

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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**Stating the Obvious**

Sitting here in the warmth of my home, lights are on, there's food in the fridge, hay in the barn, and fuel in the truck. What could possibly go wrong? I wonder how many Israelis were feeling that way a few days ago. In a few moments, their lives have been changed forever, if they managed to live through their worst nightmare. My heart is breaking for these people. And my mind is trying to fathom how this was even possible. The normally effective Iron Dome was breached, and they had no warning that 1,000 terrorists and thousands of rockets were about to befall them. How could this happen without the benefit of any intelligence? The IDF is not inept. They are a very capable fighting force. I don't believe this was without the help of a very large and powerful country or the "help" of 6 billion dollars given to Iran by our own president, Traitor Joe. He has since said he supports Israel. I hope so, but his credibility is questionable.

Here are a few big DUH questions. Do we really think this could not happen here? That the millions of illegals that have crossed our border in the last year might not contain more than a few terrorists? I've felt for a long time that we're in for a huge surprise....one that will make 911 look like a walk in the park. I hope and pray that I'm wrong. I have to wonder....is this what it will take to make the Left finally open their eyes? And how astute do you have to be to recognize the obvious....aka....open

borders are not safe, the 2nd amendment is necessary, the womb shouldn't make babies fair game, there are only two sexes, children should not be mutilated, the climate has been changing forever, evil exists, and there is a God and we aren't Him. The Woke needs to wake up. I wonder.... when it's their loved ones being dragged through the streets by terrorists if they wouldn't mind having the Orange Man back.

We need to get our house in order. There are those who hate us, and they have been given free admission into our country. Our enemies know that we're weak, and our leader is demented. They know who his buddies are. They aren't going to wait for Trump to get back in the White House before they act. They know time is of the essence and that we're more vulnerable now than we've ever been.

If you've read the Bible, you know what's coming for the enemies of Israel. Ezekiel 38 says it well. But where is our country in these last days? If we continue to shove God away and wink at evil, then I fear for our future. Maybe our fate resides in our repentance. Maybe it's not too late. Pray for America. Pray for unbelievers. Pray for Israel. And make sure you are right with God through Jesus. He is our only Hope.

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." Acts 3:19

Susie Crosby  
Prineville, OR

**CBEC Announces Annual Meeting Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. is planned as a luncheon for Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Isobel Edwards Hall in Fossil. Registration starts at 11:15 a.m. with lunch

served at 12:00 p.m. The annual meeting and election of Directors will follow the lunch. Multiple door prizes will be awarded. All members are welcome to come and learn about their Electric Co-Op.

**LDS Church's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**

The LDS church is having their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Red Barn Fun Run on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at the LDS church on the corner of Highway 74 and Tom Street in Lexington at 7:45am. \$10 to run/walk 5k, 1 mile, or 2 miles on a paved course and \$10

tee shirts. The race starts at 8:30am with finishers awarded medals and other fun prizes. Proceeds for the run go to Heppner High Cross Country Team.

**Historical Society releases 2023 Morrow County Chronicles**



(L-R) Amelia, Lea, Nicole, and Jennifer of Heppner's Bank of Eastern Oregon. - Contributed Photo

Morrow County Historical Society recently released the 2023 Morrow County Chronicles.

Bill Monagle, Editor, dedicated this year's edition to Butch Laughlin and Archie Ball. Jeanne Collins authored why these two dedicated volunteers were called "The GO Boys" for their behind-the-scenes work on many community projects. Other articles are about Gordon Meyers, Wayne Hams, Ed Glenn, Bev and Cal Sherman, Dorothy Krebs, Billy Gentry,

Key Organizers of Heppner's St Patrick's Celebration, Peterson's Jewelry, Amanuel and Katie Petteys, and more. Chronicles may be purchased at Murray Drugstore, the Heritage Museum, and all Morrow County branches of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Monagle has also worked with Tom Glass to have all past issues of the Chronicles digitalized and put on flash drives with the new edition and will be announcing more about this soon.

**Blue Mountain FFA District Leadership Camp held**



(L-R) Brooklyn Hendricks, top beginning VP, and Avree Lathrop, top beginning treasurer, shake hands in acknowledgment of their accomplishments. - Photo by Beth Dickenson



Beth Dickenson and the FFA group strike a goofy pose. - Photo by Beth Dickenson

Beth Dickenson said the Heppner FFA represented our community and competed in three ritual contests, a knowledge contest, and participated in several workshops. We got to know the district & state officers who helped to put it on, and we had fun—even those of us who learned the truth behind the warmth factor of a blue corduroy jacket.

Congratulations to Brooklyn Hendricks who was named the top beginning VP & Avree Lathrop who was the top beginning treasurer! The alternate team won 2nd place and these smart cookies won 2nd in the General Knowledge test too! Dickenson said she was so proud of the growing, learning, and leadership that happened this weekend.

**Good News Only** by Doris Brosnan

On October 3, Cindi and Mike Doherty took her parents from Hermiston, Jerry, who is 91 years old, and Lone Martin, to Lincoln City for a three-day stay. Jerry's sister Mary Kay and her husband, Rocky Peterson, joined them, as did Jerry's brother Larry and his wife, Linda, all of whom came from Waterloo, Iowa. Larry's son Sam also came down from Seattle. Cindi reports that the weather was great, the food was good, and everyone had a great time. Their trip included a visit to the Tillamook Creamery, and the Iowans said that they have Tillamook cheese in Iowa but not the Tillamook ice cream.

Recently, Allen and Nancy Anderson returned to Ione from Detroit, Michigan, where Allen was one of the thirty-five veterans who attended the annual reunion of the Army's A Troop 4-12 Cavalry Unit. The unit was in Vietnam, stationed near the DMZ at Quang Tri, for three years, 1968-1971, during which time 1200 troops were processed through the unit. A Troop has now disbanded, but in 2000, its veterans began yearly reunions, with a different platoon choosing the location and making arrangements each year, a time for celebrating coming home and remembering those who did not come home. A highlight for Allen on the trip was the scheduled tour of the Ford Motor Company factory. And the dinner cruise on the Detroit River was especially relaxing.

New neighbors, new adventure: JoAnne Burleson moved into the Willow Creek Terrace last Saturday. JoAnne is a long-time resident of Heppner, and she was one of the original board members when the Terrace became a reality, rather than just a dream. Her son, Warren, grandson, Jimmy, Shirley George, Sheryll Bates, and three young, helpful volunteer missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints made JoAnne's transition a smooth operation.

Last Thursday, Diana Ball welcomed former classmate Ginny Moore Parrish for a three-day visit. Ginny and her husband live in Colfax, WA, and his hunting trip to this area presented her with the opportunity to spend some time with Diana in her hometown, where she lived with parents Tim and Laura Moore.

Betty Gray had a wonderfully restful weekend of visiting with her daughter, DeLoy Marcyes, who was down for the weekend from Renton, WA. DeLoy's friend Brenda Colton, from Buckley, joined her for the visit, which included Saturday lunch at Bucknum's and a brief walkabout. Betty reports that the two days were totally enjoyable and truly restful, partly because the three dogs that accompanied DeLoy and Brenda were so polite.

HHS Mustangs' homecoming football game last Friday was a win over the Riverside team. Halftime featured introductions of the homecoming court members, and a dance topped off the evening's events. Congratulations, All!

The Black Mountain Water District Improvement Company celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the annual meeting on October 7 at Blake Ranch. Several families were honored as they continued the legacy of landowners in the rural community. Gary Anderson was honored for 17 years of service as General Manager, 2006-2023. Gary was unable to attend but his wife, Yvonne, was present to accept his recognition. Thirty-five people attended the meeting held in Harvey and Pat Simmons's large shop and everyone received a door prize and enjoyed delicious food.



The above photo taken at a recent HHS volleyball game speaks volumes about the respect these young ladies have learned. They were absorbed in their computer games when the Star Spangled Banner started. They instantly stopped, placed their hands over their hearts, with their eyes on the American flag, and stood at attention until the anthem ended: Olivia Robinson, Haidyn Seitz, Emery High, Reiley High, Morgan McCabe.

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**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

**JOIN US OCTOBER 21ST, 2023 and get rid of the HAZARDOUS WASTE lurking in or around your home!**

**EVENT: 10/21/2023 BETWEEN 9AM-12PM at the North-End Transfer Station**

**North-End Station**  
 69900 Frontage Lane  
 Boardman, OR 97818

We appreciate your continued efforts in helping to keep our county clean!

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