

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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Dear Kamala

I know we don't know each other but, since it looks like you may be in a position to make decisions that will greatly affect my life, I thought I should make you aware of some things you might want to consider. 1) As of the writing of this letter, you are the current VP and should probably do the things you claim you will do as President, like implementing the ideas you got from Trump.... for example. You could even start on that wall. Remember...we build walls so people will go through the appropriate doors. 2) Next time you're put in charge of something (like a border), you might want to actually do something. Pretty sure sex trafficking, drug trafficking, and terrorist infiltration are all bad for the environment. 3) Talking to reporters and answering questions is something you should do. Communication is kinda important when you wanna be the leader of the free world. 4) Leave the World of Make-believe to Disney. Find your real accent and stick with it. 5) Read the second amendment. It means sane people can own guns. In fact, you might even consider getting your concealed carry license. Doesn't look like Secret Service protection is all that great. 6) Unless you're talking to 5-year-olds (or your Liberal friends), please stop speaking as if you're addressing a kindergarten class. It's annoying. 7) Speaking of school.... here's a quick biology lesson. A woman has a body. Her child has a body. They are not the same thing. She has a right to dismember her own body.

She does not have a right to dismember her child's body, no matter where that child resides. I suggest you visit a Planned Parenthood and see exactly what the "Reproductive Rights" you support really involves. 8) Biology II; Boys have boy parts. Girls have girl parts. Boys do not need tampons. Please alert your friend Walz to this. 9) If you end inflation, secure the border, jail criminals, and stop destroying the family unit....I bet the homeless crisis will end. 10) I work hard for those tax dollars you take. Stop giving it to our enemies and illegals. Just remember.... You will eventually run out of other people's money. 11) There are a lot of folks that would like to be "unburdened by what has been" the last 4 years. You might wanna stop using that phrase. It's just a sad reminder. 12) I hear Putin is cheering for you...probably not the best endorsement. And if you really are concerned about a "threat to Democracy", I suggest you aim for a stronger standing in the face of our enemies... aka China, Russia, and Iran....and vote for Trump. 13) Stop with the kackle. It's creepy. I know this is a lot to ponder but just remember, the greater the responsibility, the greater the consequence. You are currently on the wrong side. Jesus will forgive you if you ask, but you need to mean it. "Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon." Isaiah 55:7. Susie Crosby, Prineville, OR.

HCMD to hold monthly meeting Sept. 17th

The Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024. The regular meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m. Agenda items include minutes of previous meeting, financial report & Cemetery Operations. The meeting

will be held via telephone. Meetings of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District are open to the public according to ORS 192.640(1). For questions or to attend by phone please contact Janet Greenup at 541-561-6768.

Local firefighters to honor 9/11 heroes with Memorial Stair Climb

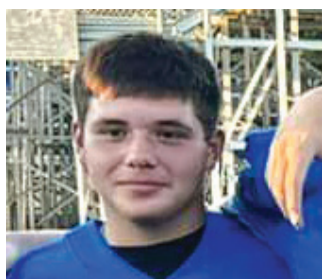
On Monday, September 16th, at 6:30 p.m., South Morrow County firefighters will gather at the rodeo grounds for a special 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb to honor the brave first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001. In tribute to the 343 firefighters who lost their lives that day, our community's firefighters will ascend the grandstands, symbolically representing the 110 floors of the World Trade Center that their fellow firefighters climbed in the line of duty.

Residents are encouraged to attend and support their local fire department as they complete this meaningful climb. The community is welcome to participate in the climb as well!

A complimentary hot dog dinner will be provided for attendees, making it a family-friendly evening of reflection and unity. The local fire department hopes that the event will serve as a reminder of the courage and sacrifice displayed on 9/11 and as a symbol of the community's appreciation for the ongoing work of firefighters everywhere. Please join us! Thank you, Darcie Chick, Officer of the Supporters of South Morrow County Firefighters group.

This event, open to the public, is not only an opportunity for firefighters to pay their respects, but for the entire community to come together in remembrance.

Heppner's Alakai Rodriguez makes Sports Illustrated Oregon High School star of the week list



Alakai Rodriguez.

Congratulations to Heppner's own Alakai Ro-

driguez for being named one of Sports Illustrated's Oregon Players of the Week! The sophomore running back delivered an outstanding performance, scoring four touchdowns and rushing for 54 yards on just nine carries in the Mustangs' 40-16 non-league victory over Gold Beach.

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

Florence Nolan, previous Heppnerite who now lives in Redmond at Brookside Place, was recently surprised by someone still familiar from many, many years ago in Heppner. Sharon Brace has also moved to Redmond and has apparently changed very little since moving from Heppner over 20 years ago! Some residents will remember Sharon's cooking at the Wagon Wheel and Cal's Café.

David and April Sykes traveled to Ashland over the Labor Day weekend where they attended two Shakespearean plays and celebrated their anniversary. The couple saw *Macbeth* at the indoor Angus Bowmer Theatre the first day and then *Much Ado About Nothing* the next evening at the outdoor Allen Elizabethan Theater. *Much Ado* was the same play they saw on their honeymoon there 48 years ago. Their accommodations were within walking distance of the plays and also the beautiful Lithia Park and the many restaurants and shops they visited before heading home.

After two and a half years of living with new husband's red countertop kitchen, Neva has him, William (Bill) Mahon, ready to remodel their kitchen. Interestingly to Neva was a conversation she had with Linda Helget, the newer wife of Bill's cousin Ted Helget when they recently gave Mahon's a surprise visit on their way back home to Lebanon, Oregon, from Rupert, Idaho. Linda related that when she first married Ted, his kitchen countertop was "bubble gum pink"! It took her five years of marriage to get rid of that monstrosity, so Neva is ahead of the game. Also, Neva and Bill recently had his sister Patty Harshman and their neighbor Pat Gee over for a chicken-pot-pie lunch to not so fondly "Farewell!" the old kitchen. A good time around the table was had by all.

Proud grandma Sheridan Tarnasky reports that Delaynee Angell, a senior in Weston-McEwen High School, was chosen as one of four vocalists – out of 25 who auditioned – to sing *The National Anthem* at Round Up events. Delayne was to be featured on Monday at the "Extreme Bulls" bull riding competition.

In Oregon for their annual trip from Montana for the Pendleton Round Up, Bob and Pat Fetsch visited Diana Ball last Friday afternoon before traveling to Pendleton to stay the week with Tom and Marlene Currin (Bob's sister). While in Heppner, Fetsches and Diana joined Merlin and Claudia Hughes for lunch at DeSpain's Pizzeria.

It looked like something from a science fiction story, something futuristic or alien – the large, dark gray vehicle with a streamlined, sloping profile in front of the market. Darkened windshield, darker back and side windows, large tires with black rims, no license plate, and only "Foundation Series" discernable for any identification. Just as an internet search produced some information, the owner arrived and seemed happy to explain the electric Tesla vehicle he had ordered in 2019 (a temporary license permit hardly noticeable in the back dark recessed window). The interesting dashboard had nothing but one monitor in the center, and the articulated cover of the small-pickup-sized bed rolled up with the touch of an inconspicuous lever. Travel distance on a charge was also a discussion topic....

First-time parents Tanner and Madison Rietmann welcomed twin baby boys on August 27th. "Otto Gregg" and "Creed Michael" are identical and greeted this world at a very healthy five-plus pounds each. Grandmother Shelly (Turner) Rietmann reports that "Gregg and I could not be happier... and Madison's parents, Mike and Kim Carlin are pretty ecstatic also." And when first-time parents Maddie (Lindsay) and Ryan Polaski welcomed their petite Lakyn Jean on July 17, the Turner family circle continued to grow! Congratulations to grandparents Alan and Leslie Polaski and Missy (Turner) and Todd Lindsay. Also special is that Lakyn shares her middle name, Jean, with Missy (Melissa Jean) and great grandmother Jeanann Turner.

Last Saturday evening held a successful 50th reunion for the class of '74. About 60 classmates and spouses were joined by five of their teachers for an evening at the Elks of dining, reminiscing, and laughter. There truly is something about school friendships.

Melody Henderson took Susan Hisler up on her request for help in "sprucing up the 'H' on the hill with new paint... and how about adding a big '74' while at it?! After all, it was just before the 50th reunion for the HHS class of '74. Mason Orem, Nick Wenbrg, Jaime Cavan, Zac Brown, and John Lindsay did the heavy toting of additional rocks up the hill for the job. Melody's helpers with the placement and painting were her son Grady, Kaley Paterson and her two children, Cooper and Colbid, Charlie Sumner and his two grandchildren, Hannah and Abbey. Instigator Hisler and other classmates were very appreciative of this hard work accomplished in 90+ degree weather! Hisler sees this as people doing nice things, making a difference here at home, helping to carry on the "H" tradition! (With a little added bonus!)

Thanks to all who shared by sending tidbits to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or by calling 541-223-1490.

Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this.

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Open House
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11 am - 2 pm
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