

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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**Dear Editor**

As the Conservative talk show hosts are saying, "This is probably the most important election of our lifetime!" This is true not only for the United States of America but also for the State of Oregon.

From a national standpoint, Ronald Reagan in his debate with Jimmy Carter in 1980, asked the voters "When you go to the voting booth on Tuesday, ask yourself, are you better off than you were four years ago? Is it easier to buy things in a store than four years ago? Is there more or less unemployment in the country than four years ago? Is America respected throughout the world as it was? Do you feel that our security is as safe? Are we as strong as we were four years ago?" He went on to say if you answered "No" to any of these questions, then there is an alternative to the status quo. My answer to all of these questions is NO! I want the alternative and will vote for President Trump and JD Vance.

The state of Oregon is also at a tipping point. Since the mail-in ballot mandate, Oregon's government has been controlled by the Democrat party. How has that worked out for you and for our State? This year we have an opportunity to change this one-party rule. There are three state-wide positions up for election. I recommend voting for Will Lathrop as Attorney General, Dennis Linthicum for Secretary of State, and Brian Boquist for State Treasurer. These three state offices could mean a positive change for Oregon. All voters should be voting, in mass, for these three men who have stepped up to turn our state around and make Oregon a prosperous, safe, and beautiful place to live.

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**Kamala**

About Kamala.... I have questions. But before I go any further, I feel like I need to start on a positive note and state the things I like about her. I would say that she has nice teeth, but then it makes me think of her laugh and that kind of creeps me out. So, I'll think of something else. In all fairness, she does have experience in all three branches of government. Still waiting for evidence of successful outcomes there. Kind of like putting a steer in with your heifers and expecting spring calves. Will be a long wait.

I do need to mention one quality I've recognized in Kamala. She is extremely good at word puzzles. She has an incredibly unique way of putting words together that leaves even the most astute listener puzzled. It's a gift.

The big question I have is this; how did she get to be the Democratic Presidential nominee without a single vote. Don't "They the People" have a choice? Even Democrats should get to choose their own candidate. Somebody show me the rules where it says this is ok. And who picked her? Obama? Pelosi? Lizzo? Ok so maybe it's that thing where you do what you want and then come up with

explanations/ justifications later. The "act now, think later" strategy is pretty popular now.

So, the Dems did what they do best and followed along, trying hard to bury their previous opinions while elevating her to Queen Kamala. She didn't exactly start out as their first pick. As VP, she was a good placeholder, but without much substance. Then the anyone-but-Biden motivation kicked in. After all, you do what you have to do in an emergency. I guess it's a good thing Biden didn't have the faculties to fight the coup.... though he seems to have mustered enough strength of late to remind folks of his close working relationship with his VP. Paybacks are heck.

Meanwhile, Kamala is busy denying responsibility for over three years of administrative blunders (some that even embarrass Liberals) ...while insisting Biden is capable, and "so smart and loyal to the American people". Excuse me but so is my dog. Not exactly presidential material...plus he drools. Way to dodge that bullet, Kamala. Speaking of dodging, we're still waiting for answers to 90% of the questions she's been asked. But there is one thing she's made pretty clear, and that's how she feels about Christians, including Catholics. Excusing herself from the historic Al Smith dinner, mocking a couple of young men for declaring Jesus is King, and treating the unborn as so much trash.... well, she's playing into the wrong hands. And those hands cannot save her. Pray for Kamala, because things will not end well for her if she continues her current path.

But just to end on a positive note....I have heard she considers herself an "incredible cook". But if you're ever invited to her place for dinner, I suggest you avoid the salad. I've heard it's a bit wordy.

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life." Galatians: 6: 7-8

By Susie Crosby,  
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**"For God and Country"**

Election Night Watch Party on Tuesday, November 5, at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building, Heppner, Oregon. The event will begin at 5 pm with a social hour. No-host craft beer and wine will be available from Murray's, with musical entertainment by the Lindsay Family, Richard Drake, and Jill and Rick Schoenberg. A potluck dinner will begin at 6 pm. The Morrow County Republican Party will provide Turkey and Ham. Those attending are asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert. Coverage of the election returns will be presented on a big screen by Dale Bates throughout the evening. A special highlight for the evening will be a Donald Trump costume and dance contest to his favorite YMCA campaign music. Bucknums' Tavern

will provide the winner with dinner for two plus drinks. Raffle drawings will occur throughout the evening. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the door. There is no charge for the event. For more information, call or text Jack Meligan 541) 256-6104, Sam Bellamy 541) 561-8881, or Stuart Dick 541) 377-5451.

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**Oregon celebrates pharmacy week amid closures**

The State of Oregon has declared October 21-27, 2024, as "Oregon Pharmacy Employee Appreciation Week" during National Pharmacy Week to recognize the contributions of pharmacy professionals, including Pharmacists, Interns, and Technicians. The Oregon Board of Pharmacy is committed to maintaining high standards in pharmacy

practice, ensuring equitable access to medications, and promoting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB).

However, Oregon residents face challenges in accessing retail pharmacies, ranking just above Alaska in availability. Independent pharmacy closures have compounded these issues, with 36 closures in the past year and

more reported in 2024, raising concerns about patients' ability to access their medications. As of February, Oregon had 610 retail pharmacies, with 70% being chain-owned, compared to a 61% national average. The state has a low pharmacy density of 0.14 pharmacies per 1,000 residents, making access difficult for many Oregonians.

**MC WDAC to meet Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee will be meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bartholomew Building, 110 N. Court St., Heppner, Oregon. The meeting is open to the public in person and online. The meeting agenda with Zoom link can be found online at <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/meetings>.

The committee is accepting applications from livestock producers to assist with expenses they incurred due to wolf activity. The Committee

determines the distribution of funds from the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Wolf Depredation Compensation & Financial Assistance Grant Program. Funds are available for Category 1 (direct loss claims), Category 2 (missing claims, and Category 3 (non-lethal preventative techniques), however Missing Claims are paid in the next grant cycle, if awarded by ODA.

The applications can be found on the County website: <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/bc-wdac>. Hard copies are

available at the Bartholomew Building, Rm. 201, 110 N. Court Street, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (closed over the noon hour). The deadline to submit applications is Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be returned to the Bartholomew Building in Room 201 or emailed to [yballard@co.morrow.or.us](mailto:yballard@co.morrow.or.us). The Committee will review applications December 10<sup>th</sup> with their final decisions in January 2025.

For questions, please contact Valerie Ballard at 541-676-5613

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