

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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The Rebuttal

Some social media posts are great. Good for a laugh or a good cry. Some just bring on the eye-roll and some make me wanna slap someone silly (kidding...kinda). One rain-bow-clad meme has been floating around lately and I couldn't help but respond. It said, "Just so we're clear, any party telling you who you can love, what gender you are, what states you can travel to, which books you can read, which history you can learn, what prayers you should say and what you can and cannot do with your own body doesn't care one bit about freedom." I beg to differ. I am a member of said party and JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR...

1) You can love anyone you please. Just don't expect me to approve of your sexual activities/deviations. Just a note; Love and sex are two different things.

2) You can ignore your biology and call yourself a girl, boy, cat, or unicorn if you want, just don't expect me to agree with your delusion. But when it comes to sports, stay in your own lane. Girls deserve the freedom to compete with their own.

3) You can travel wherever you please (and I don't care if you're vaccinated or masked). You might even find a country with a government more in line with your political views. Say hello to King Jong Un.

4) You can read whatever books you please, but don't be pushing your agenda or your filthy porn on little kids. That's just plain evil.

5) You can learn true history, or you can learn lies. That's up to you. And don't forget to check your sources. The Bible's a good one.

6) You can pray to the universe or to a Big Mac, that's your decision. But I won't join you. I would rather pray to the One who MADE the universe.

7) You can do what you want with your own body. You can even get Fauci's 24 booster shots, just don't demand I get them. And I don't care if you take your own arm or leg off but stop doing that to babies (not your body).

8) You have the freedom to make choices, but unwise choices reap poor consequences. Exercising your rights should not include stomping on mine.

9) I have the freedom to disagree with you and express my opinion. I can love you while disagreeing with you and it doesn't mean I hate you.

P. S. The party that tells you what you can say (fact checker), what you can drive, who you can hire (DEI), with whom you can do business, and can shut your doors when they please and do NOT care about freedom. And an administration that refuses to protect its own citizens, including the unborn, leaving them as targets for those who want to see them dead, leaves children in the hands of sex traffickers, and gives billions of tax dollars to terrorists while giving pittance to our own hurricane victims, does NOT care about YOU or YOUR COUNTRY. Vote wisely.

"You say, 'I am allowed to do anything'—but not everything is good for you. And even though 'I am allowed to do anything,' I must not become a slave to anything." 1 Corinthians 6:12

By Susie Crosby

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

Last Monday night at about 9:30 Judy Buschke, ready for bed, went through the kitchen, headed to the family room to lock the patio door and close the drapes. She reports: I turned the kitchen light on, and there was a snake slithering across the floor! I have a large mirror leaning against the wall and thought that maybe I could trap the snake with that, but it was too heavy for me to move! I thought, "Now, what the heck am I going to do?!" I didn't want to take my eyes off the snake for fear it would disappear but couldn't think what I had close by to attack it with! I grabbed a metal hotcake turner and tried to stab it with the edge but missed! The snake then coiled up!!! I ran and got the vacuum cleaner, turned it on, and headed for the snake with the wand. It took off down into the family room and coiled up behind the basket I have beside the door to the patio. The family room is two steps down. I stayed in the kitchen area, leaned over the railing, and slammed the vacuum wand down on the snake. I'm thinking, "Now what?!" I had so much pressure on the wand that the vacuum couldn't suck it up, so I thought I might have to stand there forever! Finally, I took a little pressure off the wand and it was sucked up into the vacuum! I couldn't see it in the canister, so I quickly reattached the wand and put the vacuum out on the deck for the night. The next morning, I emptied the canister, the snake was still alive! I threw a rock on him, but he was still alive for five days before finally disappearing. When he came out of the vacuum, I saw that he had markings of a rattlesnake! I have lived in the house for 68 years and had never had a snake in the house, but I am now paranoid and do not walk into a room without turning on a light!

Last week, Shelli Britt and Christy Correa headed for the northeast corner of the state: "We stayed at the May's Place bed and breakfast in Elgin Friday night and attended the "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" play at the Opera House. The talent there is pretty amazing, beautiful costumes, amazing singers and actors and lots of humorous lines. We were served a delicious breakfast Saturday morning and walked a few blocks to the Eagle-cap Excursions train station and went on a three-and-a-half-hour train ride. We stopped on a train bridge to see where the Grand Ronde River and the Wallowa Rivers meet. The sun was glistening off the water and the fall foliage made for a great experience. Then off to Enterprise to walk the shops and do some early Christmas shopping. Had dinner at a Mexican restaurant and stayed in a hotel. Unfortunately, on Sunday on our drive home we saw three vehicles in a turnout and a black bear that had more than likely been hit by one of the vehicles. We had lunch at The Grainery in Pendleton, an end to a great weekend!

Thank goodness for name tags! Members of the HHS classes of '60, '61, and '62 and several spouses gathered at the Elks lodge last Friday evening to begin their three-day reunion. Locals had an advantage over visitors as "Who are you?" began. (At least one attendee felt that one '62 attendee in particular had changed far too little to be included!) Soon, the "something special" about childhood friendships quickly ruled the weekend as promises to stay in touch resounded over and over.

Adding tidbits to this column is as easy as jotting and sending to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or calling to report them at 541-223-1490.

Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this.

Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo named best barrel ground by the NPRA



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The barrel racers of the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association voted the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo for the best ground for 2024. This is the second time in recent history that the rodeo committee has won this award. The ground in an arena is very important for the safety of animals and contestants to avoid slipping and possible falling. Every contestant wants to have a fair chance to win the event's

prize money and the Janice Healy Davis Memorial Buckle which means consistent ground depth and traction is necessary. The OTRP Rodeo Committee works hard to produce an outstanding NPRA rodeo for spectators and contestants alike, so this award is proof that our attention to detail has been recognized by the barrel racing competitors that participated in our rodeo.

Heppner Housing Authority

The next meeting of the Heppner Housing Authority for the Heppner Senior Center will be Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the

St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room.

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