

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.

We are being played

To the editor,
I understand and appreciate the local effort to meet Governor Brown's dictates in order to open up our way of life and bring the COVID-19 numbers down. Wear the mask. Social distance. Limit, cancel or postpone funerals, weddings and celebrations. No more back yard barbecues, social gatherings and private birthday parties. We are told if we would just work harder, be more compliant, and stay away from one another we could regain our liberty and freedom. Sorry to be the postman of bad news but it's not going to happen. We are being played.

Commissioner Doherty said it best, "To see our 'partner' stand upon our money and chastise us was disheartening." Understand this: Governor Brown has recently announced drastic upping of COVID-19 testing. You can have all Morrow County citizens hibernate and the numbers will continue to escalate. Know why? Follow the money. For every positive COVID-19 test result, the state of Oregon (i.e. Gov. Brown) receives \$220,000. (See beckerhospitalreview.com/finance/state-by-state-breakdown-of-federal-aid-per-covid-19-case/.) The Democratic states in America are racing to up the COVID-19 numbers to gain more police state control and capture the \$30,000,000,000 HHS Coronavirus Aid Relief fund. Governor Brown controls these massive funds (and the test results) that Oregon counties now realize will never be spent

to help rural Oregon citizens. (See Heppner Gazette Times 8/26/2020 issue, Governor's treatment of counties 'disheartening'.) These COVID-19 funds under Dictator Brown are funding the socialist/Marxist takeover of Oregon and America.

Our constitution, that these Democrat politicians will not honor or uphold, still grant's citizens the right to peacefully protest when our liberty and freedom is abused, denied and unequally applied. These corrupt Oregon politicians, that are usurping our individual liberty and small businesses; are still accountable to the people. Have we not the courage to stand against their phony COVID-19 money scam that forces our face mask submission? Understand this. If we will not stand against this corruption and tyranny now it will get worse and soon. Just picture Oregon and America when ICE is abolished, the police are defunded, our borders are eliminated, voting rights are given to illegal immigrants and felons, Brown's OSHA makes masks mandatory indefinitely and violent rioters are financed, incited and encouraged across the once fruited plains.

Pray for President Donald Trump. This man of courage and conviction is all that is standing between liberty and the Constitutional end of America: One nation under God paid for with the sacrifice, the courage and the blood of our forefathers.

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

Marriage Licenses

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

August 18, 2020: - Cody Josiah Kile, 23, Hermiston, and Malyssa Noel Smith, 20, Hermiston.

Doherty straight on target

To the editor
I appreciate your newspaper piece, Jim (Doherty); it is straight on target. Keep up your fine leadership. ("Governor's treatment of counties 'disheartening' says commissioner" in the August 26 Heppner Gazette-Times).

The amount of chicanery and deceit that has occurred by Kate Brown (Governor), Tina Kotek (House Speaker) and Peter Courtney (Senate President), the so-called "leadership" of the State of Oregon, in commanding the dispersal of \$1.33 billion in Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars is appalling. That they, patronizingly and paternalistically, would squander it into their most-favored rat-holes is deeply disturbing. Much, if not most, of the funding intended for counties and cities other than in Multnomah and Washington Counties (who received their shares directly) has been diverted by "leadership" right back into Multnomah and Washington Counties. Any confidence I have had in our "leadership" is gone.

Perhaps, it is time that rural counties say to our governor, "No more! Stay out of our territories. You have failed; we are stepping in. We will manage our own pandemic, our own economies, our own schools. Our 'experts' are as good as your 'experts.' Since you like the term, call us a sanctuary." It may

be time to investigate the consequences.

Pertaining to the CRF, I see very little that the State of Oregon and OHA have done for Umatilla County that we could not have managed better or, at least, as well on our own had our population-based share of funding been distributed to us from the State portion as Congress intended. Congress intended for State of Oregon to distribute 45 percent (U.S. Treasury guidelines) of the CRF grant received to the rest of the counties (other than Multnomah and Washington) on a population-based formula. They didn't. Foul.

Even the precious little funding that did find its way to "the rest of us" counties and cities (other than in Multnomah and Washington) came in a slow form of reimbursement; the counties had to first expend the funds with the hopes that it might be reimbursed. We, then, had to 'beg mommy' at predetermined intervals to pay us back; then, with hope, sit and wait. Smaller counties and cities had no capacity to 'front the money' and expectantly wait for reimbursement; there were no funds to 'float' it. So, needs went unmet. Improper. Unfair.

Keep up your good work, Jim (Doherty); you're a great spokesman.

Bill Elfering, Commissioner
Umatilla County Board of Commissioners

A View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

Nancy Prophetor took low gross of the field at the Willow Creek Country Club ladies playday held August 25. Pat Doherty got low net of the field and Beverly Steagall had the least putts. The cloudy, pleasant day hosted 14 players.

Virginia Grant was the flight A low gross winner.

Flight B low gross went to Tiffany Clement and Karen Haguewood had low net. Judy Harris had the least putts

On flight C Bunnie Lindsay had low gross and Sharon Harrison got low net. Kathy Martin had the least putts.

Sharon Harrison and Tiffany Clement both got a chip-in on hole number eight. In the Yahtzee game, Virginia Grant got seven and Kris Lindner had six.

The 2020 Ladies Championship/Eddi Skow Tournament will be held September 1-2.

Men golf at Sunday playday

The Sunday, August 30 men's play hosted 11 golfers at their Willow Creek Country Club (WCCC) playday. Rick Johnston and Roger Ehrmantraut got the least putts with 30.

Ron Bowman took first place in gross with 67 and Charlie Ferguson was second with 70. In net, Gene Orwick was first with 59

and Dave Mitchell came in second with 60.

The next men's play will be September 6 and will be hosted by Dave Cre-swick, Roger Ehrmantraut and Steve Marlatt. September 13 will be the cross country and final scheduled event of the season.

Broadcasters report slanted news

To the editor:
Sitting here watching KOIN channel six noon reports on the so-called "peaceful" demonstrations in Portland. During a break, an ad for the Twilight Zone was streamed. How appropriate. It makes no difference which of the four Portland TV stations we watch, we must endure the same talking points their news directors obtain from leftist New York Times and the Washington Post.

I truly have sympathy for many of the news broadcasters that must regurgitate this slanted news every day to keep their jobs.

I cringe watching Governor Brown and her cronies mouth their concerns about losing our democracy because President Trump sent law enforcement into Portland to protect Federal buildings that Mayor Ted Wheeler admitted he prohibited Portland Police from attempting to control the situation.

It takes a lot of gall for Governor Brown to opine about losing our democracy when her mediocre reign along with her elitist cadre have ground any semblance of Oregon's democracy into the ground. A good example

of her reign was the Cap and Trade Bill which she tried to force through the legislature and shows her total disregard for all of the state's voters. This bill was a wolf in sheep's clothing, promoted as a great global warming salvation but in reality, was just another tax bill on all Oregonians, devastating agriculture, timber, transportation and every day business and travel throughout the entire state. Thankfully, the republicans in the Senate stopped this bill and asked for a statewide vote. Governor Brown exposed her true oligarchical mentality by instituting this legislation by Executive Action, saddling all Oregonians with this huge tax and making it so the voters were unable to vote on it.

Years ago, I lived in Beaverton and worked in beautiful downtown Portland, known world-wide as the City of Roses. Friends of ours throughout Oregon and beyond are dismayed at the demise of Portland. Sadly, Portland has now morphed from the Rose City to the Rancid City.

Larry Snyder
Condon, Oregon

No glaring errors

To the editor,
I just read the lengthy article about re-opening schools under David Sykes' byline in the August 19 issue of the Gazette-Times. Thank you.

Milford is a town of about 15,000. A weekly paper for this area comes from Nashua, a town of about 90,000. Some of the grammar and spelling in the

articles is appalling. I have yet to read one article by the local reporter that does not have spelling and grammar errors. Newspapers are struggling but proofreading is still a good idea.

I was glad to read your lengthy article without finding glaring errors.

Again, thank you.
Barb Hayes
Milford, NH

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Glen Diehl, has released the following Justice Court report:

-Juvenile driver, 17, Ione, was convicted of violation of basic rule. Fine \$115.

-Juvenile driver, 17, Ione, was convicted of violation of basic rule. Fine \$265.

-Juvenile driver, 16, Heppner, was convicted of careless driving. Fine \$300.

Steven L. Dugan, 37, Heppner, was convicted of no ops, fine \$265, and illegal display of license plates, fine \$265.

-Darrell D. Vercher, 53, Vancouver, WA, was convicted of misuse of special left turn lane. Fine \$265.

-Stephen C. Parker, 28,

Baker City, OR, was convicted of violation of basic rule. Fine \$165.

-Kevin P. Brejcha, 68, Beaverton, OR, was convicted of violation of speed limit. Fine \$265.

-Jose K. Long, Heppner, was convicted of violation of basic rule. Fine \$165.

-Daniel E. Reyes, 40, Bakersfield, CA, was convicted of no ops, fine \$265, and driving uninsured, fine \$265.

Justice of the Peace Diehl also reports that although the county is now at stage one, Justice Court is still open and functioning in both Heppner and Irrigon. Social distancing and masks are required.

Deadline: Friday at 5 p.m.



23RD ANNUAL N.E. DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2020
AT WILLOW CREEK GOLF COURSE
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