

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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**Women**

How are we feeling about the Trump Dream Team? I've been practicing my Trump Dance with every new pick. But if he picks Bongino in as Head of Secret Service....I may take my dancing to the streets. And since Trump has enticed some ladies out of the kitchen and placed them into some rather important roles in his Cabinet, looks like Mark Cuban might wanna change his diet, and start eating his words. He nonchalantly expressed his opinion to the hosts of The View that Trump is "never around any strong and Intelligent women". It's Mr. Cuban's theory that Trump feels threatened and intimidated by such women. Well, I'm thinking maybe Mr. Cuban might wanna be the one donning protective gear. Because I bet there is more than one stupid and weak woman who would love to punch his lights out.

But, to his credit, he did eventually offer an apology....though rather benign. He didn't mean to insinuate that all Trump women voters were stupid and weak (though he didn't give a percentage). Too late, sir. Your lame excuses didn't cut it, and your words have been placed in the permanent file....and the weak and stupid women hid the key. I've never watched more than about 3 minutes of The View. I guess I must have been intimidated by the brilliance of the hosts (insert eyeroll here). When these intelligent women can figure out what a woman is, maybe I'll re-evaluate.

Speaking of women.... that's what I am (yes, I'm sure of it). So as a verified woman, here is my view; Seems to me that in our quest for significance, we've kinda shot ourselves

in the foot, so to speak. The fight for "Women's Rights" has been a little confusing. First, we wanted to be recognized as valuable for being women....which also means we knew that there is a difference between men and women. Next thing you know, we're trying to be men. Masculinity is great as long as it's displayed in a woman, but we don't like it in men (those misogynistic pigs). And we don't especially like femininity in women. But it's great when a man wears red lipstick, dresses like Barbie, and does the limp-wristed thing. While trying his best to imitate a woman, he fails miserably....creating sort of a caricature of a woman. Pretty sad, and disturbing.

Talk about screwing things up. No wonder why we can't define a woman. We've made her unrecognizable. Can we all just agree on something? Men are men and women are women...period.

God knew what He was doing when he created both (and only two) sexes. He made them different for a reason. We each have different qualities. Women are better at some things than men, and vice versa. But as a whole, the two were made to complement and complete each other. I like being a woman. I wouldn't mind being a little taller and maybe a little stronger, but do I wanna be a man? Nope. Do I think I'm less valuable as a woman? Nope. Do I wish a man would show up at my door with a toolbox in one hand and roses in the other? Yep....but that's another story.

"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies." Proverbs 31:10.

Susie Crosby, Prineville, OR.

**MC SWCD to meet Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6pm at the Ag Service Center in Heppner. To join via Zoom or conference call, please contact the SWCD beforehand at 541-676-5452. Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

**Heideman elected OWGL president**

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position, Heideman is primarily responsible for advocacy, policy, and politics; roles that have already seen her actively engaged at both state and national levels. "My duties have already found me testifying before the US House Ag Committee. I've been to Salem three times and DC twice this year alone," shared Heideman. This indicates a robust schedule that underscores the intense responsibilities carried by the League President.

On the commission side, Heideman's younger brother, Tyler Hansell of Hermiston, has recently taken on the role of chairman, appointed through the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The commission focuses mainly on international trade and ensuring the quality of wheat. This year has set a precedent, as it marks the first time in the history of the Oregon Wheat organization that a brother-sister duo leads both arms of the organization.

The sibling's dual leadership is not just a family achievement but a strategic advantage for the Oregon Wheat Growers League, as they navigate the complexities of international markets and political landscapes impacting agricultural poli-

cies. Their unique positions also provide an opportunity to bridge the gap between local grower concerns and global trade considerations, making their storyline even richer.

Their leadership occurs amidst a challenging time for the agricultural sector, with ongoing issues such as trade tensions, climate change impacts, and evolving market demands. Therefore, how this duo will steer the organization to tackle these challenges while enhancing the state's agricultural heritage remains a key point of interest.

Under Heideman's presidency and Hansell's chairmanship, the future of the Oregon Wheat Growers League looks both promising and intriguing. Their roles not only highlight significant shifts within the organization but also symbolize the growing influence of women and younger generations in agriculture.

As the first duo of siblings and with Erin Heideman breaking the glass ceiling for the second time in the League's history, the eyes of the agricultural community in Oregon and beyond will be keenly watching the developments and achievements of the Oregon Wheat Growers League under their stewardship.

**Mustangs lose to Buckaroos**

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Another long kickoff into the end zone by the St. Paul kicker saw the Mustangs start their last drive at their own 20-yard line. The Mustangs quickly moved the ball to near midfield, but time on the game clock ran out on them. That gave St. Paul the 18-12 win.

Heppner had 245 total yards in the game. They ran the ball for 170 and had 75 passing yards. The Heppner defense held St. Paul to 227 total yards in the game.

Mason Orem was 5-11 passing the ball for 75 yards. Tripp Stewart caught all 5 of the completions for 75 yards.

Leading the team in rushing was Alakai Rodriguez with 50 yards on 12 carries. Nick Wenberg was next with 37 yards on 11 carries and Orem finished with 30 yards on 5 runs. Hayden McMahon rushed for 27 yards, Stewart 24 and Caleb George ran for 2.

No defensive statistics for the game were available, but the Mustang defense held the high-powered Buckaroo offense, who had averaged 43 points per game this season, to only 18 points.

It was a season for Mustangs fans everywhere to be very proud of.

**Giving tree goes up in Les Schwab**



The Heppner Les Schwab's giving tree. - Contributed Photo

The holiday season brings with it numerous opportunities for the residents to come together and spread Christmas cheer to those less fortunate. One such way to contribute to the spirit of giving is through the giving trees located at Heppner Les Schwab. This is the fourth year for the giving tree at Heppner Les Schwab. While many Les Schwab locations participate in toy drives, the Heppner branch partners with

the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide Christmas gifts for children in foster care in the county. Those wishing to provide a gift or two can pick a tag off the tree and then return the unwrapped gift to Les Schwab. DHS staff will collect the gifts, wrap them, and distribute them to foster children in Morrow County. The tree will be put up right after Thanksgiving and will be available until the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

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