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## Trump loves America

To the editor;  
I don't personally like former President Trump. He can be insulting and vulgar, to say the least, though he is far less so than he used to be.

But he loves America and wants to make things better for Americans. He believes in our founding principles and their role in making this a wonderful country to live in. (Odd, isn't it, how many people of color risk their lives for a chance to get into this systemically racist land.) Trump didn't speak

softly, but he sure carried a big stick. Our enemies stopped threatening us and our allies knew we would stand by them, even if they didn't like being pressured to pay more in the partnership. I felt a lot safer with him in charge than I do now.

I quote Dakota Meyer, Medal of Honor recipient, from the news last night. "When America is strong, the world hates us. When America is weak, the world suffers." I question the first part, but not the second.

Sandra Johnson,  
Heppner

## Putin will take Communist aggression worldwide

To the editor:

Jesus foretold at the end of the age "ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars...be not troubled." (Matt. 25:6) Ezekiel gives clarity to this coming world war. "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog and Tubal, and prophesy against him. And say, Thus sayeth the Lord God; Behold I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech." (Ezekiel 38, 1-3) "Scholars generally agree that 'Gog' is Russia, and that 'the land of Magog' includes China.

The descendants of Meshech and Tubal have been found together throughout Greek and Assyrian history as 'Musku, Muski, or Mushki, all relating to the Russian spelling of Moscow.' (The Trumpet.com) This Russian prince "in the latter years," (Ezekiel 38:8) is Vladimir Putin. "I will turn you back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring you forth, and all thine army." (Ezekiel 38:4) According to scripture, Putin will be turned back from Ukraine and return later with a greater army that will not relent all the way south to Israel. (Ezekiel 38:8)

In 2008, under the Biden/ Obama administration, Putin attacked Georgia and annexed Abkhazia and South Ossetia. Putin had deemed the collapse of the Soviet Empire "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the century." (Russian State of Union, April 2005) Barack Obama confided with Russian President Medvedev to tell Putin, "After my election I will have more flexibility." (March 26, 2012) What Obama meant was America would not object to Russian aggression on states of the old Soviet Empire. In 2014 Putin attacked and annexed the Crimea while Obama, the West and NATO watched. Obama would also veto the proposed Anti-Ballistic Shield defense system for NATO, leaving the remaining states of the old Soviet Empire in nuclear peril. In 2009 Obama claimed Russian concerns were "entirely unfounded." (Politifacts, Katie Sanders, March 23, 2014.) In 2014 Obama confided, "we wel-

come Russian cooperation to bring its missile defense capabilities into a broader defense of our common strategic interests." (Sanders, op.cit) The Biden administration continues to purchase Russian crude oil at 209,000 barrels a day of crude and 500,000 barrels per day of petroleum products (2021) financing the Russian economy because Biden has shut down American oil production and the Keystone Pipe Line.

On February 24, 2022, Putin invaded Ukraine in the largest conventional warfare assault in Europe since WW2. On February 27, 2022, Putin declared a nuclear "special alert" threatening the world with a nuclear holocaust. Why? Ukraine Resistance. Ukraine resisted the Bolshevik Red Army in 1917 and established the Peoples Republic of Ukraine in 1918. The Bolshevik Army attacked Ukraine in 1918 and subjugated the people into the Soviet Union in 1922. In 1928 Stalin forced Communist collective farms in Ukraine and when Ukraine resisted, Stalin starved over 4,000,000 Ukrainians to death in what is known as the Holodomor, manmade genocide. During WW2 Ukraine suffered horrendous losses from both Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Russia. Historians document ten million Ukrainians died in the Second World War, greater by millions than any nation in the world. This is why when the Biden Administration attempted to evacuate Ukrainian President Zelenskyy, he responded, "I need ammunition, not a ride."

Take note Americans. The present woke Biden, Globalist, American government will roll over in a heartbeat to Communist aggression worldwide. In stark contrast the Ukrainians will fight to the last man, last woman and in some cases the last child. May their example inspire Americans to stand and fight to the last man against woke oppression at home and tyranny abroad. God is against rulers and nations that foster tyranny and oppression, including America. Pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember George Washington's admonition to his countrymen to never give in: "For God and Country."

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

By Doris Brosnan

Inquiring minds want to know: What are the current hours of operation for the local library? Changes were made some time ago, to accommodate Annette Sherman's recovery from a surgery but keep the library open. So, for another couple of weeks, we can expect the hours to be 11 to 5 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and the usual 10 to 6 on Thursdays, when Phillip Pacheco is on duty. Annette expects the longer hours to return by the second week in March, as she continues to mend on schedule, which is good news. The library's phone number is 541-676-9964.

In a program similar to that sponsored by CAPECO on Wednesdays at the Senior Center before the pandemic, CAPECO now offers a Wednesday lunch meal at Bucknum's, as well as home-delivered meals to anyone 60 and over (or if their spouse is 60 or older). These meals are free of charge, although participants are encouraged to contribute toward the cost of the meal, as it helps to ensure sustainability of the program. The simple procedure is this: 1) To be included, get your name on the list that will be provided to Bucknum's by calling CAPECO (Central Action Program of East Central Oregon) at 541-975-3019 to speak with Sean, the program manager. 2) When/if you decide to have lunch at Bucknum's - from 11:30-ish to 12:30-ish, just show up; your name is checked; and the cook prepares a meal pre-planned to meet nutrition requirements and with your likes in mind. You may stay at Bucknum's to eat or take the meal away. Good news for the senior set who want to enjoy good food and the camaraderie of those Wednesday lunches.

Cam Sweeney could no longer ignore the distraction on Main Street that once housed Community Bank when his entrepreneurial nature took over, so he bought the building. The newly painted face of the building looks great, but Cam reports that a bit more detail will eventually be added to create even greater curb appeal. Work on the in-

side is almost complete, but a new roof still needs to be installed. Cam says that he was in need of office space for himself, which he will soon have, and he anticipates renting the four other spaces in the building to other individuals in similar circumstances. Hoping for an open-house opportunity soon - possibly during the St. Patrick's celebration - Cam expects to have everything completed at least by the end of March.

Last Saturday, Nancy Prophet celebrated a mile-stone in her life, a Big-0 birthday, hopefully just the first of many Big-0's yet to come. With about 40 friends and family at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building, Nancy celebrated turning 50. The food catered by Alvin Lui was superb, as were Nancy's famous spring rolls, the conversations were diverse and enjoyable, with only a few "old-age" comments, and Nancy proved her continued spryness as she did a quick dance twirl with Diana Ball.

The Mustang boys' basketball team will meet Knappa in competition in Pendleton tomorrow evening. Good luck, team. And congratulations to Joe Sherman and Kason Cimmiyotti, who were selected for the Mountain Conference All-Conference First Team.

In the Oregon State wrestling tournament last Saturday, Conor Brosnan, a senior at HHS, placed fourth in his 182-weight class. Ironically, his brother, Carson, also placed fourth at state, in his 160-weight class, as an HHS senior three years ago.

Good news for everyone who likes an outdoor celebration: Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland will be back beginning on March 11, joining Lexington's May Day celebration and Ione's July 4 celebration.

Great to see some positive news. Thanks go to our contributors this week. Will you take just a few minutes to jot down your positive news and send it to dbrosnan123@gmail.com? Or you can also call 541-676-5382 or 541-223-1490. Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

## Town and Country nominations open

Nominations for the annual Town and Country event opened March 1 and will remain open until April 15. Nomination forms are available at the chamber office, city hall and Murray's Drug as well as on the chamber website, heppnerchamber.com.

The Town and Country

event will be held May 19 and catered by Gateway Café. For additional information, contact the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536 or email heppnerchamber@gmail.com. More information will also be published in future issues of the Heppner Gazette-Times as it becomes available.

## Fire breaks out in empty house in Heppner



According to the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, a "suspicious fire broke out in an empty house on Gilmore Street in Heppner Tuesday morning."

## Health District receives funds for new bathtub



Pictured (L-R): Mindy Costner, Lori Jones, holding the check, and Lauren Crum. -Contributed photo.

The Pioneer Memorial Foundation donated to the Morrow County Health District \$19,000 for the purchase of a new walk-in bathtub for the Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The old one has been leaking and is a much needed and necessary "luxury" item. A staff member, upon hearing the good news, was very

excited and grateful.

The Pioneer Memorial Foundation was formed in 1981 to promote good health through outstanding local medical care and to assist those who want to enter careers in medicine through scholarships. The Foundation continues to meet these goals 39 years later.

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