29- Fedora features;
- 32- "Mon Oncle" director;
- 34- Intestinal sections;
- 35- Bausch & Lomb brand;
- 36- "Don Juan" poet;
- 37- Votes against;
- 38- Strong ___ ox;
- 39- Oven emanation;
- 40- General ___ chicken;
- 41- Mozart's "___ fan tutte";
- 42- Swiss city on the Rhine;
- 43- Versailles verb;
- 44- Util. bill;
- 45- Like a line, briefly;
- 46- First name in photography;
- 47- Polygon having ten sides;
- 49- Teaching deg.;
- 50- Pick-me-up;
- 52- Frenzied woman;

- 56- Heart chambers;
- 59- Crime boss;
- 61- ___ lay me...;
- 62- Hospital area, informally;
- 63- ___ were;
- 64- Extended family;
- 65- Tubular pasta;
- 66- ___ majeste;
- 67- Spoollike toy;

Down

- 1- Hourglass filler;
- 2- Winglike parts;
- 3- Soft ball material;
- 4- Pope's power;
- 5- Fragrant resin;
- 6- Put a strain on;
- 7- Draws;
- 8- Habituated;
- 9- Saw;
- 10- School VIP position;
- 11- In the know;
- 12- Zeta follower;
- 13- Cambodia's Lon ___;

- 21- Map lines: Abbr.;
- 23- Nasal;
- 26- Explosions;
- 27- Pal of Pooh;
- 28- Pendent ornament;
- 29- Supported;
- 30- Fix, as a shoe;
- 31- Momentarily;
- 32- Despotic;
- 33- Got up;
- 36- Large terrestrial monkey;
- 46- Orthodontist's org.;
- 48- Freak out;
- 49- Play to the balcony;
- 51- Jewel ___; CD container;
- 53- Court plea, for short;
- 54- Traveling;
- 55- Pebbles's pet;
- 56- PC program;
- 57- It's past due;
- 58- Stimp's pal;
- 60- Greek letters;



— RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS —

When submissions come in, The Baker County Press will include a list—all anonymous, of course—of the good deeds and random acts of kindness people from around the area have witnessed.

To include something you've seen or experienced, email News@

TheBakerCountyPress.com with "Random Acts of Kindness" in the subject line. We'll be sure to include your story.

- I watched a man dart across Campbell Street with money and food for the panhandler there. I don't know the story of the man who was begging for money,

and he may be conning everyone, but if he is, the sin is on him.

The man with the food and money had his heart in the right place and I thought if he reads your paper he might want to see that someone was watching and smiling from a distance.

Thank you to people like him.