

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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## Matlack has earned reelection

To the editor,  
We plan to vote to return Ken Matlack to the position of Morrow County Sheriff. Ken has maintained a high level of competency, communication and professionalism in the Sheriff's

Department.  
He has definitely earned reelection.  
Sincerely,  
John and Pat Edmundson  
Heppner, Oregon

## Governor and press are responsible

To the editor,  
The Antifa and BLM arsonists that have attempted to burn Portland to the ground have been released with no fines or consequence by Portland's ultra-liberal D.A. Western Oregon from north to south is now on fire with multiple documented accounts of arson. As usual the liberal press, media and Governor Brown are covering and protecting these anarchists that want to burn Oregon to the ground. That means this Governor and the liberal press are responsible and accountable for every house burned down, all damages and every death.

Nevertheless: what would cause an American citizen, born and educated in our school system and culture, to act with such malice toward their fellow American and our way of life?

The answer is not a pleasant pill to swallow. Our schools and universities teach our children America's heritage is fundamentally racist. Our youth from early education to master's degrees are taught our founding fathers, that birthed America with their sacrifice, sacred honor and blood, were bigots and racists. They have been taught the God of our forefathers, the one we have expelled from our schools, our government and our culture, must be erased along with every heritage of the nation they birthed.

Any voice that attempts to share the blessings and truth of God's word, the moral imperative of honoring the Ten Commandments and corporate prayer has been systematically censored, denied and silenced in our American education system. The truth of our moral Christian heritage has been erased, denigrated and changed. Our youth now are watching our sports heroes idolize Jacob Blake, an acknowledged rapist and thief, and George Floyd, a drug addict and four-time felon. Do not allow your children to be brainwashed by these phony sports heroes. Turn off all sports that

glorify the false idols of BLM. Do you want to see your children turn against America and see our homeland burn to the ground? Boycott any sponsor of those that support the false Gods of BLM.

The second President of the U.S.A., John Adams, rightly proclaimed the American Republic could only be sustained by a moral and virtuous nation of American citizens. America is in peril today because the church of Jesus Christ has not demonstrated the virtue or integrity required to make the courageous decisions necessary to sustain our blessings and covenant protections of the Almighty God of our forefathers. Where was the church leadership when America acquiesced to allowing prayer, the Bible, the Ten Commandments, and the sanctity of life to be stripped, outlawed and erased in our schools, our government and in our courts of law? Instead of the blessings of God we are now receiving the curses, just as God warned in Deuteronomy 28. Nevertheless there is yet a remnant of the moral rudder for America under the courageous leadership of ministers like John MacArthur, Grace Community Church in California. When God was kicked out, Satan was ushered in. All Christians, including myself, that allowed this to happen on our watch need to repent.

Without courage, the church of Jesus Christ is impotent. Courage is what separated every leader of the Bible, the Gospel and America from those that spoke all the right words but lacked the courage to stand against evil. We are launching into the Biblical time of Great Tribulation. Our hope, our fortress, our truth is the one we have denied. Jesus Christ is the captain of our salvation. He is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Submit your heart and spirit to him and take off the mask of submission to the world. Jesus is the only answer to the chaos and confusion

## 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 September 8. Karen Hague-wood and Pat Dougherty tied for low net of the field and Pat Edmundson had the least putts. The brisk, sunny day hosted 10 players.

Virginia Grant and Corol Mitchell tied for the flight A low gross title. Virginia Grant also got KP.

Karen Hague-wood got KP for flight B.

On flight C Bev Steagall had low gross and Kris Lindner got low net. Lorene Montgomery had the least putts. Bev Steagall and Jeanne Creswick tied for KP.

Pat Edmundson and Kris Lindner each got a chip-in and Nancy Prophetor got a birdie.

## Golfers not deterred by smoky skies

Despite smoky skies, 14 golfers participated in the cross-country tournament held at Willow Creek Country Club on September 13. This event concluded the men's club season.

Tomas Elguezabal took first in net with a score of 67. Roger Ehrmantraut was second with 72 and Duane Disque came in third with 73.

## Neighborhood Center helps families in need

In August the Neighborhood Center helped feed 74 families in need in our community. In addition, two families were provided emergency electricity assistance; one family was provided with emergency water assistance; one family was provided emergency rent assistance; two families in need came in for household items (a crock pot, kitchen utensils, dishes, etc.) that they could not afford so the center gifted them the items; and two families in need were gifted emergency clothing when they could not afford it for themselves and their children (which consists of three outfits per individual

and shoes).  
The center also reported that a new volunteer signed up to work two mornings each week and has been a great addition to the regular six volunteers who come in and help throughout the week. "We are very grateful for our volunteers," reported Lisa Patton.

The Food Pantry will be undergoing much needed renovations with new paint and safer/stronger shelving.

The Neighborhood Center will be having a Dollar Sale where much of our merchandise is marked down to \$1 to make way for the holiday inventory that will be displayed in the store.

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## County Commissioner, Morrow County, Position 1



**Occupation:** County Commissioner, Cattle Rancher  
**Occupational Background:** Ranch Manager, Crops Manager, Ranch Owner  
**Educational Background:** Associates Degree; Production Agriculture: Bachelors of Arts; Business and History

**Prior Governmental Experience:** President of the Association of Oregon Counties; Morrow County Commissioner; Governors Alcohol & Drug Policy Commission; Jefferson County SWCD chair; Morrow County SWCD; NACo Representative

**Re - Elect Jim Doherty: I will stand behind you, beside you or in front of you.**

**County:** The strongest value we have as policy makers is the ability to listen and act as conduit for your message. Better still, is the strength to develop a spot at the table, for you to deliver your own voice. And last is the conviction of character to follow through in crafting a better future. I remain fearless in standing up to whomever, whenever, wherever, at your behest and on your behalf.

As to COVID-19, "Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." - Marie Curie

**Family:** I am a fourth generation Irish immigrant. My great grandfather saw shades of Ireland in the rolling Morrow County hills. My mother, raised along the banks of the Columbia River, in Boardman. I celebrate 34 years of marriage with my wife Kelly. My son and daughter-in-law have also made Morrow County their home. I built my cattle operation from the ground up, with sweat, blisters, honesty and personal relationships. I do the business of the County in the same fashion.

Admirably put by Theodor Roosevelt, "People dont care how much you know, until they know how much you care"

**Endorsement:** "Jim Doherty stands out as a community leader in Morrow County His advocacy at the state level is unmatched. His policy decisions are balanced and well thought out. He is a positive addition to government and deserves this re-election." - Senator, Bill Hansell

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with Director Allen and the Governor's office is warranted moving forward to make certain we are fairly reviewed," Lindsay reported. "I really appreciate our Morrow County team for all they do. We just have to continue to work hard to slow the spread in our county which includes working with our contact tracers to assure accurate information is obtained as untraced and connected cases have a big impact on our ability to move forward."

According to a report from Morrow County Emergency Management on September 13, Morrow County now reports 473 positive cases of COVID-19. Of those cases, Boardman has the most with 334, Irrigon has 124, Heppner has 11, Lexington has three and Ione has one. There have been 2,038 tests done in the county. The recovered cases are at 62, with three hospitalizations and four deaths.

## Library board to hold virtual meeting

The Oregon Trail Library District board will hold a virtual meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. Items on the agenda include approval of meeting minutes and financials, a direc-

tor report and information regarding the coronavirus relief fund.

For additional information about the meeting or how to join the Zoom meeting, contact Kathy Street at 541-481-3365.

## Upper Place Concessions now open



The community of Heppner has a new place to eat with the opening of Upper Place Concessions located in the food court.

With the assistance of Eastern Oregon University Small Business Development Center, Morrow Development Corporation, Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group and Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation, Patty Rill has purchased a food trailer to serve the Heppner community and tourists.

Upper Place Concessions will be open for lunch and dinner. Patty will also be expanding her catering and event venues.

"Patty is well known in the community and it was a pleasure to partner with several organizations to help bring her dream to a reality," said Greg Smith, Director of Eastern Oregon University Small Business Development Center. "We wish her every success and stand ready to assist her in any way possible in the future."

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