

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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**Mayberry?**

I've been feeling a little stressed about the election lately. November 5<sup>th</sup> has been creeping up like a bad pair of undies. Are we coming to the end of America as we know it? Maybe. It's pretty hard to trust the polls .... or the politicians. Then there's the fact that we never have fixed the last election maladies. And I can't help but be a little peeved that illegals (including terrorists) are being allowed to "help" choose our President. I don't remember voting for that. Do you?

Listening to the news is not helping. The more I hear Kamala speak (no matter which accent she's using that day) the more I like the sound of fingernails on a chalkboard. And her running mate sounds more like something from Saturday Night Live. Such a knucklehead .... and a great friend to school shooters too.

Not to be a killjoy, but with three assassination attempts, seething hatred coming from the Left, and a sketchy election process....my hope of a Trump MAGA Whitehouse come November is not too solid. I just learned that only 50% of Christians bothered to show up at the polls last election. That's shameful. Christians.... get off your duffs and vote.

I WAS hoping for a reprieve from all the nonsense. I was hoping for an America like it used to be. I was hoping for Mayberry. But the Bible I read doesn't make that promise. Instead, it warns us that, in the last days, people will be rebellious, prideful, selfish, unforgiving, traitors, perverts, without natural affection,

**Medford skills Demo and Safety Conference**

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Morrow County road crew participants standing beside a road grader earlier this year. (L-R) Justin Hoeft, Josh Hendricks, Luke Barnett and Adam Richmond. - Contributed Photo

**Morrow County Contestants:**  
Justin Hoeft  
Josh Hendricks  
Luke Barnett  
Adam Richmond  
**Justin Hoeft's Reflections**  
Justin said, "That week, a few of us from Morrow County had the opportunity to travel to Medford and compete in an equipment skills rodeo! This is the second year I've participated. Last year, I learned a lot, and this year I returned with a couple of specific goals for how I wanted to perform."

He also pointed out that going too fast in the events could result in losing points.

**Event Results:**  
**Road Grader Course:**  
**Justin Hoeft:** 1st place  
**Josh Hendricks:** 7th place  
**Luke Barnett:** 11th place  
**Adam Richmond:** 14th place (out of 90 contestants)  
**Chain-up Event:**  
**Adam Richmond:** 10th place

blasphemers, unholy, and haters of good...for starters (2 Timothy 3:1-5). It also mentions a hatred of Jews and Christians, a one-world government, cashless society, wars, pestilence, natural disasters, and a major attack on Israel (Ezekiel 38). Sounding familiar?

I think the lesson I'm learning is this; God's plan doesn't rest on a Red Wave or a Blue Wave. He sees the future and He's not wringing His hands wondering what to do if a particular candidate doesn't win (even if someone cheats). Yes, there is a spiritual battle. It's real and obvious. But we need to remember.... God has never lost a fight.

And He says he will never forsake us if we trust in Him. Does that release us from our responsibility to do what's right? Nope.... and choosing the most pro-life, pro-Israel candidate is not that hard.

But when the polls are closed, and all votes counted...where should our trust be? In a great voter turnout? In Greater Idaho? In a good prepper supply? Survival skills? There are some practical attributes in all these things. But how much smarter is it to put our trust in the One who loves us and has the power to save us.

So, pray for our country. Pray for repentance. And pray for mercy.

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

By Susie Crosby, Prineville, Or.

**Good News Only** by Doris Brosnan

What a great weekend of the latest HHS classes' reunion! Several locals hosted friends from out-of-area, including Diana Ball. Her guests were Bruce and Diane Moyer, from Montana, and their daughter Randi and friend Chip, the major organizers and workhorses of the reunion weekend. Adding to Diana's pleasure was the coinciding visit by her grandson Carter Ball, from Pullman, Washington. (Probably entertaining to observe his grandmother interacting with school friends?)

Last Tuesday, Carson Brosnan and Alyse Wentz, on the top step to the courthouse, exchanged wedding vows they had written to each other in the ceremony officiated by County Clerk Bobbi Childers and witnessed by some immediate family members. A reception for family and a few close school friends followed the ceremony in the backyard of this grandmother's home. The perfect weather was so inviting and the conversations so enjoyable that most guests remained well into the evening. The couple stayed in the area the following day but had to leave for his parents' place in Prineville on Thursday and load a few additional items before starting their road trip to New Orleans on Saturday. Marine Second Lieutenant Brosnan will be stationed in Louisiana for three years.

Last Friday's homecoming game was another win for the Mustangs, and it was another demonstration of the support behind one of the entities that tends to unite us. Focus on the schools, the students, and the athletes created those important moments of nonpolitical, non-controversial, family-oriented, positive energy. And the Band.... Wow! Hats off to those musicians whose sounds were loud and clear and their voices synchronized in loud support for the cheerleaders and the football players!

Kudos to the FFA members and their adult assistants who are working for the money they need to reach their goal of attending the FFA National Convention. These young people do not have their hands out for donations but are creating useful ways to earn the money. They are inspirational. (They do not turn down donations, of course.)

Our area is fortunate to have in our midst individuals with vision and positive can-do attitudes. As challenges to the vitality of our communities come at us and fear and rumors tend to discourage some, these people are putting their heads together and looking to replace what was but no longer can be with different, workable sources to maintain the vibrancy of our existence. And we can share ideas and show support.

On a stroll of Main Street, one oftentimes notices surprising changes. The recent changes noted through the window of Murray's is one example. For many of us, especially non-Facebook users, the move of the Heppner Chamber office from Main Street to Willow Street is another. And in its previous spot, we now have "Market 87!" The weather is pleasant, so this is probably a good time to stroll and have a look at these changes and additions!

Will you help keep "Good News Only" something positive to read by sending something to [dbrosnan123@gmail.com](mailto:dbrosnan123@gmail.com) or calling to report it at 541-223-1490. Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this.

**A View from the Hill** by Doris Brosnan

Dorothy Green's 101st birthday celebration on September 30 turned the page of the calendar into October, which began with Dorothy's suffering a broken ankle that has taken her to Pioneer Memorial Hospital temporarily as she heals. Maybe she will return in time to help Ed Baker celebrate his 94th birthday on October 24.

Patricia Harty has joined the Community on the Hill, moving from The Dalles, now nearer to her Angell family. Her daughter Sheryl Angell will be seeing her quite often, apparently, since Sheryl comes to the Terrace every Thursday as the registered nurse for the facility.

Also new to the Terrace – not as exciting as a new resident but still important, especially to the staff – are the double ovens that work and a commercial-grade clothes dryer that has replaced the standard household one. And the new roof project is completed.

As usual, volunteers and donations continue to be important to the Terrace, and the residents and staff offer a big "THANK YOU" to Jeff and Chris Bailey, who purchased a pig at the fair and donated it to them. Also donated was the cutting and wrapping of the pork by Eastern Oregon Mobile Slaughter. Other donations have included many fruits and vegetables from various community members, with a special thanks going to Bob and Sharon Harrison and Virginia Peck's family for weekly deliveries! Everyone enjoys the special treats that Chirella Wallace and her young charge, Grayson Kennedy, bring to everyone on special occasions and sometimes just because they are special people. Topping the list of appreciated volunteers must be Carmen Wilson, who is often at the facility offering help wherever she can and often shuttling individuals to appointments.

AnnaGrace Wenberg is now considered not a volunteer, but she has volunteered to answer the call for a substitute chef now that she has moved on to explore other employment opportunities. The residents continue to sing the praises of their chef, and Cynthia Wenberg helps in the kitchen twice a week, but still a part-time chef is needed. So, this could be just what someone is looking for! The room also exists for a general caregiver at the Terrace.

Recently, a flu-vaccination clinic came to the Community, and some residents enjoyed a caramel-apple party, both signs of fall. They watched on TV last week's Mustangs' homecoming game. And in a prelude to Halloween, this Friday, they will be decorating jack-o-lanterns.

On Halloween, interested residents will greet Trick or Treaters with treats, from 4:30 until 6 PM. Some residents plan to wear costumes, and some will choose to wear their special Halloween t-shirts.

So goes life on the Hill, a mix of routine and special activities. Many residents view wondering what the day will bring with great pleasure.

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**Election night watch party**

The Morrow County Republican Party will host an Election Night Watch party at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building beginning at 5 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 5. Murrays will provide no-host craft beer and wine. The Lindsay family, Rick Drake, and Rick & Jill Schoenberg will provide patriotic music. There will be special local speakers, donated raffle gifts, and great fellowship The theme is

"For God and County". This was the trademark benediction of George Washington. Dale Bates will provide the sound system and election returns. The Morrow County Republican Party will offer meat dishes. Attendees are asked to provide potluck side dishes and desserts. For more information, call or text Jack Meligan 541) 256-6104, Sam Bellamy 541) 561-8881, or Stuart Dick 541) 377-5451.

**Lexington burn ban lifted Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Lexington Fire Department is lifting the burn ban starting at 8am

Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Must use screens on burn barrels.



**BUCKNUM'S TAVERN**  
146 N Main Street  
Heppner  
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## Lunch & Dinner Menu

Specials 10/17 - 10/23

**Thursday** - Pepperoni quesadilla with corn chowder  
**Friday** - Grilled ham and cheese with tomato soup  
**Saturday** - SW Grilled Chicken Salad  
**Sunday** - Loaded Baked Potato soup, salad, and breadstick  
**Monday** - BBQ Pulled Pork sandwich with fries  
**Tuesday** - Turkey Hoagie with cottage cheese  
**Tuesday night** 6-9 \$2 hard shell tacos  
**Wednesday** - Chicken plus burger with potato salad



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## Sunday Oct. 20

### 12 - 3pm

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