

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Presidential preference

Stop and think about the responsibility we have as voters in this upcoming election before you mark your ballot.

I don't like Mr. Trump anymore than you do, but please take a moment and look at the alternative we have. Not because Hillary Clinton is a woman, that has nothing to do with it. But take a look at the record.

Benghazi, The Clinton Foundation and the email mess she has created. After you have thought about it and still use your vote to put Hillary Clinton in the White House, remember who you voted for when your Second Amendment rights are reduced and or gone for good. Remember who you voted for when your 401k is suddenly placed into the Social Security fund or the general U.S. budget fund, Remember who you voted for when you see other countries take American service people's lives and we stand by and do nothing or we don't supply them with the equipment they need. Remember who you voted for when you see our military forces decline even more than they already have. Remember who you voted for when you see our national highways and bridges get no attention. Remember who you voted for when you see flooding in the Eastern U.S. and nothing is done. Remember who you voted for when you see and hear on TV that there has been another mass shooting somewhere in the U.S. Remember who you voted for when you see new neighbors move in next door and wonder where 650,000 people came from and how they live because they don't work or have a car. Remember who you voted for when you read the crime reports in your local paper and the names of people you know are not citizens of our country. Remember who you voted for

when you hear about another accident where someone was killed and the other driver who was not hurt or killed did not have insurance or even a driver's license. Remember who you voted for when you read stories like the young Seaman who took pictures aboard his boat (submarine) of his bunk, the place where he ate his meals and the recreation area (when there was no restrictions about cell phones on the boat, but there is now) how he is in federal prison for one year. Or the young officer who was discharged when he went to find a fellow worker that was needed on the phone and left a classified letter on his desk in open sight (gone for less than five minutes). Remember who you voted for when you see that your non-taxable retirement or annuity is called unearned income and is now being taxed. Remember who you voted for when you see our SSI funds disappear and the government is wanting to tax you for extra funds.

Just think, had you remembered who you voted for and thought about it long and hard, we can prevent all of this and MAKE AMERICA STRONG AGAIN.

These are my thoughts and I just thought I would share them with you. God Bless America.

LARRY STORMENT  
HERMISTON

Vote for Hillary

People should vote for Hillary. She will care for families, children and poor. She cares about schools and colleges. Trump wants to build a wall.

It interferes with Mexico and people seeing their families.

She won't take away our guns. You should vote for Hillary.

EMMA STREGE  
FOURTH GRADE, MCNARY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UMATILLA

Holiday honors those not here for the holidays

By GARY L. WEST  
Herald Editor

This year, the beginning of November, particularly the cultural holiday of Dia de los Muertos, has particular significance to me.

I've been long been intrigued by the holiday honoring loved ones who have died since learning a bit about it from Latino relatives and friends and former coworkers from years in Southern California.

This year the significance of the holiday is particularly important. Saturday, Nov. 5, would have been my mother's birthday. She died of cancer in August and the pending anniversary of her birth and the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season is making her absence profoundly felt.

So, today, Nov. 2, I will be remembering, and attempting to honor, several family members who have gone. There are two sets of grandparents, several aunts and uncles, some cousins and friends. But foremost in my mind, and in the forefront of my grief, is my mom.

My parents moved from Nebraska to Eastern Oregon in 1973. I was only in second grade, but had a hard time adapting to the move. We went from living in a town where lots of family also lived and I could walk to school to living out in the country in a place where I didn't know anyone and I had to ride a bus to and from school.

Like most kids do, I soon made friends and there was room to roam and explore at home.

The move seemed difficult for my mother, too. For years, when she spoke of home she meant the Nebraska panhandle, where she grew up and had lived most of her life prior to that.

Thing changed at some point. I don't remember where we were or how old

Coping with grief

For help coping with grief, Vange John Memorial Hospice offers programs.

One offering starts tonight, a GriefShare program on Surviving the Holidays. The class meets weekly through the new year. It meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, in Hermiston.

There is also a GriefShare program that meets Thursdays at 1 p.m. at Sun Terrace, 1550 NW 11th St., Hermiston.

For more information on these or other services available, contact Vange John Memorial Hospice at 541-667-3543.

I was, but we were in town running errands or something and mom said something like, "I'm ready to go home." The comment shocked me, I asked mom if she meant she wanted to go back to Nebraska. "No," she clarified. "Our home. Our house. Here."

I used to worry about mom when I was young, because she didn't seem to have many friends of her own. There were the people dad did business with and the parents of my friends or my brothers' friends, but at that point I didn't really know if she had close friends. I needn't have worried.

As the parade of friends who came to visit when she was in Good Shepherd Medical Center for a few hours, at Oregon Health and Sciences University for about a week and at Regency Hermiston Nursing and Rehabilitation Center demonstrated that she had made many lifelong and devoted friends. Friends like Elaine Ramos, Diane Gettmann, Marilyn Perkins, Beth McDaniel, Sandy Warner, Rita Walker, Nellie Madison, members of her church and so many others.

The hundreds that came to say goodbye at her funeral, many of whom stood up to share memories through their own tears was profoundly moving and testament that she had a life and

relationships far richer and more rewarding than I had known.

That is perhaps one of the hardest parts of her death. I did not know my mother as well as I should have and would have liked. I had been gone for a long time, away from home on my own personal and professional adventures. We had only begun to become re-acquainted.

There are other regrets as well.

In grief, I am prone to be sullen and selfish. But

I am thankful for family and so many friends — of mom's, of dad's, of mine, of my brothers' who have shared cards, flowers, hugs and condolences. I am particularly grateful for all of those who visited my mom in her final weeks to share hugs and tears and tell her they loved her. I wish you all peace and may the love you've shown be returned many times over.

I may not manage the celebratory spirit that comes with many Dia de los Muertos celebrations familiar to the indigenous people of Southern Mexico or other parts of Latin America. But those that have gone will be in my thoughts and prayers today, this week and for the rest of my life.

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SHADES OF GRAY

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and West Walls roads, Hermiston. A deputy discovered the carcass wrapped in a tarp at 9:30 a.m., but was unable to find anything to indicate a suspect.

8:23 a.m. - The Boardman ambulance transported a man to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, after the Boardman resident took a reported 200 ibuprofen and 13 unknown tablets the previous night and was having trouble breathing.

11:15 p.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office is investigating a criminal mischief report from Irrigon High School, 315 E. Wyoming Ave.

7:07 p.m. - Stanfield police and the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office were advised of a report of possible shots fired, or fireworks, in the vicinity of Ardith Street and South Edwards Road, Stanfield.

11:14 p.m. - A resident of Southeast Fourth Street, Hermiston, called Hermiston police when her daughter's ex-boyfriend broke into her house, entered her bedroom and started yelling at her.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27

9:58 a.m. - Umatilla police went to the Amazon data center at 82792 Beach Access Road, Umatilla, after an employee there reported he was the victim of an assault.

11:12 a.m. - Someone in Irrigon told a Morrow County sheriff's

deputy about a father who punched his son in the stomach. School authorities made a report to the Oregon Department of Human Services.

1:16 p.m. - A power line broke off a pole at North Ott Road and East Beatrice Avenue, Hermiston, and struck a vehicle, scratching its top and breaking a window.

1:40 p.m. - A resident on Lind Road, Hermiston, reported her ex came to her home two days ago and threw a cup of hot coffee into her face. The caller, though, said she did not report it at the time because she is wanted for failure to appear.

3:29 p.m. - A man reported the theft of a generator from property on Rivera Lane, Hermiston.

6:52 p.m. - A Stanfield resident on West Ball Avenue told police a female broke into her vehicle and also stole its spark plugs.

10:48 a.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office began an investigation after a caller reported a smaller white four-door car with Washington plates chased a male riding a bicycle on Sandy Court, Boardman.

11:34 p.m. - A resident on Yakima Street, Umatilla, reported her friend "must not have locked the

door when she left," and someone ransacked her home, though she did not notice anything missing.

11:52 p.m. - When your party is loud enough to shake the neighbor's windows, you're likely to draw complaints. That's what happened at a residence on Blue Jay Street, Umatilla, whose neighbors asked police to have the party turn down the music. Police arrived and gave a warning about the noise level.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26

3:50 a.m. - Someone crashed a car into a telephone pole on the 700 block of West Hermiston Avenue, Hermiston, which broke a cable from the pole, and left the vehicle at the scene.

6:28 a.m. - A Hermiston mother on Northeast Fourth Street reported someone during the night stole the front tire of her child's bicycle.

7:12 a.m. - Threemile Canyon Farms, 75906 Threemile Road, Boardman, was the victim of vehicle theft. Someone stole one of the farm's pickups, stripped it, and left it on Kunze Lane about half a mile from the Driftwood RV Resort, Boardman.

12:56 p.m. - The dean of students for Hermiston schools reported a student received "a bunch" of harassing calls Wednesday night from approximately six other students,

and some "were pretty serious in nature."

2:29 p.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a second-hand report of a burglary of a trailer at Southeast Park Place, Irrigon.

4:45 p.m. - Someone shot and killed a peacock on Kunze Lane, Boardman, the bird's owner reported. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office took a report.

5:21 p.m. - Hermiston police received a report of a driver in a dark blue Chevrolet Tahoe texting and running a stop sign and nearly crashing into another vehicle at West Hermiston Avenue and North First Place. That other driver called police.

6:02 p.m. - Members of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police responded to the area between Tower Road and the Boardman rest area off Interstate 84 and cut the horns off an elk.

7:34 p.m. - Umatilla police responded to the 1500 block of Sixth Street, Umatilla on a 9-1-1 report of a man and woman fighting.

8:01 p.m. - A woman on East Jennie Avenue, Hermiston, reported someone was on the roof of her house.

10:50 p.m. - Residents of Columbia Crest Apartments, Umatilla, told police the complex was without water since 10 a.m. Wednesday. One caller reported the manager gave notice the water would be down for about an hour, but that later changed to "sometime" Thursday. The caller said they could not use the bathroom nor cook food, and the manager was of no help.

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suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear II: sentenced to \$100 fine.

• Miguel Angel Martinez Morales, 42, Stanfield, pleaded guilty to two counts of Assault of Public Safety Officer: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units and \$200 fine for each count; pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to \$200 fine and 6 months driver's license suspension; pleaded guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance II: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, \$200 fine and 6 months driver's license suspension; pleaded guilty to two counts of Possession of Forged Instrument I: sentenced to \$200 fine for each count.

• Taylor Gordon Morris, 25, Hermis-

ton, pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear I: sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, 120 hours community service, \$200 fine and \$1,800 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 80 hours community service, \$500 fine, \$1,250 fine-suspended and 6 months driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

MISDEMEANOR

• Karl William Heinz Millard, 30, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Menacing, Resisting Arrest and Driving While Suspended: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 40 hours community service, \$100 fine and \$1,650 fine-suspended for each count, plus court costs and fees.

• Adam Lee Crawford, 48, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Menacing and Attempt to Commit Class A Misdemeanor: sentenced to 20 days jail,

160 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$1,000 fine and \$1,000 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

• Octavio Morales Martinez, 38, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Failure to Carry/Present Operator's License: sentenced to 15 days jail-suspended, 1 year probation, 30 hours community service and \$500 fine, plus court costs and fees.

• Troy James Abbott, 23, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Harassment-domestic violence: sentenced to 90 days jail-suspended, 1 year probation, 40 hours community service, \$100 fine and \$1,650 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

Divorces

Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

Kandie L. Jacobs and Claude Forrest Jacobs; Dustine Ramirez and Enrique Ramirez; Justin Michael Boyd and

Amanda Jordan Boyd; Ainslee June Harris and Bryen Leslee Harris; Katy F. Childers and Bryan F. Childers; Whitney Nichole Tullis and Jesus J. Flores.

Marriages

Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

Landon Russel Alexenko, 30, and Heather Kimberly Terres, 25, both of Hermiston.

Jeremy Scott Martin, 37, and Billie Michelle Sexton, 38, both of Hermiston. Edgar Manuel Pamplona, 32, and Ashley Nicole Martinez, 28, both of Hermiston.

Jeffrey Alan Terry, 29, and Amber Rachel Kay Terry, 30, both of Hermiston.

Connor James Webb, 32, and Kelsey Ann Kuzis, 26, both of Kennewick, Wash.

Manuel Phillip Yetter Jr., 25, and Elizabeth Rose Serry, 24, both of Hermiston.

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