

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under “Card of Thanks” at a cost of \$15 Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

Still believe

I had a conversation with a friend the other day. While we are far apart on the political spectrum, the conversation remained respectful and thankfully, we parted friends. It may be hard to believe, but I’m not too fond of confrontation. Maybe that’s why I write... I don’t have to duck.

My friend is a Liberal and an atheist, but he’s no dummy. He’s knowledgeable and articulate. Did he change my views or shake my faith? No. But did he cause me to do some serious thinking? Yes. I don’t claim to be an A student, but I consider myself a solid C and I have heard his arguments against the existence of a Creator before. But I still ask...if there is no intelligent designer and we are just one big cosmic blunder, why are we here? Who invented the Law of Physics and the Big Bang? Who fine-tuned the earth to support life? Where do we get morality? Scientists use “billions of years ago” to explain their theories. Doesn’t work for me. After all...there aren’t too many witnesses from that era... not even FB Fact-checkers. Sheesh.

While I’ve been accused of getting my info from “Right Wing News”, I’m big on trusting resources. Research matters. If I had no other information source other than MSNBC, I might think differently. But then, I know that people lie, so “facts” are always negotiable, and common sense should still apply. And then there’s Photoshop and AI. So, the old adage “I’ll believe it when I see it” is out.

The premise on which we stand affects every aspect of our views. My Biblical worldview stands firm. But honestly, without God, my view would be

very different. Truth is, if I didn’t believe in a Creator and I thought our planet’s only hope was the brilliance of my fellow man, I’d be worried too.... especially when certain female candidates are considered the brightest and best. Seriously...get me every green new deal you can find...and let the veganism begin. But even then, I don’t get how some folks think...like.... “We don’t need police. Those murderers, rapists, and terrorists are just sad souls that need counseling. Get those First Responder Counselors on scene. But then what do they do when Great Gramma Ivy shows up to pray in front of Planned Parenthood? CALL THE POLICE! LOCK ‘ER UP!! Borders? Nah...that’s just mean. Everyone is welcome.... even the Venezuelan gang members because all they really need is counseling... and interest-free loans.

The hardest thing for me is the total disregard for human life. I will NEVER understand how any sane woman can demand her “reproductive rights”, knowing the infant carnage that will result. But then Satan delights in blinding people and he loves carnage.

God exists. He has shown Himself to be real over and over again in my life. I’ve seen answered prayers and I’ve seen miracles. Trying to explain them away with science is a long stretch. My infant daughter’s hole in her heart didn’t just spontaneously fix itself in a week. And this world didn’t create itself.

“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As it says in the book of Job, God uses man’s own brilliance to trap him; he stumbles over his own “wisdom” and falls.” 1 Corinthians 3:19

By Susie Crosby, Prineville, OR.

Morrow SWCD to meet

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, September 10th 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.

Announcement of the establishment of the 6th Judicial District Truancy Court Parent Effectiveness Program

Sixth Judicial district Morrow & Umatilla County Circuit Courts - The Umatilla County Commissioners under the guidance of Commissioner Cindy Timmons, and the 6th Judicial District Circuit Courts under the direction of Presiding Judge Daniel J. Hill, in collaboration with the Umatilla County CARE program and Community Counseling Solutions, have established a Truancy program for children under age 15 under current standing statutory protocols and the legal requirement of parents to supervise their children and cause them to attend school as required by law. Through intensive initial interaction by the involved school district, the program may also involve a community’s local Community Action Board (CAB), and eventually provides for citation of the Adult and Child to the Circuit Court for arraignment of the Responsible Adult, and with

consent of the adult entry into the Parenting Effectiveness Program (PEP), designed to assess the parent’s needs for best facilitating the child’s compliance with school attendance. These first appearances will be directed by the School District Superintendent from the use of a Truancy Violation Citation to either a Pendleton or Hermiston Circuit Courtroom for arraignment, and introduction into the Parenting Effectiveness Program. The program is intended to help the responsible parent with any barriers and obstacles interfering with the child’s school attendance. The point of contact for the program is Jenni Galloway, Umatilla County CARE program at 541-379-3575 or via email at jenni.galloway@umatillacounty.gov, and Irma Solis, Trial Court Administrator at 541-278-0341 or via email at Irma.Solis@ojd.state.or.us.

MC school district notice of speed zone pesticide application

Dear Staff, Parents/ Guardians & Students: Morrow County School District will have a licensed commercial contractor applying Speed Zone pesticide (EPA 2217-835) on the athletic fields, playgrounds and lawn areas in Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon during the month of September. This application is to treat the broad leaf within those grass areas. The areas

will be clearly marked with signs before, during and after the application. Please do not enter the areas while the signs are posted.

This practice is part of our ongoing Integrated Pest Management Program. For more information, visit our district website. Contact Brandi Sweeney at brandi.sweeney@morrowswd.org if you have any questions.

Morrow County switch cell carriers, updates phone numbers

Heppner, OR –Morrow County is announcing a recent change in cell phone carriers for its various departments. This change, effective immediately, has resulted in updates to several County cell phone numbers.

To ensure seamless communication with all County departments, the public is advised to visit the official Morrow County website and navigate to each department’s webpage to find the most current and accurate contact information.

What You Need to Know: Carrier Change: Morrow County has transitioned to a new cell phone service provider. **Phone Number Updates:** Due to this change, several County cell phone numbers have been updated. **Find Up-**

dated Numbers: Please visit the official Morrow County website at www.co.morrow.or.us and click on the specific department to find the updated contact numbers.

Morrow County remains committed to providing exceptional service to its residents. We apologize for any inconvenience this transition may cause and appreciate your understanding as we work to enhance our communication infrastructure.

For more information or if you experience difficulty reaching a department, please contact the Morrow County Administration Office at 541-676-5613 or email vballard@co.morrow.or.us.

Matthew Jensen Morrow County Administrator

LADIES NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 5TH AT 6:00 PM

Barbecue chicken, baked beans, green salad, roll and angel food cake

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For Sale: Charming bungalow with 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, nestled in a tranquil neighborhood. Spacious backyard ideal for memorable family gatherings. Recent renovations include upgraded floors, kitchen improvements, fresh paint. Home has a mini split for efficient heating and cooling. Conveniently situated near Hagar Park, just a short stroll away from downtown, the hospital, and the elementary school. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity. MLS#: 24241555

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