

HIGHLIGHTS

Cove Christian Camp planning conference is tomorrow

COVE — The annual Cove Christian Camp Fall Planning Conference will be held at the camp, 68405 Mill Creek Lane, Oct. 11 at 10 a.m. A brisket and salad lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with family fun time to follow. Participants may play miniature golf, run the obstacle course, play volleyball, shoot baskets or tour the grounds to enjoy time outdoors. The camp is available for family reunions, school outings, weddings and church retreats.

Housing Matters meeting scheduled for Monday

LA GRANDE — Zion Lutheran Church in

La Grande will worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Fellowship and coffee will follow the service.

Housing Matters Union County will meet at Zion at noon Monday. Lunch will be provided. On Tuesday, the Quilters will meet at 9 a.m. and a non-denominational Bible study will gather at 6:15 p.m.

Quilts gathered to be sent to Hurricane Florence victims

LA GRANDE — St. Peter's Episcopal Church in La Grande will offer Morning Prayer at 9 a.m. Sunday. A fellowship and coffee hour will follow the service.

Centering Prayer is held on Tuesday and Morning Prayer on Thursday, both at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

A gathering of quilts for Hurricane Florence victims will be between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Quilts may also be brought to the church office on Sunday.

Jesus teaches that eternal life cannot be earned

LA GRANDE, ENTERPRISE — The sermon at Faith Lutheran Church Sunday will expound on Mark 10:17-22. In these verses, when Jesus is asked what must be done to receive eternal life, he says a person is unable to earn it. We are blessed with a good, loving God who graciously gives eternal life freely to those who love him. The service in La Grande will be at 10 a.m. and the one in Enterprise

will be at 2 p.m.

Communion included in worship service

LA GRANDE — First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of La Grande will celebrate the sharing of communion during the 10 a.m. Sunday service. Pastor Ray Smith will preach a message entitled "Hang in There." Taken from Luke 18:1-8a, it will look at how God hears us when we lose heart. There will be a no-host lunch at the Smokehouse Restaurant at 11:45 a.m.

Community invited to four-part series at Adventist Church

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting

"The Appearing" series with Shawn Boonstra today at 7 p.m. Boonstra is the speaker and director of a radio-television broadcast that presents the description of the Battle of Armageddon from Revelation 16. Saturday at 11 a.m. Boonstra will focus on what it will be like to experience the appearing of Jesus. There will be two further presentations Saturday and Sunday night at 7 p.m. The community is invited and all attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Boonstra's book, "The Appearing," and a study guide for each presentation.

Pursuing material wealth is folly

LA GRANDE — The La Grande First United Methodist Church will celebrate the

21st Sunday of Pentecost at 10 a.m. Pastor Al Trachsel's message will be from Mark 10:17-31, titled "When More Is Never Enough." Jesus teaches that the pursuit of material wealth cannot be a priority if one's goal is eternal life.

Submissions

Churches and faith-based groups are encouraged to submit Highlights for the Spiritual Life page by 4 p.m. Thursday for publication Friday. Submit by email to news@lagrandeobserver.com (with Highlights in the subject line), by fax to 541-963-7804, or by hand to the office.

Religious freedom for all convictions is tricky

As we are noticing in our ever-changing world, when one person is offended over something, the new social acceptance solution is to stop what we are planning and allow that individual to change or prevent the desires of many. It now appears that new rules of order are being established with the supposed intention of not offending anyone. I understand the idea of accommodating everyone with whatever they believe, but since we are trending toward a puzzling destination, I'm troubled that our culture is losing an understanding of right and wrong. I was raised with the idea that it takes a voting majority to make decisions and this seems simple enough — however, our world is now becoming more focused in the quest to be socially and politically correct. Some will say this way of thinking is not what it appears and is actually based on a one-sided agenda to muzzle certain views while promoting others. Either way, our lives are being impacted.

I am a certified fire chaplain and a faith-based member of our state emergency crisis response team. This is a government



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agency, and even though I am recognized as clergy, I am not allowed to randomly pray for those who are traumatized, especially if I intend on acknowledging the name of Jesus. I am also a volunteer chaplain for a veterans health care facility, and again, I am limited with my intervention and continually reminded to restrain from using the name of Jesus because of the diversity in the resident population. The laws of correctness have developed to the place where I would not be surprised if all prayer will eventually be banned in the public domain. We have already seen prayer and the Bible removed from our education system, and there has even been a strong attempt to remove "one nation under God" from our pledge of allegiance. Based on what we have witnessed in the last 50 years, we know this agenda to eliminate public displays of religious expression will continue.

As Christians, we are called to follow the example of Christ in all that we

do, and we notice he was never intimidated by what people thought of him. He continually declared that his purpose was to obey what his father wanted and that was exactly what he did. How was he treated? People wanted his blessings but the government and even the religious world did not care for his dogmatic messages. Recently, I was asked to open in prayer at a horseracing track as a part of an honor presentation for veterans. There was a color guard with various members of the armed forces, the national anthem and a live bugle rendition of taps, and all the activities were to be simulcast around the world. When the opening ceremony was posted on the website, a horseracing family who lives in another country called and said they were offended because it mentioned the day would open in prayer. So, in order to appease this family, the owners of the track called and told us there would be no prayer. After a week of conversations, the organization did agree to allow a prayer but only if I would promise to not mention the name of Jesus. Everything worked out fine and we

were still able to effectively represent God and honor the veterans. Yes, of course it's disturbing to know that our freedom of speech was stepped on but even more important is the concern of where our religious liberties are heading.

I realize it would be impossible for everyone to agree on everything, but do you believe crucial decisions should be changed or canceled whenever one person disagrees? It's true we all have the right to protest, but since arguing accomplishes nothing except stirring up more strife, should any group of people who want to express their convictions be stopped because someone objects? Should we as Christians fight against the world for our right to be heard and are we called to protest against others who do not believe like we do? I don't think so. Number one: political and religious decisions will be controlled by the government and are decided by the masses. Number two: we should love and respect everyone. But our personal dedication and ultimate mission is to obey God.

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Carroll College announces new opportunities for Montana Catholic students

By Maddie Vincent

The Montana Standard

At Butte Central High School Thursday afternoon, Carroll College officials announced a new grant opportunity for Montana's Catholic seniors.

In fall 2019, Carroll will offer free on-campus housing for up to 30 students through their new Montana Catholic High School Room Grant, made possible through donor and benefactor contributions. The grant could deduct nearly \$10,000 per year for four years from the tuition of Montana Catholic high school seniors.

To keep the grant all four years, potential winners must meet a few requirements, like live in one of three halls on campus and remain a full-time student.

During the announcement in Butte Central's auditorium, Carroll College President John Cech said research shows students who live on campus have higher GPAs and graduation rates. Cech said this research influenced the room grant and another program Carroll is looking

to launch: four years of free tuition for the top Catholic seniors from every public and private high school in the state who apply to the college, if they live and eat on campus.

The 2018-19 cost of attendance for full-time students including estimated book fees and personal and transportation expenses is \$49,988 annually, according to the Carroll website. Overall, college representatives showed 99 percent of the college's students receive financial aid, and the average annual gift package is \$21,299. The room grant and potential free tuition program would add to that.

Cech also noted before the presentation that Carroll College was the first Roman Catholic institution for higher education in the state, and many of its founding members came from the Butte and Anaconda area.

"Butte is a part of our college's heritage. We have an affinity for and connection with the community, especially Butte Central," Cech said.



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Services This Week



<p>IMBLER CHRISTIAN CHURCH 440 RUCKMAN, IMBLER 534-2201 www.imblerchristianchurch.org</p> <p>Sunday Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 901 Penn Avenue 963-2623 lgdisciples@gmail.com</p> <p>Worship 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>~Join us at The Lord's Table~</p>	<p>SUMMERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>Sunday Services: Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 9:45AM Children's Church & Worship Service 11:00AM Family Worship Service 6:00PM</p> <p>Wednesday: Prayer Mgt., Children's Bible Club, Youth Group 7:00PM</p> <p>A church for your whole family Visit us at summervillebaptistchurch.org</p>	<p>Amazing Grace Fellowship 1316 T St., La Grande, OR 541-568-4567 Sunday 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>2 Cor 12:9 My Grace is sufficient for you.</p>	<p>GRACE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMC 667 N. Main in Union "We are called to Serve" Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 am Sunday Worship 10:00 am Pastor Carl Seelhoff Phone: 541-786-0447 grace.lutherancove@gmail.com</p>
<p>COVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1708 Jasper St., Cove, OR</p> <p>NORTH POWDER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 390 E. St., North Powder, OR</p> <p>JOIN US... <i>Catch the Spirit!</i> Worship: 9:00 a.m. Cove Worship: 10:00 a.m. N. Powder</p>	<p>ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES La Grande - Our Lady of the Valley 1002 L Avenue Saturday 5:30 pm Mass Sunday 10:00 am Mass Weekdays 8:00 am Mass Union - Sacred Heart 340 South 10th Avenue Sunday 8:00 am Mass No Weekdays Elgin - Saint Mary's 12th and Alder Sunday 12:30 pm Mass No Weekdays</p>	<p>VALLEY FELLOWSHIP 963-0340 507 Palmer Ave (just east of city pool) Sunday Worship 10:02 am Come and share in a time of worship, prayer and the study of God's word with us. Worship includes communion on Sunday. www.valleyfellowship.church Email: vfchurch2@gmail.com</p>	<p>LaGrande CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 109 18th Street • 963-3402 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>LA GRANDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH "OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS" 1612 4th Street - 963-2498 Pastor Al Trachsel lgumc@eoni.com www.lgumchurch.org Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am-Noon Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Coffee Hour 11:00 am • Nursery provided •</p>
<p>La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church <i>A Place where hope is found in Jesus</i> Join us in Fellowship & Worship Every Saturday 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study / Fellowship 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 2702 Adams Avenue, La Grande • 963-4018 Pastor: Mike Armayor www.lagrande22adventistchurchconnect.org <i>Learning for Today and Eternity</i> Little Friends Christian Preschool/Childcare 963-6390 La Grande Adventist Christian School Christian Education K-8th Grade 963-6203</p>	<p>FIRST LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1812 1st St. La Grande Pastor Dave Tierce • 541-605-0215 <i>We use the King James Version Bible</i> Sunday School - 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday Evening Bible Study - 3:00 pm (Effective June 10) Wednesday Evening - 6:30 pm "Where you can find TRUTH according to the scriptures" www.flmbclagrande.com</p>	<p>Zion Lutheran Church (an ELCA church) 902 Fourth Street, La Grande, OR (541) 963-5998</p> <p>9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship & Refreshments 11:00 am - Classes Pastor: Rev. Colleen Nelson www.zionlagrande.org</p>	<p>Union Baptist Church 1531 S. Main St., Union 541-562-5531 www.unionbaptistoregon.org Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Sunday Night 6:30 pm Thursday AWANA 6:30 pm <i>Knowing, Loving and Proclaiming Jesus Christ</i></p>	<p>First Baptist Church SIXTH & SPRING, LA GRANDE 541-963-3911</p> <p>Sun. 8:45 AM - Bible Classes Sun. 10:00 AM - Worship Wed. 6:15 PM - AWANA</p>