

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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Amazon donation should have gone to affected districts

To the editor:
With election of two Morrow County Commissioners coming up I recommend everyone watch the forums done by the Boardman Chamber of Commerce and the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Part of the discussion in Heppner's forum dealt with the Amazon donation to correct a mistake made in an evaluation of property value. It became clear to me that the mistake affected specific taxing districts in Morrow County.

When Amazon graciously donated funds to correct this mistake, the monies clearly should have gone to the affected districts. Commissioner Russell's proposal to distribute the money to those affected taxing districts was correct on this issue. Instead, the Board of Commissioners, in essence, redistributed some of that money to other tax districts. The Board of Commissioners didn't have to do the right thing, but they should have. Amazon did.

Joel Peterson, Ione

Changes are happening

To the editor:
Monumental changes are happening that will change the world, and not for good, yet precious little is spoken or recorded in the news or church. That is what sets the Bible apart from all literature, news or forecasts. The Bible tells the world what is about to happen for those with ears to hear. Nearly a third of the Bible is prophetic. "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." (Rev. 19:10). Most of the prophecies of the Bible are focused on the condition of the world when Jesus Christ returns.

The world will be lawless, ruthless, Godless, faithless and morally perverse as it was in the days of Noah. There will be a worldwide cashless monetary system controlled by a mark on the body. Jesus taught his disciples, "nation shall rise against nation ... and there shall be famines, and pestilence, and earthquakes in diverse places." (Matt: 24: 7).

President Biden has already proclaimed the coming digital cashless system for the New World Order (executive order March 9, 2022). Cash, in hand or in the bank, buys freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. When the government controls your money, they control you.

In America today we are living on fiat money. Fiat money is money printed out of thin air. The only reason American politicians can order the Fed. to print more fiat money (they call it stimulus) is because the U.S. dollar is the world currency reserve. In 1972 President Richard Nixon made a deal with Saudi Arabia and the moderate OPEC nations to protect them and in return all petroleum sales to every nation had to be in U.S. dollars, hence the Petrodollar. The Petrodollar is about to end as nation after nation are dumping the U.S. dollar as the world reserve. Why? President Biden has double crossed Saudi Arabia to work a nuclear deal with their (and our) mortal enemy Iran, the King of the South (Daniel 11). The Communist world, the Islamic world, the Euro world are all in the process of competing for the next world reserve currency. When George W. Bush took office in 2001 the national debt for America was 5.6 trillion.

American presidents created fiat (stimulus) money like there would be no end of the petrodollar and went on a spending frenzy.

President Bush added 5.85 trillion, President Obama 8.6, President Trump 6.7, and already President Biden has added 3.34 and counting to a national debt of over 30 trillion. What will happen when the rest of the world will not buy American fiat dollars? Under Biden America now imports 72 percent of crude oil. Fifteen percent of products in America are imported. It does not take an Einstein to figure out this will not end well for all who have no ears to hear and those who do not prepare to endure this time of tribulation.

Nothing happens by chance in this world. "Food shortages have been exacerbated by a string of fires, plane crashes and explosions at nearly two dozen food processing facilities across Canada and the US." (Western Standard, April 23, 22). The Hermiston Shearer's Food plant fire in Hermiston put over 400 employees out of work. "Anything that affects product availability will put upward pressure on food inflation. That is why Canada, and the US, are seeing skyrocketing prices." (op. cit. Western Standard) God does not cause famines or wars; however, his word warns us when they are coming and how to prepare.

The reason the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy is because God truly loves his creation. Prophecy is the fourth telling and foretelling of truth. God is warning his creation of conditions upon planet earth before Jesus returns to restore order, justice and peace as He promised. At that time there "shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world." Matt. 24:21). God's word is exhorting His people to prepare to endure the hour of great tribulation. It is God's will that there will be faith on the earth when He returns, however "faith without works is dead." (James 2:26) We must prepare as God's Spirit leads us.

Trust Jesus. Commit your life to Him, confess your sins and He will forgive you. He is an awesome heavenly Father, and He will see you and your family through this time of trouble and show you and your loved ones how to prepare to endure to the end.

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

Fortunate to have Wenholz as a candidate

To the editor;

Morrow County residents should feel fortunate to have such a qualified county commissioner candidate in Jeff Wenholz. He has lived in Morrow County for nearly 50 years. He attended schools in Irrigon and Boardman and essentially lived only outside of the county during his time at Portland State University where he majored in accounting. Since returning he has served on a number of important committees to further his understanding of the needs and concerns of Morrow County cities and citizens.

For the past 20 years he has served on the Morrow County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Morrow County's Planning Commission. Additionally, he served on Morrow County's Umatilla Chemical Depot Citizens Advisory Commission for 11 years. He has also served for the past five years on the Morrow County Budget Committee, and since 2019, on the Good Shepherd Hospital Board of Trustees.

Jeff also currently serves on Umatilla Electric

Cooperative (UEC) Board of Directors and has since 2004. I met Jeff four years ago when I was elected to UEC's board. During these years I have come to appreciate his careful attention to details, his far better than average understanding of budget sheets and his innovative and thoughtful decision-making process.

Because of his experiences within the county, he understands the importance of agriculture, manufacturing, processing, etc. to the region. He also knows and understands how to help and encourage planned growth throughout the county.

Jeff is a local business man, probably knows and understands the needs and concerns within all of Morrow County better than anyone. I believe Jeff will bring to Morrow County thoughtful and innovative leadership to help navigate Morrow County through current and future issues and for that reason I fully support his election to Morrow County's Commissioner Position #2.

Philip Hamm
Hermiston

Lindsay devoted to serving all

To the editor

Our current Morrow County Commissioner, Melissa Lindsay is devoted to serving all residents. This job is not part time as Melissa attends meetings during the week both day and night, and events on the weekends to take care of county business.

One of her biggest assets is the ability to listen and she is committed to capturing the pulse of each community. No matter what time of day it is, she always takes phone calls, emails, texts from citizens. She is dedicated to getting answers and finding solutions for solving problems. Melissa has built relationships and trust

with local residents, as well as local governments, state and federal agencies. She has been instrumental working with businesses to development partnerships to benefit all of Morrow County.

Her background in business, leadership skills along with her grit and fortitude, has been a winning combination for Morrow County residents. There is no one better to represent us than Commissioner Lindsay. We can afford her lose her experience, determination to get the job done. Please join me in re-electing Melissa Lindsay.

Marcia Kemp
Lexington

Supporting David Sykes for Morrow County Commissioner

We believe that David Sykes is a candidate who will be an asset to all citizens of Morrow County. David successfully operates a newspaper business (Heppner Gazette Times), a printing business (Sykes Publishing) and a real estate business (Sykes Real Estate) along with his family.

We believe David's wide range of business experience and knowledge of our communities will make him a great choice for county commissioner.

During his career with the newspaper, David has attended and reported on an untold number of county meetings where he has garnered a deep understanding of how the county works and its needs. If you are looking for a candidate that is informed, experienced and independent, we urge you to join us in voting for

David Sykes for Morrow County Commissioner.

Respectfully,
Brian and Susie
Thompson

Retain Lindsay for commissioner

To the editor;

I'm writing to request the voters of Morrow County retain Melissa Lindsay as a Morrow County Commissioner. When elected six years ago, she jumped into her role and hasn't looked back. Melissa has represented and served us through an unprecedented time, working diligently to keep businesses open

and people safe during the pandemic, and has devoted much time and energy on all of the county's issues, old and new.

She's forward thinking and a problem solver - two important qualities that good leaders share. She advocates for the right thing and isn't afraid to say what needs to be said. Serving the public is never an easy job,

MCSD bond measure to improve safety

To the editor;

I am writing this letter in the perspective of a MCSD Alumni, and a mother of a child who currently attends school in MCSD. I attended A.C. Houghton, Irrigon Jr. High School, then ultimately graduated from Riverside High School in 2003. My son currently attends Sam Boardman Elementary.

The proposed bond measure's goal in every school is on the basis of improving safety to protect students and staff during and after school hours. This includes new secure entries and offices to improve lines of site in Boardman, Irrigon and Heppner schools. This will allow for proper visitor check in for added security.

In both Boardman and Irrigon there will also be a reconfigured traffic and parking. This will help with the flow of traffic and ultimately safety. With having combined Jr/Sr High Schools since I have been in school, there hasn't

been a modernization of classrooms to accommodate the different schools in the same building. This is important for providing a more comfortable and safer environment for all. The bond will also cover needed upgrades to plumbing, electrical and HVAC that is needed to maintain adequate functionality of the schools.

It has been nearly 20 years since I attended school in MCSD, it has been 20 years since the district has had a request to support important improvements to the buildings, security systems, locker rooms and classrooms. It is our responsibility as parents and as community members to ensure that the children are attending school in the highest level of safety and education. On Election Day May 17, 2022, I'm voting "yes" for Morrow County Schools.

Sonja Neal
Boardman

Melissa Lindsay for Morrow County Commissioner

To the editor;

We enthusiastically write this letter in support of Melissa Lindsay for Morrow County Commissioner. During the last six years as commissioner, we have had the pleasure of witnessing Melissa be a leader who is dedicated to all citizens of the county.

Melissa's roots run deep in public service. Her grandfather was a founding member of the Port of Morrow, and her father was a dedicated volunteer and advocate for our community. Her leadership was never more apparent than it was during the Covid pandemic. Melissa's efforts were instrumental in obtaining vaccines, setting up drive through vaccination clinics, obtaining small business funding and working tirelessly to keep our county "open for business." Her ability to work with agencies such as FEMA, OHA and the governor during this crisis are testament to talent as a leader. Melissa is dedicated and informed, it is nearly impossible to attend a meeting in the county where she is not ei-

ther attending in person or participating via Zoom. If you have a question about county business, she is guaranteed to have the answer.

Commissioner Lindsay has the respect of her peers. Melissa's was recently appointed to the LOAC Board that advises the state LCDC in regard to land conservation and development. With this appointment, she will have the unique opportunity of helping guide the state in regard to Morrow County's housing issues. She believes, as do we, that our county cannot grow without quality housing opportunities in all of our communities.

We believe the voters of Morrow County have a unique opportunity to reelect an independent proven leader who will undoubtedly continue to put the needs of the county and its citizens first.

Please join us in voting for Melissa Lindsay for Morrow County Commissioner.

Respectfully,
Brian and Susie
Thompson

and yet Melissa has signed on for more. She serves on more councils, committees and boards than I can list, and is always looking out for what is best for all of us in Morrow County. She is a leader we need to keep. Please vote to retain Morrow County Commissioner Melissa Lindsay.

Patti Allstott

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