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History repeats

To the Editor:
History repeats. Honest history must be preserved, so mankind can avoid the tragedies of the past. That is why the Marxist/left wants to rewrite and/or destroy history to take advantage of historic blunders of the past to use them again to gain power and control of the present. Vietnam is a classic example of why forthright history must be preserved so historic tragedies are not replicated.

Had President John F. Kennedy not been assassinated, America would never have initiated the horrendous war in Vietnam. Kennedy was adamant that a war against Vietnam would never be tolerated on his watch. The first major act for President Johnson was to declare war against Vietnam. An American President was ruthlessly and clandestinely removed from office in order to initiate the most divisive and disingenuous war in American history. Hundreds of thousands of America's finest young men were sent to the jungles of Vietnam to fight a war their own country had no intent to win. In like manner, President Donald Trump was ruthlessly and clandestinely removed from office to re-ignite the leftist agenda to destroy the American Republic, one nation under God. President Trump would have never tolerated appeasement in the face of Communist aggression in Hong Kong, Ukraine, Taiwan, and Islamic brutality in Afghanistan and Iran or the systematic destruction of the American Republic. President Biden left our soldiers and our weapons behind in Afghanistan just like the traitors that left our boys and the soul of America behind in Vietnam.

The Vietnam war fostered a rebellion against law and order in America. Our returning Vietnam heroes were spit at as baby killers when they came home, save 60,000 that never came home. The police and military were hailed in the press and media as pigs and racist hate mongers. America today is Vietnam on steroids. Law and order has been replaced with defunding the police, feminizing and neutering the armed forces, and watching media incited 'peaceful' protests burn down America and dismantle our ancient landmarks.

Vietnam fostered black power and racial division. Dr. Martin Luther King's vision of a color blind America was assassinated with him. Dr. King's dream was for his children to "one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." (Martin Luther King,

"I have a dream," Aug. 28, 1963) Today in America, racial division has never been more agitated, pronounced or inflamed. The press, media, Hollywood and much of our educational system are the authors of current class and race warfare (critical race theory) basing human progress and justice on the color of a person's skin. Dr. King's vision was to "lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood." (King op. cit) Barack Obama's dream (of his fathers) was to inflame racial division, not racial brotherhood. Dr. King ended his sermon to America with, "when all God's children, Black men and White men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last." (King op.cit)

Canada's courageous truckers have stood for the "free at last" banner in front of a watching world placing their lives and their families in harm's way. That banner of sacrifice is coming to America, it is coming to Oregon, it is coming to our very own homeland in eastern Oregon. Thank God Almighty for those willing to pay the price of freedom so the rest of the world may one day be "free at last." In honor and grateful thanksgiving: David Clark (Heppner), Greg Gessle (Hermiston), Tom Brehm (Ukiah), Tim Strom (Enterprise) who never came home from Vietnam, R.I.P. Stuart Dick, Irrigon

The Heppner Bookworms, represented by Claudia Hughes, Heppner, donated the book "Reflections of a Peacemaker," to the Pioneer Memorial Hospice library in memory of the late Suzanne Jepsen, who was a Bookworms member.

The book is a young boy's poetry and story depicting hope, love, sadness, humor and gratitude while he struggled with an incurable disease. "Author, young Mattie J.T. Stepanek, hoped his poems would touch people and bring them peace." (Edited by his mother, Jennifer Smith Stepanek.)

We "liked it because it seemed to encompass all our world," commented Hughes.

Time for rejoice or time of concern?

To the editor;
As our governor has decided that March 31 is the magic day that they will lift our mask mandate on "some" things, is this a time to rejoice? Now after going into our 3rd year of a "pandemic" we need to "learn to live with the Covid virus" and be a "free" society again. You feel safe that that this is not all a plan of a bigger picture? I have spent many hours watching, reading, listening to fellow Americans about what can really be the reasoning behind the original mandates and this upcoming relax on mandates. I am sure in my heart that there is something bigger going on behind the scenes that we are not seeing or being told.

The Covid virus is not dying down, as no virus does. They mutate, they change, they become resistant to medication. There really is no reason to fear this virus compared to any other virus that has ever been around. The fear should lay in the fact that we have been divided as a nation. We are not allowed to think for ourselves, make our own decisions, live our lives as we want to or speak freely about this. The damage is done. The division of our nation has been accomplished. A concern we should all have right now is history repeats itself, as I have compared this virus to the Spanish flu many times, look back on facts. Spanish flu lasted 36 months, Covid Virus we are in our 24th month (beginning our 3rd year). Ten years after the

Spanish flu, our world was in a Great Depression. We, as a nation, are in one of the worse inflation rates that we have seen in decades, how can we not compare the two time frames.

I have been just as angered by going shopping as the rest of you with the empty shelves, the prices of products, stopping at the gas station to fuel up and needing to take a loan out just to afford the gas prices. We can blame the facts on people not working or supply shortages, but in fact this is also a form of control. Some people do not want to work as they are being required to participate in the mandated vaccine, the gas has not stopped flowing in our own land, but they shut down our own pipelines, so we are reliant on elsewhere. This is going to cause our world to collapse, make us reliant on a government that can't fix our world no matter what lies they tell us. We, as a nation, are doomed for another "Great Depression" at the rate things are going.

Now is the time to come together, gather resources and stand strong against the political nonsense. I don't think we are seeing the end to anything, only a lull in control.

Our monthly meeting of Freedom of Choice will be held on February 27 at 3 p.m. at Two Old Hags Pizza.

Staying Loud and Standing Proud beside you and for you,

Dawn Brosnan

By Doris Brosnan

Some of Nancy Ekstrom's entertainment includes playing various card games with friends. She seems to take in stride having long spells of "flat cards," but recently, after enduring a long, dry spell, she was delighted to play a winning hand at Bridge that contained nine of thirteen possible trump cards. Of course, her delight continued then in recalling this whenever she could corner a listener, and just when she was hearing "Yeah, yeah, yeah. You already told us," she had a lucrative round of Loo, and a couple days later, another successful round of Loo. Hanging onto this good news will probably help her get through her next long, dry spell, though it might be hard on her friends.

Reminder to pinochle players: Tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Apartments, and on Tuesdays, Bingo at 1 p.m. And don't forget exercising on Mondays at the Ione church at 11 a.m.

Sharon Harrison and Nancy Anderson have created a car-themed quilted throw that will be featured as a raffle item this spring at car shows. The winning raffle ticket for this quilt that was inspired by Betty Burns will be drawn at the Ione July 4 car show. Tickets will be sold at the car shows preceding the 4th and are now available by calling Harrison at 541-989-8496 or Anderson at 541-422-7581. Proceeds will support the local classic cars group's endeavors.

Jeanne Creswick, a "boomerang" HHS graduate of 1961, has written several articles for the Morrow County Chronicles since returning, as she is greatly interested in the history of our area and in genealogy.

This year, she is gathering information on the railroad depot that once existed in Lexington. Jeanne reports that most people with whom she has discussed it are not aware that a depot was sited in Lexington, but she is finding definite, reliable information about it. She invites everyone with knowledge and/or pictures of the Lexington depot to contact her at jeancreswick@earthlink.net.

As another "boomer-anger," I am pleased to recently be joined for walks by a classmate who is familiar with the history I missed while being gone for about thirty years. So, we have been walking Heppner's several neighborhoods, reminiscing about where friends and families lived when we were growing up, noting the many changes that have occurred since our school days. And, of interest to other walkers, in case they haven't noticed, we can walk on sidewalks from the front of the dam all the way through town to the little league baseball field.

Good news for local athletes: Both the Ione and Heppner girls' and boys' basketball teams saw action at district-level competitions last weekend, and the Mustang boys will be playing again in this week's state-level competition. The wrestling team also went to district competition and again, its small team of eight wrestlers placed fourth among 13 schools. Going to state-level competition this week will be Cade Cunningham and Conor Brosnan. Good luck all.

Jace Coe's knee was badly injured during last fall's football game with Kennedy, resulting in a need for two surgeries. At least some good news is that Jace had his second surgery on the 15th, is recovering well at home and can now look forward to successful rehabilitation.

As often happens, on the same weekend of these high school district sports competitions, the local Elks Annual featured a ladies' afternoon tea while the Elks members held a meeting, followed by an evening of socializing, fine foods, and live music. The black and red decorations were extensive, starting with a "red carpet" entry, and striking. The incident/person that brought a smile to your face can do the same for the GT readers when you share by sending your tidbit to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or calling 541-676-5382 or 541-223-1490.

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

Book donated in memory of Jepsen



Pictured (L-R): Home Health and Hospice Director, Molly Rhea, RN, Claudia Hughes and Jackie Alleman, Volunteer Coordinator. -Photo by April Sykes.

New Baby in Your Family? Engagement? Wedding?

We want to share your life events!

Stop in the Heppner Gazette office or email us with details and photos.

All birth, engagement and wedding announcements are always free!

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Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland St. Patrick's Day Celebration is back!

After a long two years, the celebration kicks off on March 11!

The Heppner Gazette-Times will publish our special St. Patrick's Day pages in the March 9th issue. Do not miss this opportunity to reach local and visiting customers.

The deadline to be included is Monday, March 7 at 5:00 pm.

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