

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't vote for Murdock

I voted for George as commissioner in the last race, but will not vote for him this time. You see, I received a flyer yesterday from the Re-Elect George campaign, and I say it lacks of integrity and honesty. Let me explain:

George had a photo of the Harkenrider Center dedication with two of our Senior Center board of directors, Willard and Judy Fordice. Nice, but the photo was taken several hours after the dedication that George did not attend. I know, I was at the dedication. He was at a wedding and showed up right about the time the Fordices were closing up. He and his wife wanted a tour. The Fordices obliged. Then George pulled a photo op and left.

In my five years working on this project, have I ever seen or heard of George's involvement? I did not see him on the long range planning committee, the site selection committee, or the numerous times I and others went to city hall to council meetings garnering support from the council for the center. In addition, nor has he aided in the financial aspect through grants or personal contributions, like many of us in the project have done. Just a shame!

It is sad when a politician uses these types of photos to make it look like he had any tangential involvement to the process, which he did not. I will vote for Rick Pullen now, as well as my family and friends who know well about how the Senior Center came to be. It was from my and others' steadfast, daunting, and long involvement of hundreds of personal hours that this happened, and not your one photo op in the center, which is dishonest.

George, you were dishonest in this flyer and integrity lacking, and people in the county should send you packing.

Perry W. Hawkins
HERMISTON

Walden beholden to corporate donors

Our current Congressional representative, Greg Walden holds significant power in Congress. But he uses that power to further the interests of out-of-state corporate donors over the wellbeing of this district's citizens. He is part of the problem, not part of the solution.

The most notable problem is his leadership in support of a piece by piece dismantling of the Affordable Care Act. Other problems, to name a few, include Walden's votes in support of tax cuts for the rich and against a livable minimum wage, votes for the fossil fuel industry and against renewable energy, and votes for cutbacks to Social Security and Medicare, paycheck investments entrusted to the government which most have paid into throughout our working years.

A vote for Walden is a vote to continue the mean-spirited policies of the current administration, policies which create fear, distrust, and chaos—both nationally and internationally, policies which favor the rich at the expense of the ordinary citizen. Continuing these policies does not create the Oregon or America that I want for myself or my family and friends.

When I cast my ballot, I'm voting for a return to policies that support the ordinary citizen! I'm voting for healthcare for all, for clean energy, for environmental protections, for humane immigration policies, for laws which do not apply solely to women, and for laws which maintain separation of church and state. I'm voting for Jamie McLeod-Skinner. I urge you to join me.

Helena Wolfe
HERMISTON

Scary movies, popcorn and Halloween, oh my

With Halloween just around the corner, what better way to celebrate the holiday than having a fright-fest.

Whether forking over a fistful of cash at the theater, hitting up the local Redbox or checking out Netflix, 'tis the season for scary movies.

After dragging my husband to several sub-par shows, he now refuses to step foot into a theater for flicks that don't score well on Rotten Tomatoes. However, I think it's going to take additional convincing to get John to take me to the cinema to see "Halloween."

It's been so long since I've been in a theater that I'm not even sure where my "movie purse" is — you know, a purse big enough to smuggle a Hydro Flask with ice, a can of Pepsi and a couple of bottles of water.

My mom taught me that trick. She actually had one big enough for two Big Gulps, along with various candy and snacks.

But I digress — initially pitching my case to see "Halloween," I told John the latest confrontation between Michael Myers and Laurie Strode received 80 percent on the Tomatometer. However, with the World Series vying for his attention at least through Saturday, I may have missed my chance.

Although technically comedies, the "Scary Movie" series is a must see. Featuring satirical parodies of classic horror films, the original came out in 2000. I couldn't wait to see the second.

John and I were vacationing in a small village in New Hampshire and headed to the North Conway Theatre. I don't know if it was standard procedure, but there weren't trailers before the show. Instead, a theater employee stood up front and talked about the upcoming releases. That, and the free popcorn coupons made for quite the entertaining experience.

More than a decade ago I was into the "Saw" series. I saw "Saw," I saw "Saw II" and so on. They churned 'em out yearly from 2004-10, and then last year, "Jigsaw." As far as I'm concerned they hacked that series to death.

Some of my favorite horror flicks from decades ago remain steady on the Tomatometer, including "Psycho" (1960) in third place of the top 100 with 97 percent, "The Exorcist" (1973) ranks 60th with 86 percent, and "The Omen" (1976) comes in at 79 with 86 percent.

A classic, "Psycho" relies on people's minds to create the creepiness. It was so fantastic that a 91-minute documentary, "78/52,"

premiered at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival. The title refers to the number of camera set-ups and edits that resulted in the frightfully familiar 3-minute shower scene.

Linda Blair's head-spinning and projectile vomiting in "The Exorcist" is embedded in my brain, as is my mom's response when she found out I saw it. She tracked down Stan McSwain — aka the "Popcorn King," owner of the Egyptian Theatre — telling him she was none too happy that I got into the R-rated film at age 14.

For awhile, the theater cracked down on underage movie-goers. However, a couple of years later, my friend and I went to "The Omen." So, how freaky is it that barely 15 minutes into the flick the screen went black?! After getting "rain checks," we finally experienced the little spawn of Satan's reign of terror.

I guess if I can't convince my husband to go see "Halloween," I might have to catch "Get Out." The 2017 release is ranked No. 1 and looks pretty fresh with 99 percent on the mater-meter.

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Tammy Malgesini
INSIDE MY SHOES

EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25
OPEN INTERVIEW EVENT, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Horizon Project, Inc., 223 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Seeking direct support professionals to assist with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Bring a resume. (Marisa Wachter 541-938-5658)
BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)
HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Harkenrider Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10

and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service available by donation. (541-567-3582)
SENSORY STORY TIME, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)
ECHO CORN MAZE, 2-6 p.m., Echo Corn Maze, 100 N. Dupont St., Echo. Cost is \$10 for one trip through, \$12 for re-entry and haunted path. Reservations suggested for groups and field trips. (Gina 509-528-5808)
SAM BOARDMAN PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING, 5 p.m., Sam Boardman Elementary School,

301 Wilson Lane, Boardman. New playground equipment and improvements will be unveiled at the southeast corner of the school. Public welcome. (Brandon Hammond 541-481-7383)
WRITER'S GROUP, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Writing support group offering encouragement, inspiration and motivation. All writers welcome. (Jodi Hansen 541-567-2882)
YARN CLUB, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)
THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6-10 p.m., The Arc

Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)
FIDDLER'S NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Avamere Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (Lori 541-567-3141)

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