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~ Letters to the Editor ~

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Why have we given up energy independence?

To the Editor;
Why on earth have we given up energy independence and exports? By buying oil from Russia, any at all, we're helping to finance this war against the Ukrainians, whom we are also supporting with our contributions of weapons, so they can defend themselves. We're effectively funding both sides of the battle.

We have good reason to not want to drive up prices, which will lead to still higher prices here in America, which is not a selfish luxury. Inflation can lead to lost jobs, impossible cost-of-living increases for others, a country recession or even depression.

If we switch to buy from Iran, we just switch to funding another terrorist organization.

But we have plenty of resources right here in America. If we used them, we could not only fully provide for our own needs, including good jobs for our

citizens, we could export some of our surplus, and Europe would not be so dependent on Russia just to keep warm, transport food, and otherwise survive.

But what about climate change, you say? Worst case scenarios give us 10-12 years. Ukrainians are just trying to make it through today and tonight. Recession/depression in our country not only causes individual pain from inability to provide for oneself and/or one's family, but also depletes our collective ability to solve environmental problems.

And besides, we can use our resources more cleanly than anyone else in the world. How does killing our own coal industry and buying from Brazil, I think it was, like Obama did a few years back, and shutting down our oil industry and buying from Russia, as we're doing now, help climate change?

Sandra Johnson
Heppner

Remembrance walk and 5k run back this year

Greetings Leprechauns. Friends Helping Friends hope you have dusted off your tennis shoes as the highly anticipated Wee Bit O' Ireland St. Patrick's Day Weekend has arrived in Heppner. After a two-year hiatus, Friends Helping Friends (FHF) is back at it, getting their event up and "running" again.

Start your day off with a wee bit o' fun, join your friends and family for a walk and 5k run. This weekend, Saturday, March 12, Friends Helping Friends will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Day Remembrance Walk and Run. Those who have not pre-registered can do so the morning of the event beginning at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Heppner United Methodist Church, by donation. The walk and run will begin simultaneously at 9:30 a.m. following a group photo, of course.

A few changes to note for this year as the state of Oregon begins to re-open following the pandemic,

FHF will not be hosting the indoor coffee hour gathering. Sorry folks, no eats and treats this year. They hope to be able to gather inside the church again next year. Bottled water will be available at the registration tent. Grab one before you go or make sure to hydrate after. FHF also has a surplus of event wristbands left over from previous years, so don't forget to grab a "vintage" wristband, the morning of, in 'Remembrance' of your loved one.

If you are unable to attend the event this weekend but would still like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Friends Helping Friends and mail in to our treasurer, c/o Kathi Dickenson PO Box 566, Heppner, OR 97836. All money that's raised here, stays here and will be used towards health care needs within the local community.

Táimid ag tnúth le tú fheiceáil go luath. ("We look forward to seeing you soon." in Irish Gaelic).

Mustangs to host 3 on 3 basketball

The Heppner Mustang Boys Basketball teams is hosting the 5th Annual St. Patrick's Day 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. This will take place Friday March 11 at the Heppner High School gymnasium. Game play starts at 5 p.m., so participants are asked to arrive early to register. Doors will open and registration begins at 4:30.

Games will start with the younger age divisions then up. The cost is \$10 per player and each team may have three or four players. Boys and girls, second grade through adults are welcome to participate.

This is a major fundraiser for the HHS boys' basketball team, and they look forward to seeing as many people there as possible.

Praying for Ukraine

To the editor:
A prayer for Ukraine and all citizens of the world suffering under Communist, Islamic and Woke oppression and tyranny: Our Heavenly Father, as Americans, especially Christians, we acknowledge as the prophet Daniel, we have not "obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws." (Daniel 9:10) "Oh Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee." (Daniel 10:8) Father we ask forgiveness because our actions as a nation have brought confusion upon our people and distrust of America to the watching world.

Since WW2 we have sent our armed forces around the world to Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, yet there has been no blessing, no victory and no liberty because we have failed in our charge to honor and obey you. Now we must watch in horror as the innocent citizens of Ukraine; men, women and children, endure indescribable suffering. Father we are 'one nation, under God' yet we have dishonored the Biblical covenants of our Fathers. We seek forgiveness for our compromise and worship of multiple false Gods in America. Because of our confusion and Biblical compromise as a nation we are left to helplessly

watch a sovereign nation be relentlessly attacked and their cities destroyed by a ruthless, merciless, malignant Communist dictator.

Father, as a Christian nation, we turn to you as David (Zelenskyy) did against Goliath (Putin). "Thou cometh to me with a sword, and a spear and a shield, but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, who thou has defied." (1 Samuel 17:45). Father we pray you would turn back the armies of Putin. We pray you would confuse and turn the armies of Putin against themselves as you did to the enemies of Israel and America under George Washington. Father we ask you to protect, shield and guide the heroic peoples of Ukraine against this satanic attack that offends you and all that stand for liberty, freedom and justice. Father we stand united with you in intercessory prayer against any and every nation that attempts to defy your sovereign will for your creation. Father we thank you and praise you that all power, authority, strength, and the armies of heaven belong to you. Father may this tragedy in Ukraine cause America and the world, those that believe in Jesus Christ, to rise up in prayer and commitment to the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

Craft Bazaar this weekend

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts group will be holding their annual St. Paddy's Bazaar at the Heppner City Hall this weekend, March 11 and 12. Hours on March 11 will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 12.

Local vendors JoAnn and Don Shannon, Kirsten

Espinola (Wright Design), Kayelee Jean Davis-Espinola, Dave and Carmen Williams, Pam Norton, Charlotte Wiser and Martha Mutt will be selling their wares. Some of the items available for sale include stuffed animals, hand bags, Easter items, jewelry, leather work, wood work, cookies, etc.

Support local FBLA

Support the local FBLA this Saturday March 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The FBLA members will be selling homemade pies, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, hot cider and bottled water.

Come out and have a great evening while listening to old time fiddle music and supporting the local FBLA chapter. All proceeds benefit Heppner FBLA.

Water district meeting scheduled

The Heppner Water Control District will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, March 15 beginning at 6:15 p.m. at 430 W Linden Way. Agenda items include minutes of the previous meet-

ing, election of officers, appointing the 2022/2023 budget officer, Russian olive removal and creek cleaning. The meeting is open to the public.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Here comes spring and with it a greener view of the world from the windows of Willow Creek Terrace. Anyone interested in information about the available apartments at the Terrace should call 541-676-0004.

Inside, too, brighter colors have celebrated Mardi Gras, and now St. Pat's decorations continue to brighten spirits of anyone who has been waiting for winter to step aside. (Mardi Gras trivia on the 2nd was a fun way to acknowledge the day, and the colorful beads that could be won were fun to wear.)

Those spring colors were cheerful accents to the birthday celebrations last weekend: Carolyn Hall turned 84 on Saturday, and Ray Harper was 91 on Sunday. Both celebrants were honored to select the menus for their birthday lunches shared with families.

Knowing about those causes to celebrate was a nice glimpse of ordinary life at the Terrace for Cal and Bev Sherman. They moved into an apartment on February 28 and are now settling into their new digs and adjusting to the ins and outs of life on the Hill, which is also true for Richard Turrell, who moved into a Terrace apartment on Monday.

The next birthday will be Faye Wilson's, who will celebrate her 85th birthday on the 11th, possibly going out for lunch with family. Before then, however, Barbie Doll will have been discussed at morning conversation on her 63rd birthday on the 9th.

While the Terrace staff continues working to keep

residents safe, they are allowing visitations during the St. Patrick's festivities this weekend. "Masking requirements will not go away for assisted-living facilities in the state; even if the state lifts the indoor requirement," according to Administrator Van Doorn, "so we will still be screening and requiring masking for visits."

Some specially-recognized food days this month promise tasty additions to the menus: meatballs on the 9th, chips and dips on the 23rd, chocolate caramels on the 19th and lemon chiffon cake on the 29th. But equally stimulating will be discussions about Daylight Savings Time on the 13th (when all batteries at the Terrace be replaced), on Napping Day (for those morning conversationalists who can stay awake) on the 14th, Poetry and Memory both on the 21st, You're-as-Young-as-You-Feel (hopefully an upbeat conversation.) on the 22nd, doctors on Doctors' Day on the 30th. Of course, everyone on the Hill will be at least part Irish on the 17th, so eyes will be watching for anyone not wearing 'the green.

On the 18th, interested residents will be working on a craft to welcome in spring, which will come in like a lamb or a lion on the 20th. Whichever way it enters, the Terrace community will view it as a welcome, encouraging sight to behold. They will regret, however, that Myrtle McMillan and Donna Bergstrom will not be with them to see the season change. They miss these two neighbors who passed away on February 14 and February 17.

NC plans bag sale Saturday

The Neighborhood Center is having a bag sale on Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 441 N Main Street, Heppner. First bag purchased is \$15 and the second bag will be at the discounted price of \$5. Shop for the entire

family and fill up a bag with clothing, shoes, books, games, music and movies. All other household merchandise is 50 percent off. Proceeds from the sale help fund the food pantry and other emergency assistance programs.

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