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times the slots are already filled.

The Biden administration has sensibly loosened the rules for who can be a vaccinator, allowing nurses, doctors and PAs with a medical license in good standing within the last five years to become a vaccinator even if their licenses are no longer active.

There are many ways to help in this effort including office work, answering phones, directing traffic, welcoming people, drawing up medication as well as giving the actual shots.

This is a national effort that can help bring us all together for the common good. Let's unite against this common foe — let's get 'er done!

Sarah Bellinson
Hood River

Shameful

When I go to work on a nice day, I watch as the school kids stop playing together and are told to line up but be 6 feet apart.

Doesn't matter that they were just playing together seconds ago. They are all wearing masks and are required to use hand sanitizer before entering the school.

I was overhearing a teacher talking to one of my high schoolers about what school is going to look like when they are able to go back to in person learning.

She explained that you will be required to use masks at all times, stay 6 feet apart, and have no physical contact with friends or teachers.

One of my teenagers in taking shop class over the internet. That makes perfect sense in the world we live in now. I know a high schooler that hasn't had physical contact with his parents since last March even though they live in the same house. They make him wear a mask at all times in the house unless he is eating, taking a shower, etc.

I worked in a prison many years ago and the more I hear and see how our kids are being treated, I realize that prison would be a better place for them than this environment we continue to let prosper.

I'm beginning to wonder how many people truly care about the psychological damage that is being done to millions of kids.

The survival rate for most of society is very high but we are acting like our kids should be in bubbles with feeding tubes and VR headsets

attached to them until the unelected Fauci says it is OK. When is the last time you have seen anyone in public hug or shake hands?

Our society becomes feared in seconds these days thanks to the media and the hemming and having "experts" they put in the spotlight. Fear and reason are like oil and water.

Doug Geary
Hood River

Sale has impact

The upcoming sale of SDS will have major impact across five counties.

Please be aware that all assets of SDS Lumber Company, based in Bingen and White Salmon, are being put up for sale this spring.

SDS owns about 90,000 acres of timberland in five counties in the central Gorge, plus the land where the White Salmon grocery and library are located.

However this sale proceeds, it will have major impacts on this entire area. Please visit the Friends of the White Salmon website (friendsofthewhitesalmon.org) for an excellent summary of the issues, maps of SDS holdings, and a discussion forum where you may post comments and concerns. The communities which will be impacted need to make their concerns and wishes known.

Marion Fox
White Salmon

Schools should wait

These are my responses to a Hood River County School District survey.

Vaccinations are projected to be available by June 1 in Oregon.

School-by-computer has worked so well we should continue until whole families are protected from a new vector: their own kids.

CDL must remain a viable option. Families should have a choice if schools are to open. Too hard? Then stay closed. Children don't want to infect their parents or grandparents. And we don't want it either. Remember it's only a few more weeks.

Opening up schools pre-vaccination amounts to having a Hood River Sturgis Rally. There will be a local surge. Educators, especially, should be aware of scientific reality. Observe, record, repeat, replicate, report. Reason, wisdom, and science say we should wait.

Schools will not open until teachers and administrators are vaccinated because they know of their

substantial risk from kids sharing COVID. Parents are closer to their children than teachers ergo at even greater risk of contracting COVID if schools re-open.

There is substantial CDC concern that COVID variants are more transmissible and continue to emerge and evolve, perhaps to become seasonal like flu. Without reducing transmission, a more lethal variant could emerge killing more than the current 2.5 million people.

Opening schools when we are so close to protection is like jumping from an airliner because it was going to land soon anyway. Compare infections when we locked down to now. Tiny fraction. Same protection though: None. So how can you justify opening when we are so close?

Pressure to open has a political component. Controlling the virus is in the domain of science. "Political Science" is an oxymoron. Don't cave to virus-enabling constituencies.

Staying closed won't make any school board heroes, but a super-spreader emergence will result in plenty of villains. Everybody will know who caused local families' sickness and death.

John Wood
Hood River

Respect works both ways

I see the Biden/Harris administration has gone all-in for the radical LGBTQ agenda. It's not a real surprise, but it is disappointing.

Men have been dressing like women and using women's toilets for decades, probably centuries, without causing any particular problems. Some do it because they genuinely feel more comfortable there. Some do it because they get a sexual thrill from violating a woman's space that way.

Personally, I don't especially care as long as they're discreet about it, and once they've made the ultimate surgical sacrifice, I don't care where they go.

What I DO care about and DO think crosses the line is when biological males insist on intruding on women and girls' dressing rooms, showers, sports and crises centers. Understanding is a two-way street, and at some point people with Gender Dysphoria need to respect the rights and feelings of people besides themselves.

Whether or not the best way to treat the disorder is to act as if the mind trumps biology is NOT "settled science." Many experts do

believe that is the best approach, but many others, equally qualified, do not. Karen Carpenter sincerely, passionately believed she was fat, and that belief ultimately killed her, but I don't recall anyone arguing the best approach was to encourage her delusion. And regardless, administering puberty blocking drugs or hormones to prepubescent children should be considered a criminal act.

The Democrat party has made the calculation that supporting the most extreme transgender agenda is politically profitable, and they may be correct in that assessment, but that still doesn't make it right.

Steve Hudson
The Dalles

Understanding

I must appear as an idiot or at least a fool. What chance would I have in convincing one single man or woman to read "The Scriptures" (the bible) when I bring to their attention the fact that the women are "commanded" not to teach or have any authority over the man? None.

The "commandment" that sisters are to sit still and remain quiet would automatically chase away at least 99.99 percent of the population.

So what am I doing by bringing these socially offensive "commandments" to your attention? Honesty.

The brothers and sisters who meet together in countries around the world and abide by these unpopular rules are not attending church. The body of men and women who take on the responsibility to read and understand all the books, chapters and verses and meet together is not called church.

If you simply want to be "religious," then church would be for you. This would not be of interest to you. If you want to be told cute amusing stories, then go to a pastor.

If you want to prove to yourself that a Creator exists through these "Books," then you must test them, prove them, dissect them and question them daily. That is what these "Books" do. They eliminate any doubt that all this has been created.

The man who thinks he may want to entertain this option is under even more demanding commandments than the woman.

The man cannot be a member of any military branch. It's absurd to think one could be a brother of Yahshua, man of peace and forgiveness, while preparing his mind and body to kill for national security. He cannot be a police officer or a judge or an attorney or politician.

If a person wants both, then off to church they must go, for pastor is too cowardly to defend the socially unacceptable commandments of the Lord.

Male and female pastor strive for worldly paying customer approval rather than the Lord's approval.

A knowledge and understanding of the truth sets one free from our insane political and social battles that plague us.

Gary Fischer
The Dalles

One hour matters

In the Feb. 24, article entitled "HR schools outline plans for phased-in return to in-person school March 8," one of the justifications put forth for a school day that will end at 11:45 a.m. reads, "Starting with a schedule ending at 2:10 p.m. would only yield about an hour more education time." The argument is essentially that lengthening the school day isn't really worth it, because, by the time you add in staff required breaks and prep time, children would only receive about an hour more education time during this 2 hour and 25 minute extension (see last two paragraphs in the article).

An alternate parental perspective is that an hour a day is a lot! Practicing an instrument, an academic skill, napping, doing a fun activity ... whatever it may be ... an hour a day of doing anything with a child ... is ... well ... a lot from my perspective. Moreover, for me, the fact that children would only have one hour more of education time lands as a parental "so what" on the receiving end. I believe the district should offer full day, in-person school as an option to our children, no matter whether it's at the elementary, middle, or high school level, and regardless of the proportion of the day that is "education time" while the children are under district care.

To the article's general conclusion that "starting out a partial day makes real sense to us as educators," I offer an alternate perspective, namely, starting out a full in-person day makes real sense to this parent. Heck, under the current staggered reopening plan, the district still has a month planning time to figure out how to make it happen at the high school.

Becca Sanders
Hood River

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Cameron Curtis and Dick Smith



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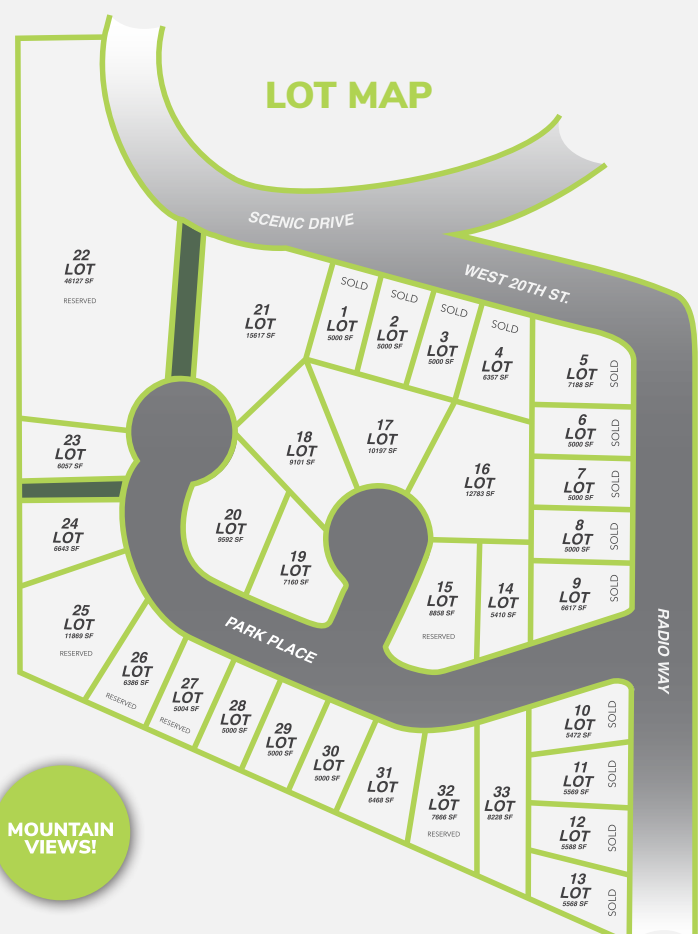
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