

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has released the following information:

May 5: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at SE Utah Ave/SE Seventh St, Irrigon that someone was playing loud music. Unfounded.

-MCSO received a report at Bombing Range Rd/Finley Butte Rd, Boardman of disabled vehicle. No one around but well off the road.

-MCSO received a report at Palmateer Rd/Hwy 74, Ione that they purchased property last year and now the people that own the property to the north are trespassing on the property. RP has put up no trespassing signs and fenced the property. They went out today and found the fence down.

-MCSO received a report on NW Jones St, Heppner that RP is concerned about a dog that is chained to a power pole. The dog has a short leash, no water and is panting and appears to have porcupine quills in its face. Deputy responded and contacted dog owner. He will move the dog into the shade and is waiting for a family member to come help remove the quills.

-MCSO received a report on SW Second St, Irrigon that there is a dog that keeps coming onto her property and bothering her dogs. RP advised that she is afraid of the owners of the dog but know where it lives. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at SE Utah Ave/SE Seventh St, Irrigon that a white Ford pickup went down Seventh, turned on his loud music, turned it down on Tenth and then passed by once more and turned it back up. RP advised it was so loud it "rattled his house."

-MCSO received a report at SE Seventh St/SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that someone is driving around with their music playing loud. When asked if he knew a vehicle description RP swore at dispatch and advised that since MCSO won't take care of it, they could come and "deal with the tweaks on the corner."

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that the subjects are making noise and doing it again playing their music and harassing the RP and his friend.

-MCSO received a report at SE Utah Ave/SE Seventh St, Irrigon of noise coming from a vehicle. He did not see what kind of vehicle.

-MCSO received a report at S Main St, Heppner that RP located a rottweiler that has porcupine quills on its face. He is requesting contact on what can be done. Dog was reunited with the owner.

May 6: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report that Robyn Lynn Stratton was arrested by Stanfield PD on IJC warrant, lodged at UCJ. Tyler Wayne Jones was arrested by Stanfield PD on MC P&P detainer, no bail, lodged at UCJ.

-MCSO received a report at N First St/Columbia River, Irrigon that there is a red Dodge Caravan at the end of First St by the river. RP believes that vehicles are not supposed to be down there. Deputy responded and vehicle will leave. Deputy also spoke with Corp of Engineers about closures.

-MCSO received a report at Willow Creek Rd/Skinner Creek, Heppner of littering and dumping at the gravel pit. Deputy responded and located a couch and trash dumped. Deputy cleaned up the trash.

-MCSO received a report at W Eighth Rd/Riverview Ln, Irrigon of graffiti on a sign by the river. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report at Brannon Auto Repair on E May St, Heppner of ongoing issue of a dog loose around town. The dog tried to attack him a couple of weeks ago and was just in the street and a car had to stop for it. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at NW Sage Hill, Heppner of trespass issue on Thorn Creek near Madison Butte.

-MCSO received a report on B St, Ione that her cat was killed during the night, possibly the neighbor's dog.

-MCSO received a report at Heppner Main Street Park on N Main St, Heppner that there are kids playing on the antique tractors in the plaza. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that there is a raccoon in her neighbor's driveway that might need to be put down, appears sick or as if someone ran it over. Raccoon was dispatched.

-MCSO received a report at Hwy 74, Heppner of light blue SUV going 40 mph and all over the road.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a silver 4-door Pontiac Grand Prix is on Mike's driveway, blocking the road. RP advised they are on a "dope run" and the vehicle is still running.

Members celebrate First Communion



St. Patrick's Church in Heppner recently celebrated First Communion for four young members. Pictured (L-R): Karmyn Dickenson, instructor Ashley Lindsay, Jonny Ashbeck, Father Joseph Tankachan, Charlie Mullins and Ella Brannon. -Contributed photo.

Deputy conducted a stop and arrest.

May 7: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on NW Esther Ct, Irrigon that his dirt bike has been taken out of his shed.

-MCSO received a report at SE Seventh St/SE Idaho Ave, Irrigon that every time RP goes for a walk, someone tries to run him over. RP advises it is a white Ford F150 turning onto Idaho.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, Boardman of rad debris on the freeway. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report at W Hwy 730/W Fourth Rd, Irrigon of two lambs outside the fence on the shoulder. Owner was contacted and will move them to a different location.

-MCSO received a report on W Sperry St, Heppner that someone had come into her house and left the front door open.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon of suspicious vehicle parked across from location.

-MCSO received a report on NE Fourth St, Irrigon that his bike was stolen last night.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a truck passenger side trailer tire has come off the rim and the driver doesn't know. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that the white Ford pickup came onto Utah, stopped and cranked up his music then continued.

-MCSO received a report on E Hwy 730, Irrigon that the vehicle in front of her is driving slow and swerving all over the road.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a black Ford

Ranger just went by with loud music.

-MCSO received a report that UPD arrested Diane Rochelle Berecz on MCCC warrant. Subject was cited and released to appear.

-MCSO received a report on S Main St, Heppner that a male subject just threw garbage off the highway. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that RP has had problems with all of the females of MCSO and that 2505 is not going to deal with it. RP advised he doesn't like the schools, doesn't care about the kids, that they aren't worth disturbing the peace for.

-MCSO received a report on SW Nevada Ave, Irrigon that RP can see flames coming from somewhere, unsure if it is a house or a controlled burn.

-MCSO received a report at Kunze Ln/Tower Rd, Boardman that two men, one all in black, one using the phone are standing in the middle of the road. The guy in front of RP almost hit the subject. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Green Acres on Patterson Ferry Rd, Irrigon that RP advised his neighbor hit his truck with a large stick and tried to hit him with the stick.

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Spiritually Speaking

What are we looking for in Life?

By Father Joseph Thankachan

We are all familiar with casinos, and people who frequent them are looking for hitting a jackpot and trying to make life easy through short cuts. Our values determine our choices and so we need to find out what we are looking for in life. Last Sunday's first reading from the First Book of Kings makes us question whether faith and trust in God are the prime value that influences our choices or not? This reading gives us the beautiful description of Solomon being asked by God to choose a grant request. Instead of asking for wealth and material possessions, Solomon prayed for the gift of wisdom. He could have asked for anything on earth so that he could sit comfortably in his palace and ponder about the truths of the universe, but he asked God for wisdom and an understanding heart so that he could govern his people wisely. God was so pleased with his choice that Solomon was blessed with all that was needed to govern God's people and was granted wealth and treasures as well. What would have been our choices when given such a situation?

If God comes in your dream tonight and asks you to ask for one thing and one thing only, what would you ask for? Would you ask for wealth or success in business or your love life? Would you have the wisdom of Solomon to ask for the reign of God in your life? Is the kingdom of God so important to you that you are prepared to sell and part with all you have in order to have His kingdom? If you have the kingdom of God, you have everything and if you don't have the kingdom of God you have nothing.

The second reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans is all about trusting in God. Saint Paul says, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). God has predestined everything for everyone who trusts in Him. Paul reminds the Romans that they will be able to endure suffering and trials because of this trust in God. Divine providence or trusting in Him suggests the ability to look beyond the present suffering and see its meaning in the future. Saint Paul reminds us that everything in our lives will turn out to be good when we Trust in Him and live according to His commandments.

In the Gospel reading from the 13th Chapter of Saint Matthew, Jesus describes characteristics of the kingdom of God in parables or storytelling, which is very easy to understand. The kingdom of God is compared to a man who finds a treasure hidden in a field and sells everything he has in order to own it. Likewise, the kingdom is compared to a man who is searching for rare pearls and when he finds one, he is ready to give up everything he owns to acquire the pearl of rare value. The two stories differ in one circumstance. The treasure is something uncovered quite by accident, whereas the pearl is found after deliberate pursuit and searching. Whichever way it comes to light, one must be ready to sacrifice everything in order to call it one's own.

From the parable of the treasure and pearls we can see that discipleship or membership in the kingdom of God is a precious gift or possession. It demands, on the part of the disciple, a certain amount of renunciation, commitments, sacrifices and choices daily in our lives for the sake of the kingdom's values. Do we continue to make a constant search in our lives?

To conclude this reflection of the day, let us ponder the title of this article: What are you looking for in life? Worldly possessions and material things? Or God's kingdom and His values? The man discovers the pearl of great price while seeking pearls. According to its dictionary meaning, a pearl is born out of great suffering. A speck of sand makes its way into an oyster. The oyster is a living organism, so the intruder hurts the oyster. To protect itself, the oyster stows a substance called nacre, to surround the intruder. It is the secretion that gradually forms the pearl. Thus, the pearl is born out of much torment and pain. Not that there are many pearls around us; some of these are fine pearls. People seek truth and life in such things as philosophy, science, technology, wealth, fame, art, music, literature and religion. But there is only one pearl that is priceless, only one pearl that is worth more than the world itself - the pearl of Jesus Christ Himself.

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