

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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GOT HOPE?

Seems like just a couple minutes of listening to the news these days and I'm gritting my teeth, fighting back tears, or both. Trying to make sense of it all seems to be a futile attempt at reasoning.

There's no denying that evil is real and rampant. But one thing comes front and center to my mind and that is this: The foundation that used to hold us up and hold us accountable has been stripped away. My generation has watched it happen, and we've done it without much ado. The moral absolutes we were raised with have been replaced with a hodgepodge of explanations that have left a whole generation of kids with nothing to guide them. We've stuck them in the middle of the ocean in a boat with no oars...no land in sight....and told them to find their own way.

Tell a generation of children that they can make up their own God, their own "truth", and they will see right through it. And the next time you expect them to have a good reason to choose good over evil... they won't have one. "Be good? Says who?" It's a sorry attempt at morality.

Then try to convince them how valuable they are while simultaneously telling them how abortion is a woman's "right to choose". Kids are smarter than we think. "So, my value depends on your choice?"

They may not know how to voice it, but they see the fallacy in our benign philosophy, the hypocrisy, and the discrepancies in our explanations. When we diminish their existence

to mere biology (while telling them biology doesn't count), we leave them with nothing. No goals, no consequences, no reason for being, and no hope. So, when we die...we're dirt? Then what's the point of anything? The suicide wonders why the suicide rate in young people is so high these days.

Remember when we all knew the difference between right and wrong? Back then, a trip to the woodshed or a tangle with mom's wooden spoon helped us sort out any grey areas in the behavior department. The Ten Commandments were to be taken seriously. And, although we didn't always act like it...we knew what we should be doing.

When your kids ask "What difference does it make? What's the point? Why am I even here?" I hope you give them a solid answer. I hope you give them the truth. I hope you tell them about the Creator of the universe and how much He loves them. I hope you tell them there is a reason for their conscience and there are consequences for their behavior beyond this life. I hope you tell them about the Gospel and how Jesus died for them so they could live forever with Him.

Give them back their foundation. Give them direction and give them hope.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

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Three bedroom, one bath home on quiet street in Heppner. Real wood floors and knotty pine walls give a warm and comfortable feeling when you walk inside. Large fenced backyard with excellent soil will give you a great garden, and there is an access gate off the back street (Riverside) for additional parking. A full walk-in basement is waiting for you to finish out and add lots of additional living space. New pellet stove. 335 W Union Ave, Heppner MLS#: 23220466



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MCSO Nov 1st 2023

-Officers received a report of a motor vehicle accident occurring at Lamb Weston West plant on Columbia Ave Ne in Boardman with a black Nexus and a white Nissan, injuries were unknown, no rollover or entrapment. Subjects were transported.

-Officers received a request for agency assistance, the reporting party needed assistance with locating Dylan Ostrom, he is subject to a case and has a warrant. The reporting party requested phone contact so that the details could be given, and advised he may be armed. Dylan Michael Ostrum was arrested on a UCCC warrant #22CR55442 for FTA/Strangulation, Coercion, with a bail of \$30,000.

-Occurring on I 84 E, in Boardman. The reporting party hit a deer, he is not injured but the deer is deceased. He would like contact to know what he needs to do or if he can leave the scene. OSP was advised and was on standby for assistance. The deputy was advised and referred the reporting party to another agency.

-Officers received a report of a gold Toyota attempting to run people off the road and were break-checking, the reporting party was behind him with a white Ford 250 hauling trailer, MCSO was out of position and referred OSP.

-Officers received a juvenile complaint, occurring at Irrigon High School on Se Wyoming Ave.

The reporting party reports there is a problem with the daughter at school, and that she is in danger. Another juvenile is trying to fight her, they have reported it to the school several times. The reporting party states that the school is unable to reach out to the girls' parents. It is under investigation.

-Officers arrested Michael Don Norman by MCSO at Strokes Landing, Nw Opal Pl, Irrigon. the subject had UCCC warrants 23CR26054 FTA/Failure to

report as a sex offender and 22CR27752 PV/Theft III. The subject was lodged at UCJ with a bail of \$55,000.

MCSO Nov.2nd

-Officers received a report of a motor vehicle accident between two vehicles. There were no known injuries, and the vehicles were off to the side of the road, BPD responded but OSP took the call.

-Occurring at Green Acres Paterson Ferry Rd, in Irrigon officers were advised of assault, the reporting party advised that a patient in the ER states she was assaulted in Irrigon in the morning by her fiancé, and she would like to contact a deputy, the report was taken.

-BPD received a complaint of theft occurring at Boardman Harvest Foods on Main St S Boardman. Reynaldo Hernandez was arrested by BPD for Theft III and to appear 11/30/23.

-Officers were advised of shots fired occurring on Division and Seventh St in Irrigon. the reporting party heard at least seven shots; officers were unable to locate them.

-MCSO was advised of a search and rescue occurring in Hepper. Corey Lapinski was last seen driving past camp approx. 5-6 hours before the report was made. The search party had

been looking for him since they found his jeep with his phone and empty beer bottles. They also advised he has his pistols on him, they also advised that he had drank two-fifths of alcohol and has his guns on him and are unsure what he might do, or that he may pass out in the cold. Justin Smith is up, he was the point of contact. Officers completed the report.

MCSO Nov 3rd

-Officers received a report of a single vehicle, a blue Cadillac that hit a deer, occurring on Highway 730 in Irrigon. Officers completed the report.

-Occurring at Strickland, Marvin on Shoemaker Rd in Boardman officers received a call requesting contact from 2505 in regard to a sex abuse case that was supposed to be reported to

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