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"Initiative 43 is not the way to go, just say no."

Message from Morrow County Sheriff Kenneth W. Matlack

Many Oregon Sheriffs are making public statements opposing Oregon Initiative 43. I support any qualified citizen who wishes to have a concealed handgun license. I do not fear armed honest law-abiding citizens; I fear criminals who do not obey the law and will not comply with more new gun laws. The people who engage in armed criminal activity should be prosecuted and severely punished if convicted. These are people who society needs to be protected from. It is my belief that the 2nd Amendment should be viewed as the amendment that protects the rest of the Bill of Rights. It keeps our country free.

Many countries have suffered oppression in our recent past, such as Nazi Germany, Stalin's Russia, Cambodia, Venezuela and so many other countries.

The first thing they did was disarm their citizens. This is exactly what happened in America in April 1775 when King George sent his best troops to Lexington and Concord. His troops were ordered to disarm the citizens by seizing their cannons, arms and gun powder held in the local armory. The battle became forever known as "the shot heard round the world."

Many proposed firearms bills do nothing to really protect citizens and could actually put our citizens more at risk.

The best course of action is not more gun laws that make good citizens become criminals, but recognizing we need to do much, much more for the mentally ill and drug addicted/affected people. Volumes of evidence and police reports show no doubt that mental illness and drug addiction are the primary cause for most of our crime issues. The slogan: "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING" should be more than a slogan. With many of our mass shootings, it has been learned that there were people who knew or felt something bad was going to happen. To know and not report should be criminal. Everyone should be a mandatory reporter when it comes to public safety. This would make such a difference in protecting each other and our families. Our firearms play a strong role in keeping us safe. Don't make it more difficult.

Initiative 43 is not the way to go, just say no.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Vote Neahring for congressional seat

I endorse Dr. Jenni Neahring for Congress, a physician and problem-solver who has diagnosed the hardships Greg Walden has inflicted on Oregonians across the 2nd District and who offers the vision, skills and homegrown devotion residents need to improve communities abandoned by Walden's Beltway priorities.

I encourage Oregonians to join me in helping to release Oregon's 2nd District from a Clive Bundy sympathizer and give its people a representative who will put them first.

Jenni will protect Medicare and Medicaid and work to support rural hospitals that Walden threatens. She demands that Congress start financing much-needed infrastructure, expand renewable energy and focus on job creation, and stop funding so-called "limited" nuclear bombs, tax breaks

for the rich and unnecessary border walls.

Most of all, Jenni knows Congress is broken and is determined to help fix it. Gridlock, party-above-country thinking, bowing down to special interests, and partisan warfare—these abuses must stop before American democracy itself is endangered. Jenni is the candidate with skills to help fix a broken system.

Having served Oregonians in Congress for 18 years, I have a deep appreciation for what it takes to meet the challenges and responsibilities of governing. In this crowded primary field, I believe Jenni Neahring stands out as the best candidate and someone who can effectively represent all of the citizens of Oregon's 2nd District.

Sincerely,
Les Aucoin (former Oregon Congressman Jan. 3, 1975 – Jan. 3, 1993)

Darlene Rose Snider Dave Wallis Zachry

Darlene Rose Brannon Snider, 81, formerly of Heppner, died peacefully at her home in Yuma, AZ Tuesday, Apr 24 from natural causes.

Snider was born Nov. 20, 1936 in Heppner, one of two children of Jim and Mary Cunningham Brannon. She grew up and attended schools in Heppner and Ione, graduating from high school in Ione in 1955. During this time, she worked in a restaurant in Ione.

Shortly after graduation, she met Harry C Snider who was in the US Air Force stationed at Condon. They were married on Sept. 15, 1955 in Goldendale, WA. While in the service, she traveled with her family to many locations including Spain, Alaska, Florida, Tennessee, Idaho and Arizona.

After they left the service, the family moved to North Carolina for one year where Harry's family resided, then back to Alaska where she worked as a cashier at the commissary at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks.

In 1978, the family moved to Pilot Rock to be nearer to her family living in Heppner. While living there, she worked as a clerk at a mini mart in Pendleton and spent many hours gardening, especially growing flowers at their home.

In 1986, she hosted



Darlene Rose Snider

a Cunningham family reunion at her home that included her extended family. For the last twenty years, she lived in Yuma with her family, enjoying visiting with their many friends and jamming with local musicians.

Darlene and Harry raised two children, Mark and Vicki, both of Yuma. She is survived by her husband, Harry; son, Mark; daughter, Vicki; grandchildren, Ben Snider of Minnesota, LeAnna Snider of Seattle, WA and Rory Vernon, Jessica and Sara Crump all of Yuma, as well as her great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Bill Brannon in 1990.

A celebration of life will be scheduled this fall in Yuma for family and friends.

Dave Wallis Zachry passed away on Apr. 30 at his home in Heppner, after 87 years on this earth and went to join the love of his life, Mary Jo Zachry. A celebration of life will be held in June in his adopted home of Heppner.

He was born in Provo, AR to Benjamin Harry and Louise Ethel Zachry on Jan. 10, 1931.

Dave enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and the Heppner High School Mustang sports teams. A coach until the end, the student athletes always put a smile on his face and provided him with great enjoyment.

He served in the United States Army, 2nd Division as an artilleryman in the Korean war. After the military, Dave was a high school math teacher and coach in Arkansas, New Mexico and Oregon before going to



Dave Wallis Zachry

work for the United States Forest Service in Heppner, where he worked until his retirement in the spring of 1994.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents and wife Mary Jo Zachry. He is survived by his children; Suzanne Howes and her husband Steven of Pasco, WA, Steven Zachry and his wife Sara of Stevensville, MT, Scott Zachry and his wife Sheila of Memphis, TN and grandson Brenton Zachry of Seattle, WA.

He will be remembered for his love of family and friends. Dave will be missed by one and all. His kind spirit touched everyone he met.

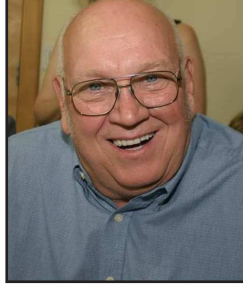
Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Booster Club, PO Box 67, Heppner, OR 97836

Sign the online condolence book at sweeneymortuary.com.

Memorial barbecue planned May 27

A potluck barbecue in memory of the late Roger Schoonover will be held Sunday, May 27, from 1-8 p.m. at the Cutsforth Park 4-H building and gazebo.

Those attending are asked to bring a favorite picnic dish and beverage. Picnic tables are limited so attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs, if possible.



Roger Schoonover

Helen Graham Walsh

A funeral service for friends and family of Helen Ann Graham Walsh was held May 3, 2018, at Jacksonville, FL. Mrs. Walsh died April 27.

She was born in Heppner February 7, 1940, to Claude and Anna "Happy" Graham. Helen and her sister, Jean Marie Graham Damon, attended grade and high school in Heppner. She was active in Girl Scouts, 4-H, Rainbow Girls and All Saints Episcopal Church. She also worked on their ranch as she helped drive truck to haul hay. While in high school, she also worked at the Bank of Eastern Oregon under the guidance of Gene Pierce and staff.

After graduating from Heppner High School, she attended Oregon State College where she earned a degree in secretarial science. Following her graduation from college, she moved to Phoenix, AZ, where she worked for First National Bank. She met her future husband, Michael Walsh, a native of New Jersey, and they were married in Heppner at All Saints Episcopal Church on June 10, 1967.

Their son, Scott Walsh, was born in Fresno, CA, on

July 16, 1969.

Helen worked at Merrill Lynch and Mike was a teacher in the local school district.

In 2001 they moved to Eugene, OR, to be near her sister, mother and family for several years. They later moved to Jacksonville, FL, to help their son, Scott, and family as he had a career in the Navy as a captain.

She enjoyed celebrations with her sister and family in Eugene.

Helen was ill a short time before her passing. She is survived by her husband, Michael; son, Scott, and his wife, Michelle; four grandchildren, Jack, Rob, Caleb and Kaitlyn; sister, Jean Marie and husband Bernard Damon and their children, John, Mark, Ann and families.

Her funeral service was held at All Saints Episcopal Church on June 10, 1967.

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Death Notices

Mary Eleanor Gilman – Mary Eleanor Gilman, 95, of Heppner died Monday, Apr. 30 at a local care facility. She was born on Nov. 23, 1922. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

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