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## ~ 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. Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

## Dollars printed out of thin air

To the editor:  
Our government borrowed a total of \$2,384,300,000,000 for COVID 19 relief in March and April 2020. That means 23 percent of dollars in circulation in America were printed out of thin air this year. Our government can do this only because the U.S. dollar is the world currency reserve. That means governments around the world must use the U.S. dollar in order to buy and sell. That is about to change and when it does it will take a fist full to buy a loaf of bread. Where did that COVID money go? Lining the pockets of the bureaucrats, wealthy, politicians and lots of pork. For instance, Governor Brown has stolen COVID funds allocated to eastern Oregon. Why? Because COVID 19 and its pork has made her a dictator and put the world in lockdown.

Now, the same Congress that has put our children and heritage in debt bondage, has once again used the COVID pandemic to order the Fed to print another \$2,300,000,000,000. A \$900,000,000,000 COVID relief bailout and a cleverly attached omnibus package of \$1,400,000,000,000. Where does this money go? Those bureaucrats that voted for this debt tyranny had less than eight hours to read the 5,593 pages of this pork fest. Let's see: Federal employees that have not missed a solitary paycheck get a 1 percent pay raise. The U.S. Senate gets \$89 million plus for furniture replacement. Two closed facilities, the Smithsonian gets a billion and the Kennedy Center gets 40 million. Two new museums, to further divide America, will be built: The Women's Historical Museum and the American Latino Museum. 82 billion has been allocated for schools that have been closed for months. 48 billion for COVID vaccination testing, contact tracing and policing COVID lockdowns. American citizens get \$600 dollars that many Americans did not ask for because they do not want any borrowed money our children will be forced to pay back. All federal, state, county and city employees, teachers, and multiple

government agencies have not missed a paycheck. Do we really need to borrow money for them?

The vast majority of the omnibus borrowed money goes to foreign countries: 494 million to Ukraine, 130 million to Nepal, 85 million to Cambodia, 135 million to Myanmar, 1.3 billion to Egypt, 505 million to Latin America and 25 million to Pakistan. Virtually hardly a penny goes to help the poor or needy. Not one of these countries is a friend or ally of America. Two, Myanmar and Pakistan, are presently participating in war training with Russia and China. In November Russia and Pakistan held their fifth annual "Druzha" war exercises. Ten million of the omnibus packages to Pakistan goes to gender training. Egypt is presently being armed by Russia.

The present national debt for the USA is 27 trillion. This COVID/omnibus debt will push the debt to close to 30 trillion. Essentially our government is borrowing against our personal saving, our Social Security and pension funds who own most of the debt. If the USA defaults or the world goes off the dollar as the world's reserve currency every American would essentially go bankrupt overnight. The interest on the national debt was 593.1 billion in fiscal year 2019 (ending Sept. 2019). The International Monetary Fund notes a healthy Gross National Product to debt ratio is 60 percent. The USA GPD to debt ratio is 136 percent without the latest Congress debt fiasco of 2.3 trillion. Very soon the interest on our debt will equal and then surpass our ability to defend our nation. Historically that has spelled disaster. And our youth are taught global warming will ruin their future. Elected and unelected traitors are lying to our youth as they steal their heritage.

What are Americans to do in the face of impending tribulation? Our forefathers turned to the God of the Bible. Support your local church or brethren that uphold the Bible. Our forefathers faced their enemy with faith and courage. They prepared to endure and be victorious no matter how stacked the odds were against them. Fear not for God is for us. The battle belongs to Him.

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

## Business Speak

# Reporting paycheck protection and economic injury disaster program fraud

By Greg Smith

Unfortunately, scammers are taking advantage of the Covid-19 pandemic in a variety of ways including submitting applications and receiving funding using another person's identity. Victims may very well be unaware until they receive a letter from the Small Business Administration (SBA) informing them of payments due.



Greg Smith

It is critical that those suspecting their identity has been stolen act quickly to limit financial loss and damage. SBA officials recommend identity theft victims do ALL the following:

1. Contact the Processing and Disbursement Center to report suspected fraud by calling (800) 366-6303. Their team will make a note to the file and place a hold on funds if they have not already been disbursed.
2. Notify the SBA Office of the Inspector General to report any suspected fraud on the OIG's Hotline at 800-767-0385 or email [OIGHotline@sba.gov](mailto:OIGHotline@sba.gov).
3. Place a fraud alert on credit reports. Contact one of the three major credit reporting agencies. Whichever company is contacted is required to tell the other two.
  - [www.Experian.com/fraudalert](http://www.Experian.com/fraudalert), or 1-888-397-3742
  - [www.TransUnion.com/fraud](http://www.TransUnion.com/fraud), or 1-800-680-7289
  - [www.Equifax.com/CreditReportAssistance](http://www.Equifax.com/CreditReportAssistance), or 1-888-836-6351

\*\*Consider adding an extended fraud alert (valid for seven years) or a credit freeze to credit bureau reports.

4. Reach out to the Federal Trade Commission: [www.IdentityTheft.gov](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov) to file a report about the situation. Once a person has entered their information, the site will create an Identity Theft Report. Print it or save it to a computer; it will need to be referred to later.

5. Contact the Oregon Attorney General's Office at: 877-877-9392 or by emailing [help@oregonconsumer.gov](mailto:help@oregonconsumer.gov). It is possible to file an online complaint on their website by clicking the Consumer Protection tab.

6. Victims should contact the Social Security Administration as soon as possible, even if they are not sure their number has been compromised at 1-800-269-0271 or submit a report online at <https://oig.ssa.gov>.

### Another Round of PPP is Coming

While it is a good thing Congress has passed another round of Paycheck Protection Program funding (much of which is a forgivable loan), it does give scammers a new opportunity to steal someone's identity.

It is critical that all people (not just business owners) take every precaution they can to protect their personal information. Our offices have received reports from non-business owners who received a letter from SBA stating an EIDL loan of several thousand dollars was taken out in their name and that a payment was due soon.

With that said, the PPP is an excellent program, and it is very much worth applying for. Business owners, and especially those who have not previously applied, should get their financial information in order now and equally important, research the allowable expenses so the loan may be forgiven.

Greg Smith is the director of the Eastern Oregon University Small Business Development Center located at 1607 Gekeler Lane, Room 148 in La Grande, OR. If you are seeking free, confidential business advising, please call 541-962-1532 or email [eousbdc@gmail.com](mailto:eousbdc@gmail.com).

# Currins named to MSU honor roll

Jacee Currin and Kolby Currin, Heppner, have been named to the Montana State University undergraduate honor roll for fall semester 2020.

The 1,546 students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester were named to the

President's List. The Dean's List includes the 3,834 students earning grade point averages of 3.5 or above for the semester. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours to be on either the President's List or Dean's List.

## Obituaries

# Marlen Andrea Bowles

Marlen Andrea Bowles, 42, passed away Friday, December 18, 2020. Marlen is survived by her mother, Claudia Ramirez; her father, Frank Ramirez; her three sons, Lukes Spaulding, Jordan Spaulding and Jesse Bowles and her two grandchildren, Roman and Kayloni Spaulding. Marlen loved the out-

doors and nature. She liked going hunting, fishing and mushroom hunting. "She loved her children so much and would do anything for her family. She was taken from us way too soon. She will be deeply missed. She is with her heavenly father, no pain, only love."

Services will be held for the family.

# William E. West

On Thursday, December 24, 2020, William E. West, loving husband and father of three children, passed away at age 87.

Bill was born May 9, 1933 at Mikkalo, OR to Alvin and Neva West. He spent his life enjoying the love of family, ranching, making music, fishing and hunting. "He was a kind and gentle man loved by many."

Bill was preceded in death by his father, Alvin, his mother, Neva and brothers, Jim and Doug. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his three children, Randy, Holly

and Mitchell; his brother, Jack; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bill's immediate family held a graveside service at the Arlington, OR cemetery Tuesday, December 29, 2020.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).

## Death Notices

**Marvin Boyle** – Marvin Boyle, 79, died December 23, 2020. Marvin is survived by his wife, Beverly, and numerous relatives. A private family graveside service was held December 30, 2020. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

**Lynda Lee Liu** – Lynda Lee Liu, Heppner, died December 21, 2020 at the age of 77. She was born August 10, 1943. Lynda is survived by her husband, Alvin Liu. Springfield Memorial Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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