

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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This matters

So, guess who lost the debate. We did. We lost any semblance of the truth from Kamala's lips, and we lost our cool, calm, collected Trump we had in the last debate. To be fair, I was not exactly composed while listening and had to refrain from throwing things. Does it matter? Not in my opinion. If you want a strong country, the choice is obvious. If you want a Communist USA, the choice is also obvious. If you're still undecided, you haven't been listening....or buying gas and groceries. Are you better off now than 3 1/2 years ago? Still waiting for Kamala's answer....

Then there's the fact that we never really fixed the election cheating problem. Cheaters gonna' cheat? Yep, especially when they risk losing the opportunity to leave a "botched abortion" baby on the table to die. Yes, it's real. Just ask the governor of Virginia or Kamala's running mate. It's interesting how abortion is the only surgical procedure that's considered "botched" if it doesn't result in someone dying. We've come a long way, baby. And yes, late-term abortions are legal in 9 states....so far.

I keep wondering why the silence from so many "normal" people. Question: Do I have the right to run my car over a cliff? Pretty much. Do I have a right to run my car over a cliff with my ex-husband in it? Not so much. Pregnancy is a unique situation. It's a life within a life. We used to see the miracle in that, and the value of both lives. How have we gotten so blind as to let a stupid catchphrase like "Reproductive Rights"

change our minds, and our hearts? Lady...you have a right to maim your own body....take an arm or leg off if you please. Here's the catch. Your baby's body is not your body....two different bodies. You don't have the right to do that to your child's body, no matter where they reside.

What if there was a place in Portland where you could take your 2-year-old and have him put to sleep? After all, parenting should be your choice and not forced on you by the government. And his should be something "between a woman and her doctor". Remember..."every child a wanted child".

I know this is not easy to hear. There are women who have been lied to for a long time....we were told we were carrying just a "blob of tissue". It worked, until Ultrasounds showed us the truth. I can't imagine the regret many women live with. If that's you and you're reading this, please know that Jesus forgives and heals if we ask. He has promised us that.

But as long as we ignore the assault on the unborn, the pain and the regrets will continue, and so will the lies. God is watching how we fight this battle. I fear He will give us the government we deserve if we continue to sacrifice innocent lives on the altar of complacency. This matters.

"Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Psalm 139:16

By Susie Crosby, Prineville, Or.

WCCC Sunday Men's Play

Eighteen players participated in men's play on Sunday September 15th at Willow Creek Country Club. The final event of the season was the par 68 cross country tournament. The results are as follows; KP #1 Jerry Gentry 10'6", KP #7 Dennis Peck 17', KP

2nd shot #16 Tate Gentry, KP 3rd shot # 17 Dennis Peck 1". Net 1st Dale Holland 62, 2nd/3rd Tie Tate Gentry, John Bowles, Kelly Fox 69. Gross 1st Charlie, Ferguson 73, 2nd Dennis Peck 74, 3rd Tim Hedman-Dave Pranger 79.

Mustang boys defeat Loggers 42-14

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to give the Mustangs a 34-0 lead. On the next Knappa possession, Wenberg stepped in front of a pass and intercepted the ball. That gave the Mustangs great field position, and they only needed three plays to score again. The short drive featured runs by Wenberg of 12 yards and Brown for 4. The big play of the drive was a 38-yard pass completion from Orem to Rodriguez that led to a 2-yard touchdown run by Rodriguez. Caylan Proudfoot came in to quarterback the team and he handed the ball off to Jackson Coiner who powered his way in for the 2-pt. conversion score to make it 42-0 at halftime.

Joseph Albitre kicked off for the Mustangs to start the second half of play. The rest of the game would be played with a running clock and the Mustang coaches played many of the younger team members in the second half. Knappa scored on their first possession of the half to make the score 42-8. The teams traded possessions for the rest of the game and Knappa scored their final touchdown near the end of the game to make the final score 42-14.

The Mustangs had 21

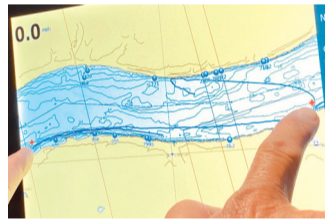
first downs to only 9 for Knappa. Heppner ran the ball for 266 yards, passed it for 63 for a total of 329 yards of offense in the game. Knappa had 250 total yards in the game with many of those coming in the second half. Mason Orem was 3-3 passing the ball for 63 yards in the game. Rodriguez caught 2 passes for 45 yards and Stewart had a catch for 18. Leading the team in rushing was Rodriguez with 67 on 9 carries. Wenberg ran for 48, Hayden McMahon had 44 and Wenberg 42. Stewart rushed for 37 yards, Albitre had 16, Kaden King ran for 9, Orem 7 and Jackson Coiner finished with 5.

Leading the team in tackles was Wenberg with 7. Jace Wilson was next with 6, Landon McMahon followed with 4 and with 3 each were Jaime Cavan, Albitre and George. With 2 tackles each were Rodriguez, Darby Spivey, Mason Haugen, Kaden King, Keaton Coiner, Owen Guerra, Lucas King, Andrew Lindsay and Gage Heideman. Recording one tackle each were Stewart, Brown, Lane Critchlow and Kooper Miller. This week the Mustangs travel to Irrigon to play the Knights.

Wildbill swims the Columbia for environmental awareness



Pendleton resident Tania Wildbill. -Photo contributed



Wildbills swim route in the Columbia River. -Photo contributed.



Wildbill swimming in the Columbia River. -Photo contributed.

Pendleton, Oregon resident Tania Wildbill took to the waters of the Columbia River on September 9th, completing a challenging six-mile swim to highlight the urgent need for preserving natural resources and cleaning up the river.

The swim, which lasted for 3 hours and 48 minutes, saw Wildbill maintain an impressive pace, averaging 38 minutes per mile. However, her quest to reach a ten-mile goal was cut short due to unforeseen circumstances. "They opened the dam, and a swift current pulled me," Wildbill explained. "I quickly grabbed the ladder on the boat to climb out."

Despite the setback, Wildbill remains upbeat about her achievement, expressing her satisfaction with covering six miles in the river saying, "I just successfully swam 6 miles of the Columbia River to shed light on the importance of protecting our natural resources and cleaning the Columbia River and to protect all waters worldwide!"

The entire event was captured on camera by Noemie Wiseman. Those interested in experiencing the swim can visit Tania Wildbill's Facebook Timeline, where footage and photos of her endeavor are available for public viewing.

Deadline: Monday 5pm

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Heppner Fire Department held their annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb



Firefighters and locals participating in the stair climb. -Photo from the City of Heppner Facebook page.

Heppner Fire Department and their annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb held on September 16, 2024. Firefighters re-enacted the climbing of the 110-story World Trade Center, wearing full gear. There were participants from Heppner Fire Department, Lone Rural Fire, Lexington Fire, and visitors from Irrigon Fire (hope I didn't miss anyone.) Thank you to all our firefighters from all agencies! Thank you for those who attended and supported the evening.



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