

~ 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.

Brannon's Auto Repair history and update

To the editor:
In June newly appointed city manager Kraig Cutsforth sent Marvin Brannon a certified threatening letter informing him that he was in violation of the 11-3-6 Downtown District, DD: Brannon's Auto Repair was not one of the businesses allowed under this ordinance in the downtown business district. Although this business had been located in this location since the late 1940's.

He was given 15 days to vacate/clean up his business or he would face a \$435 per day penalty. Quote: A violation of this title shall be considered a separate offense for each day that the violation continues. Mr. Cutsforth would be enforcing these penalties.

This was all without knowledge of the city council. Marty called and asked for a copy of the ordinance and he was told it was 365 pages. (This ordinance that was adopted in 2003, states that all current businesses were grandfathered in and therefore allowed in the new zone.)

I find it very interesting that a newly appointed city manager just stumbles upon this ordinance from 16 years ago that he feels he needs to enforce. Mr. Kraig Cutsforth, was appointed to replace the acting city manager, his sister Kim Cutsforth. She is also the chairperson of the Howard and Beth Bryant Trust, which is contributing to the renovation of the Gilliam and Bisbee Building next door to Brannon's Auto Repair.

As Katherine Melby Turner at the August city council meeting brought forward the question/statement that there is a feeling of many citizens: Is there collusion between Kraig Cutsforth, city manager, and his sister Kim Cutsforth in this renovation effort.

September 11 council meeting the 11-3-6 ordinance is now referred to as the violation of the debris and junk car ordinance.

Mr. Cutsforth has taken it upon himself to video tape Brannon's Auto Repair. (He never seems to come around when Marty is there.) He showed the council pictures he had taken and now wants council involvement to tell him what to do regarding the \$435 per day fines. The council took no action feeling that Marty would continue with the cleanup. Everyone knows that those fines will put any business that our community needs and supports out of business.

Cutsforth likes to point out there have been complaints regarding Brannon's Auto Repair. Most of those complaints have been from his sister Kim while she was acting city manager.

Some things to consider regarding the slowdown of cleanup.

1. Marty has one employee.
2. During the summer and until school started, he had two high school boys helping with cleanup.
3. During harvest and

fire season Marty places taking care of our community/families as his first obligation.

4. Recently his one employee was in an accident, was in the hospital and will be off work for at least another month.

5. His work schedule is presently booked out for at least two weeks.

6. Marty needs some time to support and raise his family.

7. Cleanup will continue as quickly as it can be completed.

Questions, I always have questions:

-Does Kraig Cutsforth have an agenda to put Brannon's Auto Repair out of business? Just asking?

-Does Gilliam Bisbee Building renovation still need parking and access to the building?

-How much prior employment investigation was done before Kraig Cutsforth was offered the position of Heppner city manager?

-How much time is spent on other issues that are in dire need of addressing i.e. streets, water (most people I know purchase bottled water, or have it delivered), sewage plant, residence cleanups, drugs, animal control, crime in general, etc.

I understand that each of these departments has an individual in charge. They must all be doing exceptional jobs, leaving Mr. Cutsforth not much to do but monitor cleanup of Brannon's Auto Repair.

Sincerely,
Arletha Brannon

Companies manipulate public opinion

To the editor:

In 2013 Edward Snowden documented proof that Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Yahoo, YouTube and other major tech companies were providing the Obama administration (DOJ, FBI, NSA) personal information on American citizens. These tech companies are considered part of the private sector; however, Obama era operatives are now employed and operate in these tech companies working to manipulate public opinion. For instance Google controls more than 90 percent of all online searches worldwide. On July 17, Dr. Robert Epstein testified at a Senate Judiciary hearing that "Google algorithms are having a dramatic impact on the thinking, behaviors, attitudes, beliefs, purchases and voting preferences of two and a half billion people, right now."

Google and leftist tech companies use algorithms, manipulative search engine techniques, to promote their globalist, leftist, anti-American agenda and suppress and undermine American conservative, Biblical and constitutional values.

This is part of a coup against the constitution and sovereignty of the American Republic and the American people orchestrated by traitors that own and control the American press, media, Democrat party, some in the Republican party and are insidiously planted within all branches of the American government. This coup has attempted, from the

get-go, to overthrow a duly elected president. The latest evidence of this coup and proof these Democrats could care less about America or Americans is the coming fake press and media orchestrated congressional impeachment mockery.

This is the reason the Democratic, socialist/communist left needs to abrogate the constitution and Bill of Rights, especially the Second Amendment. There is one reason why citizens living under Socialist/Communist/Islamic governments have no freedom or liberty. They live under the despotic controls of governments that have confiscated their ability to arm and defend themselves. The globalist Socialist/Communist controlled Democratic party in America must confiscate the arms of the American people to complete their attempted coup. They could care less about victims of mass shootings and do nothing to heal the root causes of these tragedies in order to promote their anti-American agenda.

Do not be deceived America. Stand without compromise for God and country. Every American has a duty to stand unwaveringly for a duly elected President Donald Trump who stands for our Constitution and Godly heritage. In like manner, every American has a responsibility to stand against every enemy, within or without, of our Constitutional Republic and way of life.

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Make abortion illegal again

To the editor:

Is there anything more precious or helpless than a tiny baby? Apparently not to 44 Democrat politicians who voted to legalize aborting an infant at any time during the pregnancy.

Apparently harvesting baby organs has become a very lucrative business. The closer to full term the healthier the unborn infant's organs are. These powerless human beings are tom apart sometimes while still kicking, can you imagine the pain?

May of 2013, Dr. Kermit Gosnell was convicted of murder for doing this exact thing. At this

time only four states had laws protecting babies - no abortions after a heartbeat, which is 18 days to 6 weeks after conception. A baby can suck its thumb, blink, swallow and dream during the second trimester.

Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion providers, performs approximately 320,000 abortions a year. At \$450 per, that is \$1,475,000. Plus the \$550,000,000 of tax payer dollars they received in 2018.

We need to make abortion illegal again with the exception of rape or incest. This is murder plain and simple.

A View from the Green

Senior golfers play at China Creek

Senior golfers from Willow Creek Country Club participated at the Columbia-Blue Senior Golf Association tournament on Sept. 8 at the par 68 China Creek golf course in Arlington. Up and down terrain makes it a challenging course. John McCabe scored a hole in one on the fourth hole, his first ace.

Winners from Willow Creek in the Columbia Division (handicap 15 and below) were Dennis Peck and John Boyer in a tie for third in gross with a score of 79. John McCabe took second in net with 68.

Blue Division (handicap 16 to 20) winners in the gross category were Tom Shear in first with

78 and Delbert Binchus in third with 88. In the net category, Jim Swanson was first with 63, Steve Marlatt took second with 68 and Dave Creswick came in fifth with 71.

In the Senior Division (handicap 21 and above) Bob Nairns was second in gross with 91 and Mike Sweek took second in net with 67.

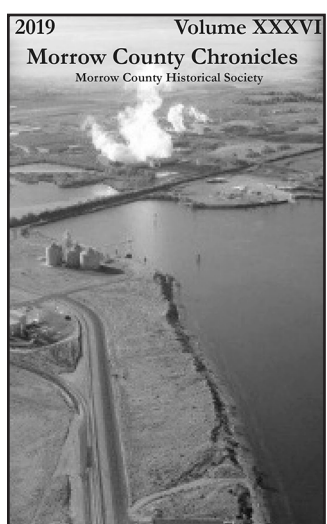
The last Columbia-Blue Senior Golf Association tournament of the year will be held at the Milton-Freewater golf course on October 14 with tee times at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. A special golfer's lunch will be available at the golf course restaurant.

2019 Chronicles available

The Morrow County Chronicles have published the 2019 edition with a colored aerial photo of the Port of Morrow on its cover. The Chronicles is dedicated to the late Merlyn Kirk Robinson.

Some of the stories are about the Matthews of Ione, Larry Lindsay's experience with the Port of Morrow, the Downings, Roice Fulleton, the Heppner class of 1947, Chuck Nelson's Christmas star and the conclusion of "A Murder Mystery" from last year's edition.

Sponsored by the Morrow County Historical Society with Doris Brosnan as editor and printed by the Heppner Gazette-Times, this is the 36th edition of the Chronicles. It is available for the purchase price of \$7



at Murray Drugs, Heppner City Hall, Bank of Eastern Oregon branches in Morrow County and the Heritage Museum in Heppner.

Back copies of the Chronicles are available by contacting Neva DeMayo 541-676-8017.

The Loop schedules meetings

Morrow County Transportation the Loop will be holding their quarterly advisory committee meetings for the Special Transportation Fund and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund on October 15 starting at 3 p.m. in the Bartholomew Building located at 110 N. Court, Heppner.

Agenda items will include approval of minutes, revenue/expense reports, by-laws pertaining to size of committee, previous ODOT review of the program, progress of projects on the STIF plan, Port of Morrow fixed route and other items.

These meetings are open to the public. For additional information call The Loop at 541-676-5667.

Correction

The Gazette-Times published a story about Louis and Betty Carlson moving to Bend in an August issue. In the article, their new address listed their room number as #2105 and it should be #205. The editor apologizes for this error.

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Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

- September 3, 2019:**
- Blas Eliseo Elguezabal, 38, Heppner, and Monika Kucal, 27, Lysomice 87-148, NA.
- September 6, 2019:**
- John Dean Haakenson, 68, Kennewick, WA, and Melissa Marie Sullivan, 53, Richland, WA.

DEADLINE:
MONDAYS
AT 5PM

LADIES NIGHT

OCTOBER 3RD
6:30 PM
PASTA BAR
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