

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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Toe safety
To the editor:

It appears there is a new health risk on the horizon and our Federal Government is promptly taking control of the situation by initiating a new health emergency. With the recommendation of the CDC and many top scientists, a steel-toed boot mandate will be in place very soon. This is due to the latest increase in "toe trauma". The incidence of stubbed toes has increased dramatically over the past several months, leading to a dangerously high and deadly risk of ingrown toenails. The White House has denied any link between the new toe risk and the "Chinese Phalange Jam Lab" and has dismissed the rumor as a Right-Wing conspiracy theory.

During a recent press conference concerning the new mandate, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre stated that the Biden administration is working tirelessly on an anti-toe stubbing vaccine, and she is confident the vaccine would be safe and effective, not only as a preventative measure, saving many toes from likely amputation, it would also re-grow toes that have previously suffered amputation. The Secretary added "President Biden will, of course, be receiving the vaccine, especially after the toe vs. stairs incident. As I have stated multiple times, this unfortunate incident has absolutely nothing to do with his age, especially since our President is barely 40 under the new Age Re-assignment Act".

When asked about those who can't afford the required boots, she responded by saying the Biden Administration Anti-Inflation Act would provide more than enough funds to supplement those who cannot afford them, with special consideration for People of Color, and immigrants,

Outdoor worship
planned at Hopeful
Saints

Everyone is invited to join Hopeful Saints Ministry, 460 Gale St. in Heppner, at 10 a.m. Sunday, September 24, for their annual outdoor worship." Immediately following worship, we will have a barbecue potluck and some fun family yard games," said a spokesperson.

"Please bring

WCCC Sunday
Men's Play

Eighteen men participated in the annual cross-country tournament at Willow Creek Country Club on Sunday, September 17. This final event of the year for the men's club was played on a par 69 special course setup. The results are as follows:

Net: 1st Gary Watkins, 69;

adding that Vice President Harris will soon be taking a trip to our southern border for mass boot distribution.

The Speaker put to rest any fear of boot shortages by assuring that President Biden has been speaking with President Xi Jinping and has agreed to purchase several billion boots from the Chinese boot factory "Boots Are Us". It was also pointed out that the rumors of Hunter Biden, Bill Gates, and Dr. Toni Fauci heavily investing in the Chinese boot company are totally unfounded.

"We have been hammering out the details of this new safety measure, which, of course, will include quarantine for those refusing to wear the mandated boots. This quarantine would be for their own protection, and for the protection of all law-abiding citizens. Those caught wearing sandals outdoors would, of course, face jail time. She then ended the conference with the familiar White House elevator music and the comforting advice "Let's all keep Grandma safe".

In other news, California Governor Gavin Newsom has reportedly gone a step further in the area of public safety by requiring the wearing of special helmets by all Californians. These mandated helmets are the result of an important scientific breakthrough using the latest "anti-truth" technology. These truth-resistant helmets would be required to be worn while attending church services, Trump rallies, or watching Conservative Talk shows. While the exception of watching Fox News without a helmet is still unclear, anything with Tucker Carlson carries a definite double helmet requirement.

"When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan." Proverbs 29:2

Susie Crosby
Prineville, OR

something to barbecue and a side dish or dessert to share. Cold drinks and all utensils will be provided. Chairs will also be provided but you may bring your own lawn chair if you prefer. Bring the whole family or a friend. All are welcome," said a spokesperson.

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

William and Neva Mahon recently returned from what was supposed to be a dream vacation - traveling through the Canadian Rockies on a luxury train with gourmet meals en route. The trip had been booked in January, but by the date of their departure, Canada was ablaze with forest fires. They did get to enjoy a day in Vancouver before embarking on the train. They enjoyed only a half-day train ride before the train came to a stop in the middle of nowhere. The fire had jumped the tracks ahead. It took a while for buses to arrive to evacuate passengers, who were kept content with an early-day happy hour. Each passenger was issued a mask before exiting the train. Ash was floating through the air as the transition was made from train cars to buses. The major highway was also closed, which meant buses had to take back roads to get to safety. The entire trip continued by bus, taking them to scheduled stops at Banff and Calgary, which were both out of the fire zone. They did get to have lunch at the fabulous hotel at Lake Louise, which was followed by a bus ride further up the mountain to a place the bus driver said we could hike the short trail to the top of the mountain for a spectacular view. Was he kidding? This was a bus of senior citizens, most of whom (including William and Neva) decided to take his word for it and explore the gift shop instead. So, the trip was not at all as planned, but they had nice traveling companions and new friendships were made.

Diana Ball returned last Friday from a week's trip to the Oregon Coast with the Montana Moyers - HHS graduates Bruce and Diane, daughter Randi, and friend Chip Magnuson. "The weather was perfect!" The travelers all agreed. And travel they did, staying in Lincoln City but visiting many sights along Highway 101. They were happy to spot some whales, "one up close," and satisfied their cravings for fresh seafood. Another great trip with friends!

Recently, four Keithley siblings had another opportunity to gather for walks down memory lane and catch-ups on one another's current activities. Lavern Keithley recently traded life in Heppner for stays in Arizona, Long View, WA, and Milton-Freewater. Janet Keithley Kloopel has lived in Vernal, AZ, for several years but makes a point of visiting our area every summer. Sharon Keithley Harrison and Trish Keithley Sweeney live in Lexington and Heppner, respectively. These children of Everett and Helen Keithley, born in Heppner, now in their 70's and 80's, appreciate these important yearly times together.

Last weekend, the Heppner Elks Lodge hosted the Oregon State President of the organization and many dignitaries from the East District and from Idaho for an "official visitation." Part of the weekend's agenda was a performance in the cemetery of an excerpt from the "Days of Sorrow" drama that was first staged in 2003 to commemorate the 1903 Flood. The decision to present this play was based on the wealth of information it offers, through the characters, of Heppner's amazing tragedy and rebuilding, part of our history unknown to many visitors.

"How Bad Is Inflation?" was the topic from Dennis O'Donnell (HHS, now Madras) this week, and here are a few examples: "A picture is now only worth 200 words. Called to get Blue Book Value on my car. They asked if gas tank was full or empty. McDonald's is selling the 1/4 ounce."

Reading about what has brought smiles to others' faces must surely bring a smile to the reader, so please think about spreading your smile by sending your item to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490. That is all it takes to add your good news!

Hope good news comes to everyone reading this column.

WCCC Ladies Play Day

Virginia Grant took low gross of the field at the September 19 Willow Creek Country Club Ladies Play Day with three players participating.

Pat Dougherty was low net of the field and Jackie Allstott had least puts of the field. Allstott also took the

long drive.

The fall meeting and play day will be held on September 26 with a 9 a.m. meeting and play to follow. Lunch will be served and awards presented afterward.

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Commission prohibits
coyote killing contests

The Fish and Wildlife Commission voted five in agreement to one abstention to prohibit contests for the taking of coyotes and other unprotected mammals today after hearing testimony from more than 40 people at their meeting in Bend.

The rules adopted today are in line with the commission's regulatory authority. They establish a definition for contests and make it unlawful to organize, sponsor, conduct, or participate in a contest that has the objective of killing unprotected mammals native to Oregon.

The Commission has the authority to regulate the take of unprotected mammals. But state statutes adopted by the Oregon State Legislature classify coyotes and some other unprotected mammals as predatory animals when they are causing agricultural damage on private land. (Predatory animals are defined in statute and do not include carnivores like bears, cougars and wolves which are classified as game mammals.)

Under state statute,

the Fish and Wildlife Commission does not have the authority to regulate the take of predatory animals. Statutes state "the Commission shall not prescribe limitations on the times, places or amounts for the taking of predatory animal" (ORS 496.162) and "nothing in the wildlife laws is intended to deny the right of any person to control predatory animals" (ORS 610.060). Another statute, ORS 610.105, also recognizes that landowners or their agents can control predatory animals on their property.

While acknowledging that the commission does not have the regulatory authority to prohibit contests in all situations, Chair Wahl described the new rules as "a step we can take that is within our authority."

The commission first considered prohibiting these contests back in December 2022, when [they denied a petition while directing ODFW staff to develop rules to stop coyote killing contests in a way that is consistent with their regulatory authority.](#)

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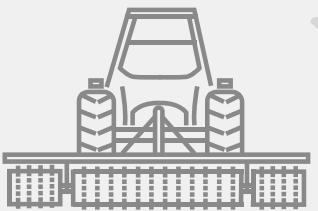


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