

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

February: Purple Finch

The purple finch has finally shown up in O'Brien. We had our first visitor come feed in the first week of January. It's always great seeing them come each winter. Please remember, it may not be raining or snowing, but the nights are still very cold. You want to give your birds as much protein as possible. I put out a nut mixture with small bites of nuts for them to feed on.

Purple Finch Description: The purple finch is similar to the house finch, but they look chunkier with a shorter tail. If you're from the east coast you may have noticed that our purple finches have less color than their eastern relatives. Male: Is six inches tall and has a Raspberry-red head, cap, breast, back and rump. It has some brown on its wings and tail. Female: You won't find any red on her; she's a plain brown bird with a streaked

chest and white eyebrows. Nesting: Purple finches are May nesters. Both females and males build a cup nest of twigs, grasses and moss. Their nest is usually 5-60' feet high in a tree. The female incubates 3-6 eggs which are light green-blue with dark marks. Both parents feed their young. Feeding: They search the ground and canopy foliage for seeds and insects. They eat fruits in summer and tree buds and blossoms in winter and spring. They'll come to your feeder

searching for sunflower seed and millet, mostly in the winter. Take it from me, they love peanut hearts and cracked corn. If you want to give them a real treat, give them some pumpkin seeds. (Please remember to always give the birds unsalted seeds and nuts.) Purple finches travel in a flock of up to 50 birds. Two years ago I had over 50 feeding under a table while it was snowing and eight inches of snow on the ground. Habitat: They are a year round resident; they're common in non-residential areas, prefer-

ring open woods or edges of low to mid-elevations conifer forests. Yes, they are year round residents, but I only see a few during spring and summer. It's February when you will see the 50 or more in flocks to come feeding. Did you know? The purple finch is the official state bird of New Hampshire. Watch the male purple finch. They may lift the feathers atop its head slightly, creating the appearance of a crest. Do you have a favorite bird and want me to highlight it as a "Bird of the Month"?

Send me an email at birdwatching@frontiernet.net and let me know what your favorite bird is. If you're in Cave Junction of a Saturday morning and you're hungry or just want a cup of good old coffee, come by My Place Family Restaurant around 8:30am and say "Hi" to Judy and have breakfast with me and other bird lovers. **Harry Johnson O'Brien, Oregon**



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Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran

Luke 2:22-35

"Oh, that I would live to see the day." Those or similar words have no doubt echoed throughout the ages. You can hear it in the hearts of those who longed for an end to the winter of South African apartheid, in the cries of those who suffered in the cold darkness of Dachau and Buchenwald, and in the hopes of those who, even today, fight for the rights of the oppressed and persecuted around the world. You even hear it in the tender and awestruck words of an elderly man standing in a Jewish temple 2000 years ago.

Simeon lived in prayerful expectancy and he knew two things: 1) There was something fundamentally wrong in the world, and 2) God was going to do something about it. Simeon held in his heart the promises of God, those hopeful whispers from the ages-old prophecies. Some in Simeon's time might even have said, "Oh, that I would live to see the day!" But they didn't expect to, so they weren't looking. But Simeon was different. He had it

on the best authority—God's authority—that he would, in fact, live to see the day. That was God's intent in sending Jesus Christ, not to end political or cultural tyranny, but as Paul writes, to set us free from the power of sin and death. That's the reason for that birth in a stable. As humans we struggle daily against the tide of selfish impulses, the temptation to give in to loneliness, or hopelessness and fear. But the birth of Christ is God saying, "No! You don't have to live like that!" God has looked down on us and says: "I see what you're dealing with. I know how difficult it is. And I'm going to do something about it. I'm not going to leave you captive to the evil that wants to destroy you." It's a promise, for all people. That's why Simeon says: "Lord, now I can die in peace! As you promised me, I have seen the Savior you have given to all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" Oh, that we would live to see the day!

Seventh Day Adventist Church

Acts 9:36

At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. Around the world, the Seventh-Day Adventist Church has local "Dorcas Societies". Although, now days we are called Community Services. They are made up of an all volunteer work force of church members who are dedicated to clothing and feeding those in need. The Cave Junction SDA Community Services has been in action since the 1940's, serving valley residents. What started small, with one lady baking loafs of homemade bread and taking it to needy

families, has turned into a large operation serving hundreds of people each month. "Dorcas" was once run out of the church fellowship hall. This meant that everything had to be set up and then taken out in one day. In 2002, thanks to a donation from the estate of former Dorcas leaders, Herb and Hazel Faulkenhein, the church was able to erect a separate building which includes a walk-in cooler and a freezer. The following is the 4th quarter report for Dorcas/Community Services. October 2013: Donated food: 4,362 Lbs USDA food: 1,192 lbs. Purchased food: 3,263 lbs. Families: 218 Persons: 558 Volunteers: 20 Hours worked: 382

November 2013: Donated food: 5,605 lbs. USDA food: 1114 lbs. Purchased food: 3,793 lbs. Families: 203 Persons: 559 Volunteers: 20 Hours: 318 December 2013: Donated food: 6,345 lbs. USDA food: 1,041 lbs. Purchased food: 3,263 lbs. Families: 132 Persons: 367 Volunteers: 20 Hours: 322 Totals for 4th Quarter: Donated food: 16,312 lbs. USDA food: 3,347 lbs. Purchased food: 11,794 lbs.

Community Bible Church

The Unclouded Day

"3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you." I Peter 1:3-4 "The Unclouded Day" is a song written by Josiah K. Alwood circa 1880. His view of heaven resonates with me. I can see so clearly those clear, blue, spring days on the farm. The clouds and storms of winter are past, and spring is at hand. The song goes like this: O they tell me of a home far beyond the sky. O they tell me of a home far away. O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise. O they tell me of an unclouded day. O the land of cloudless day. O the land of an unclouded day. O they tell me of a land where no storm clouds rise. O they tell me of an unclouded day. It's hard to imagine what heaven will be like, but the

apostle Paul wrote the following in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4. "2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago ... was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man ... was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." Paul also made this declaration in Philipians 1:23. "23 For I am hard-pressed between the two (to go to heaven or to remain here on earth), having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." He looked with great desire toward his heavenly home. The older I get, the more I look forward to heaven. I picture heaven in two absolutes. One absolute is – the absence of sin, no temptation, no struggle; and the second absolute is – the presence of Jesus. Everything else that makes up heaven will be wonderful, but it wouldn't be heaven without Jesus. The Bible tells us the way to heaven in no uncertain terms. In John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me." Religion might give you some limited help in this life, but only Jesus gives eternal life. Do you know Him?

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC

Sunday, February 2nd

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Praise and Prayer 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer 10:30 a.m.
A.W.A.N.A. 6:30-8:00
Age 3 – Grade 6

Community Christian Academy
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Places of Worship

- BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**
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Saturday Worship 11 a.m.
Pastor Christian Martin
Church (541) 592-3218
Madrone Adventist School
541-592-3330
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- ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS**
987 Caves Hwy., CJ
541-592-4716 or 541-218-2792
Sunday - 2:30 p.m.
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- IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 541-592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Child-care for small children
- COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**
Pastor Dave Gordon
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Office: 541-592-3896
Email: cbccca@gmail.com
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Christian Academy
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Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.
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- ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH**
407 W. River St., CJ
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Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days TBA
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- TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH**
10300 Takilma Road, Takilma
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m
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- First Baptist Church of Selma**
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
541-597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.

- GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**
East River Street
& Lewis Court, CJ
Annemarie Richardson
Lay Pastor.
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Church Phone: 541-592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net
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- VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Marvin Porter
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
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- FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
541-592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Morning Worship
9:30 & 11 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study
- ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ
541-592-2006
Rev. James Boston
Worship Service - 5 p.m.
1st Sunday of each month

- THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.
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