

# Make a plan to do a good deed

Good deeds don't happen by accident. Some are jump-started by coincidence — a need presents itself and a well-meaning person responds. But most are the result of careful thought and planning, of addressing a need not as a single incident but as a confluence of circumstances that will rear their heads again and again.

The needs become a calling, and people rally together to address them.

We see the work of nonprofits year round. It takes on many forms, from feeding hungry people to sheltering neglected animals, from offering grief counseling for hurting families to fighting illness and disease, from helping a local child learn to read or play a sport to sending gifts across an ocean for a child in poverty.

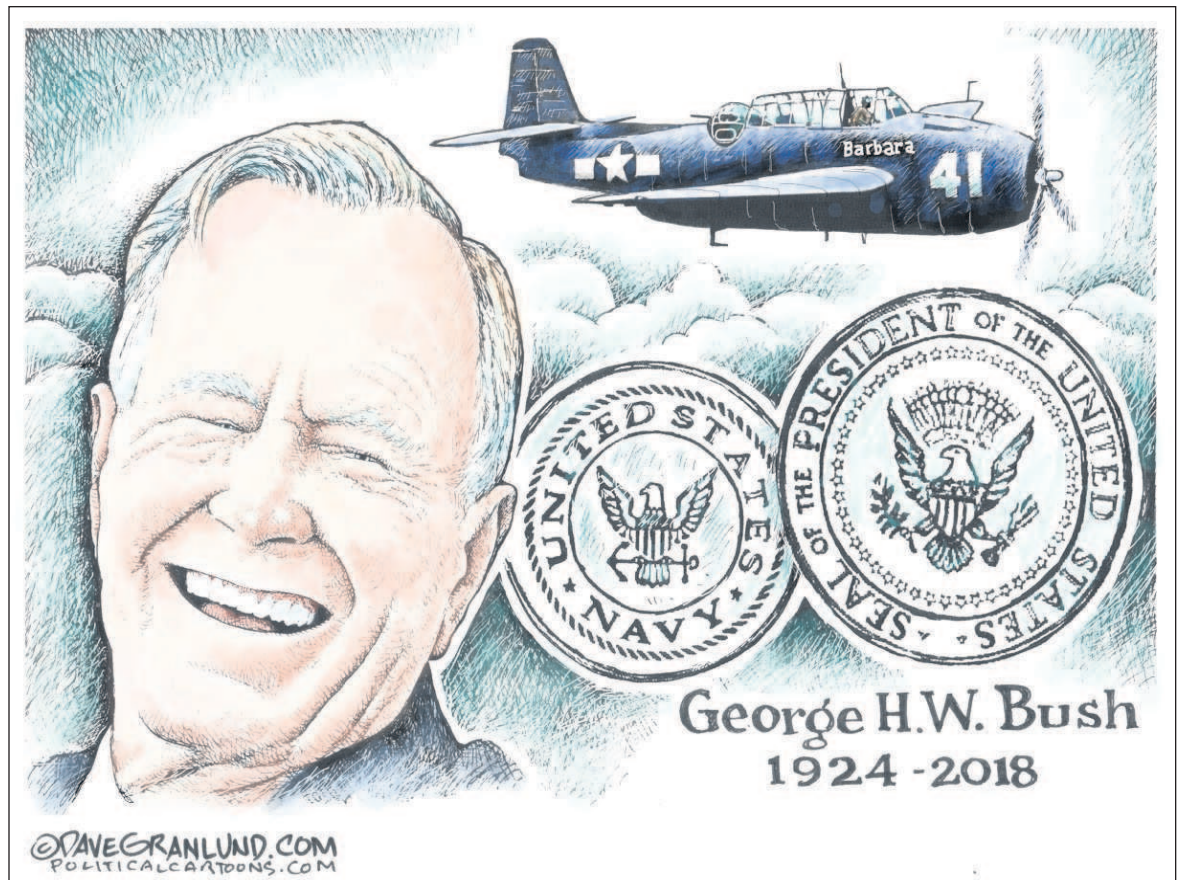
And the work is hard because the need is great.

This is the giving season, for both philanthropic and practical reasons. Because of the blessings in our own lives, we're reminded of misfortune in the lives of others and often moved to make a gift. And many are looking at their year-end accounting and looking to do some charitable giving.

Whatever the motivation, the money enables these organizations to pay their staffs and rent and buy the goods and services to accomplish their goals.

But the money isn't enough. Writing a check helps an organization balance its own bottom line, but what most of these groups will tell you is they need dedicated volunteers.

There is much more to do. We thank all of our readers who use their time to make their communities better places to live, and encourage any who have not found a place to donate and serve to consider it this holiday season.



## SHOOTING THE BREEZE

# Armchair hunting

By Rod Carpenter  
For the Blue Mountain Eagle

If you are like me, this is the time of year that you sink into a dark funk. Pretty much all the hunting seasons are over except for the odd cow elk and bird hunting. Weather is crummy and days are short. Now is the perfect time to go on an African safari or head to India for a tiger hunt, not literally of course. Most of us will never be able to afford Africa — and I don't care how much money you have, you are never going to get to hunt a tiger — but the pages of a good book can take you anywhere. If you haven't already discovered the hunting section at the Grant County Library, you need to check it out.



Rod Carpenter

They have "how to hunt" books for deer, elk, Cape buffalo, sheep, birds and other furry and feathered game. You literary giants can hunt the green hills of Africa with old Ernie Hemingway. Although, personally, I can't stand the guy — chronic case of Little Man's Syndrome in my opinion.

Fred Webb was a world-renowned outfitter of the Arctic. Join him on some really hairy adventures, including having to be choppered off a quickly disappearing iceberg. The library also has several of Jim Corbett's books. He lived



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The hunting section at the Grant County Library features a variety of topics.

in India and had the job of hunting down many a man-eating tiger and leopard. Some of his hunts lasted for months in order to bring down the killers.

Dream of Africa? You should really check out J.A. Hunter and Bunny Allen. Hunter was an ivory hunter early in the 20th century. Bunny was a professional hunter, guiding hunters all over the continent. If you want to be completely stunned, you need to read "Born to Hunt" by Gary Ingersoll. That dude has hunted just about everything this world has to offer. You should at least flip to the pictures of his trophy room. That alone is worth the trip to the library.

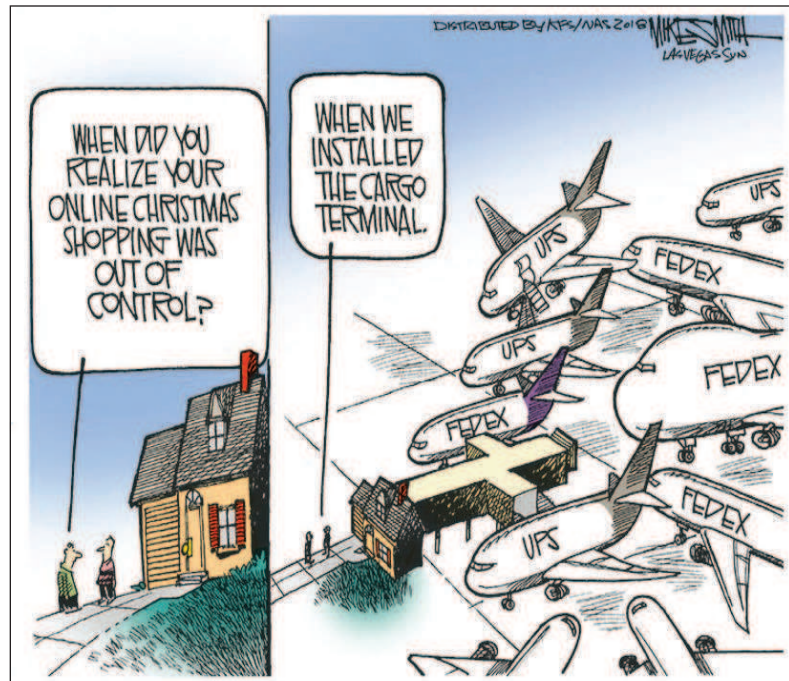
After you have exhausted the supply, talk to the nice librarians there, and they can help you get more from the interlibrary loan. If paper books are not your entertain-

ment medium, have no fear. Many of the great outdoor writers now have books you can download and listen to. Amazon or SafariPress.com are good places to start looking. Still not your thing? If you have Amazon Prime, they have many great hunting videos, including Eastmans, who I think make the best Western hunting videos out there. And, last of all, don't forget Youtube. Years of hunting, shooting and archery entertainment are at your fingertips.

Whichever avenue you choose, you can still experience the thrill of the hunt while we all count the days until we can head back out hunting ourselves.

We welcome your thoughts and ideas at shootingthebreezebme@gmail.com.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Calf thinks he's a dog

To the Editor:

A rancher bought a white steer calf at the Vale auction Nov. 28. I was told this calf acted differently in the auction ring, and people were questioning why. Norman was a leppy calf — his mother died shortly after giving birth as he was too big for her. None of the other cows would have anything to do with him and vice versa, in spite of numerous attempts and applications of "Orphan No More." Norman was raised with our dogs and fed by bottle. He still doesn't fully realize he is a cow — he thinks he is a dog. He comes when his name is called, loves neck rubs and hugs and likes to wrestle and play with our dogs. He is curious and gets into everything. When it was time to be branded, tagged and banded, the cowboys did not want to do him as he was peacefully hanging with the kids that were there. He did not bawl or try to run away during the process, and when it was all done, he just wanted his hugs and loves. Ranching is a business, and he was taken to auction — in hindsight, we should have bought him ourselves. Hope this in-

sight helps you, but if you find you want to sell him, please contact us. We will gladly take him back.

Nikki Morgan  
Hines

### 'Signs are not illegal'

To the Editor:

The "sign" has caused a furor with a citizen that wrote in, so I will explain how it came to be.

When the terrible Benghazi debacle occurred, the nation lost some fine men, with one having ties to Grant County: Tyrone Woods. Ty and teammates heroically set out to rescue Ambassador Chris Stevens but were killed in the effort. Later, when questioned about the lack of security and support, then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton responded about their deaths with the callous statement, "What difference does it make?"

That prompted the sign and the heading, "Remember Benghazi." That will not bring back those gallant men, but at least they are not forgotten.

Prison was a take-off from the president I saw on a bumper sticker.

The sign went up to immediate honks and waves from those passing by. Over the past three summers, several hundred people from all over the U.S. have stopped by to take pictures of the sign, stand by it for photos, shake hands and almost invariably say, "I love that sign." Some have even gone further and said, "I would love to see her in jail." No one said they hated Hillary or wished her harm, just justice and jail. However, from conversations that ensued, it was evident Hillary was not on anyone's Christmas list.

So I'm perplexed that someone would refer to an identified "love" sign as being hateful. But, of course, to each their own.

One doesn't have to look at the sign as they pass by. I too am concerned that some "crazy" might do something "stupid." In spite of the corrupt and treasonous acts Hillary has committed, there are some that still support her and would vote for Clinton if she were to run for dogcatcher.

Signs are not illegal. The First Amendment still "Trump's"!

Dave Traylor  
John Day

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