

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$15. Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

**Who do you trust?**

Who do you trust? I'm not thinking of political leaders. I'm referring to people. Whether they go to church is as irrelevant as their political party. What matters is whether they put their beliefs above evidence. Do they put Tribe above Truth? If they are unwilling to look at evidence, then the answer is beware. We all choose what we believe. But if we're unwilling to put evidence above ourselves, we can't even trust ourselves. We're all tempted to do it. You know who I am talking about because we are related to them. They are our friends and neighbors. They are nice people.

Need examples? Think of someone you know who will believe allegations from their favorite "fact" source. But not watch testimony sworn under oath if they think it threatens their belief. Telling lies is not against the law. False testimony under oath is. That's why some people do everything they can to avoid it. Cross-examination makes the veracity even stronger. If it's the truth you fear, don't watch.

Do you know anyone who refused to watch the January 6th hearings, even if they had the opportunity? I know lots of them. Some even send me uncorroborated stories they find on the internet. If it conforms to what they want to believe, they swallow it like the gospel truth.

All propagandists know if you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it. Today we witness the ease of spreading lies. Millions believe the last presidential election was stolen based on allegations without evidence. Joseph Goebbels once said: "The more absurd the lie, the more people will believe it." Q-Anon conspiracy anyone? Voltaire wrote during the reign of terror following the French Revolution over 200 years ago: "If you can get people to believe absurdities, you can get them to commit atrocities." Remember January 6th. Times may have changed. But people haven't.

If you have been following the evidence, you know the former president knew he lost the 2020 election while he was (and still is) telling people he didn't. He knows his audience. He actually has two: Those who believe what he says because they need to be lied to; and those who don't care if it's true because they want power.

James Tweed  
Ocean City, NJ

**QUESTIONS**

I had a mom who didn't like questions... especially from a little girl whose favorite phrase was "How come?". "Because I said so now go clean your room" was the typical answer. One would think that maybe I would have learned through several room cleanings that my bouts of curiosity didn't always end well. Maybe I should have taken a hint from a cat or two.

My dad, on the other hand, was a lover of inquisitiveness. My questions were usually followed by long and detailed explanations, some of which exceeded my attention span and my ability to sit still. Daddy was also a

**Mustang Seniors pose with their families for Senior Night**



(L-R)Seniors, Caden George, Camryn Proudfoot, Landon Mitchell, and Adriana Worden posing with their families for senior night - Picture by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

**Junior Cheer Camp girls Show off their Skills**



Junior Cheer camp girls showcase all they've learned led by Cheer Coach Caroline Robinson at Heppner's Senior night - Picture by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

**Good News Only** by Doris Brosnan



Last weekend I finally had a chance to share time with all four grandchildren, the first opportunity in seven months! Carson, Conor (getting ready to put his hand over my eyes), Katie, and Amy. A great time in Corvallis.

Two expected tidbits offered for the column this week, and they didn't reach us, so lots of newspaper space available for the Sheriff's Report this week. Good News does surround us, however: much needed rain, continued sunshine and warm days periodically, visitors to our downtown as they come for hunting, OHVing, and family visits, beautiful Fall colors.

Please, share your moments that brought a smile to your face, send your tidbit to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call it to 541-223-1490.

Hope good news comes to everyone reading this column!

**Holly Rebekah Lodge accepting applications for their Christmas Bazaar**

The Rebeka's are accepting applications for their Christmas Bazaar, happening on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am-3pm For the

application go to Holly Rebekah Facebook page or contact Kristen Espinosa at 541-377-0002

**MC Rural Fire Disaster Preparedness**

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First Student Bus Company Bert's Auto Salvage & Towing

"This is about taking care of our community," stated GSHCS President & CEO Art Mathisen. "We want to give our team the experience needed to be as prepared as possible for real-world occurrences."

Access to medical care will not be affected by the drill. "Good Shepherd will remain fully operational while the drill is underway. Patients may hear and see our emergency response system and local agency officials on our campus during that timeframe, but rest assured it is only a scheduled drill," stated Mathisen.

**Santa Claus is going to the Holly Rebekah Lodge Dec 9<sup>th</sup>.**

The Holly Rebekah Lodge will be having pictures and breakfast with Santa Claus on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

are welcome from 8am to 10am. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage links for \$5.

Children and Adults



**BUCKNUM'S TAVERN**  
146 N Main Street Heppner  
541-676-5274

**Lunch & Dinner Menu**  
Specials 10/19 - 10/25

**Thursday** - Grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, and a roll \$9  
**Friday** - Full order of biscuits and sausage gravy, 2 breakfast bars, and 2 eggs \$9  
**Saturday** soup is clam chowder  
**Monday** - Pulled Pork Nachos \$9  
**Tuesday** - Chicken plus(deep fried chicken patty, Swiss, ham & mayo) with curly fries \$9  
**Tuesday night** - 6-9 pm \$2 hard shell tacos  
**Wednesday** - Italian Wedding Soup, small turkey & cucumber dinner salad, and garlic breadstick \$9 or \$7 for seniors

Morrow County is holding a **FREE** Hazardous Waste event so you may take some of these items: Used oil, Oil filters, Spent Antifreeze, Automotive Batteries, Alkaline & rechargeable batteries, Propane tanks (smaller than 25 gal), Roof and Asphalt patch, Adhesives, Glues and Contact cement, Caulk sealers and Joint Compounds, Lawn and Garden Chemicals, Fertilizers, Pool chemicals, Household cleaners (bleach, ammonia, furniture polish, toilet bowl cleaners, carpet shampoos), sludge (soil contaminated with oil), mercury thermometers, florescent lamps, all types of aerosol cans, Used cooking oil, road flares, PCB ballasts, Organic peroxides (hardening agents).



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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!