

Backyard bird watching with Harry: by Harry Johnson

Bird of the Month: The Turkey

If you know me, then you know this is my favorite time of the year, with two wonderful days and the dinners that come with them. I'm talking Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and that beautiful, golden, brown turkey that will be sitting there on my dinner table. Ok, I'm getting hungry just writing about this. A good turkey dinner is by far the best dinner I can have any time of the year, but it seems Thanksgiving and Christmas dominate the possible dinner dates. This week we'll talk about the bird before it comes a Butterball and is all carved up on your dinner table. So, let's talk about Wild Turkeys, and I mean the bird not the drink.

How did they get

their name? The Spanish Conquistadors found out the Aztecs had domesticated a great tasting bird called a turkey in Mexico and took them home to Europe and Northern Africa. Most people in Europe thought they came from Turkey and that's how the name started. When the pilgrims came, they brought turkeys with them, only to find the larger American Wild Turkey already there. Once abundant in the U.S.A., the Wild Turkey was almost wiped out by 1900. Today the Wild Turkey is found in all states, except Alaska. I guess they just don't like the cold weather. Ok, I'm thinking about frozen turkeys, sorry, I guess I'm still hungry.

With their plump bodies and naked faces, Wild Turkeys resemble a cross between a

chicken and a vulture, at least until the male fans out his magnificent tail. You can't compare the Wild Turkey to the store bought Butterball. The wild birds are smaller. They average 15 to over 24 pounds. The female will lay 7-14 buff white eggs with tiny reddish dots in a leafy or grassy depression in the ground. Their incubation period is around 26 to 28 days, with most of the eggs in the nest hatching within hours of each other. Life as a young turkey is full of peril. Opossums, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, crows and several species of snakes attempt to take turkey eggs. The hen



will not physically defend her nest, but will act much like a killdeer, dragging a wing and feigning injury to attempt to lure predators away. Hawks, Great Horned Owls and eagles have also been known to kill and eat young turkeys. Less than half of the young that hatch and leave the nest will survive their first year.

What's their favorite food? They love corn, whole or cracked and grasshoppers. You can see them out on a field scratching for seed, grain and insects. They love nuts, especially acorns. They also love fruit with the apple and berries as number one on their

hit list. Want to see a turkey smile? Put out a salt block for them and they will love you. Grind up some oyster shells or calcium chips to give them a mineral boost and help them digest their food.

Tom turkeys have what we call beards that grow out of their chest. Beards can grow up to 20 inches long, and as many as four beards have been noted on a single tom. Another feature on a turkey is the waddle that grows on base of the throat or bill.

Now you know a little bit about that turkey you might be getting ready to consume at this years Thanksgiving and

Christmas dinner. I hope you enjoyed this week's article.

I have breakfast every Saturday morning around 8:30 a.m. at My Place Cafe in Cave Junction. If you want to join me and other bird watchers for breakfast or just a cup of coffee please come by. We eat in the back, behind the salad bar and buffet table. It would be great to have you join our group and talk about birding with other bird watching enthusiasts.

The information above is from *Bird Watchers Digest* and Harry Johnson. You can contact me at www.birdwatching@frontiernet.net

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Vote America! Vote! Political ads make us sick: by Glenn Mollette

Politicians can't serve unless we vote them into office.

Big money buys big advertising. The big advertising is about convincing us how to vote. Harry Reid said "Coal and oil makes us sick." Political campaigns make us sick would be closer to the truth. Honestly, aren't you sick and tired, worn out and beat down by all the political television rhetoric?

Politicians buy every available advertising space on television. The only people who dread seeing the campaign end are the television station owners and sales teams. They get rich during the campaign season.

The power lies in our flip of the switch at the voting booth. If we stay home on Election Day we are giving up our great American privilege.

I hear too many people say my vote doesn't count. According to statisticbrain.com 64% of America's registered voters voted in the 2012 Presidential election.

That number represents 131,144,000 voters. This sounds like a lot of people but 206,072,000 people would have been eligible to vote if everyone had registered.

Every vote counts. November fourth, television will be all about how you and millions of Americans

vote. Too many ineffective politicians get into office because people don't take the time to vote.

Plan now to vote. Work your schedule so that you have the time to cast your ballot.

How do your feel about the soldiers who serve our country? Some of them are in harms way every day. Some will lose a limb or take a bullet for you. The least you can do is drag yourself into your local precinct and vote. Make an informed decision. Listen to what they say and study what they have done.

Today, most Americans are worried about healthcare, Social Secu-

rity, jobs, our national security, taxes and feeding our families. Sitting home on Election Day fumbling with the television remote or Facebook will not help any of your concerns.

Drag yourself away from whatever you are normally doing and go to the polls on Election Day. I hear so many people saying they don't like certain candidates and love others. The only way to keep someone in office or put someone else in office is to vote.

If you are reading this after Election Day, please remember for the next voting day. Your vote is only one vote but it's a vote. Your vote

will make a difference on Election night - if you vote.

Harry Reid coal and oil, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2008/07/01/harry-reid--coal-makes-us_n_110218.html

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Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS"

Matthew 5:9 says "BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS - for they shall be called sons of God." It's easy to do a double-take over that one. What about all the bloodshed of the OT? It's full of bloodshed in the Name of God! What about Joshua and David and Gideon who all went into battle because God told them to? What about God Himself who floods the earth and wipes out all those people? What about Sodom and Gomorrah? That doesn't appear very peaceful!

I think the clue here is that Jesus says the "peacemakers" will be called "sons of God."

That indicates that we're primarily talking about peace with God here, not some kind of man-made peace accord by some Nobel Peace Prize winner.

The Greek word for 'Peacemakers' that is used in the Bible means "to make peace between people and God" and yes, on a more general level, it also means "to bring people together; to solve disputes and erase divisions; to reconcile differences and eliminate strife; to build right relationships," but unless you get peace with God first, then you can kiss the rest goodbye.

If it all starts with Peace with God, a right relationship with God, then the question

becomes personal: do I have peace with God? If I don't, world peace is a pipe dream.

Peace comes from the inside out. *Philippians 4:7 (NLT)* says "Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

A peacemaker is the person who has and encourages in others "peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us." *Romans 5:1.* Jesus said, "The peace I give is a gift the world cannot give." *John 14:27*

It seems obvious that a peacemaker is not one to shy away from a battle or is some passive

doormat kind of person. A genuine peacemaker will not run away from the issues. But a genuine peacemaker will never ignore the real inside issue of peace with God before tackling the peace with man's problem.

It's the death of Christ that brings real peace on the inside and that is what results in peace on the outside and a desire to reconcile others to God. *2 Corinthians 5:19* says, "For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation."

That is the true blessing of the Peacemaker.

Community Bible Church

Yellow Jackets

"And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins.'" *1 Peter 4:8*

Yellow jackets are those annoying little pests that bother us during the summer and into the fall season. They sneak up on you and build nests in the most inconvenient places. Over the years I have had many encounters with those persistent creatures. During the harvest season, we drove combines which had no cabs, and we were continually exposed to the elements. Yellow jackets would fly up and land on you, and because of the vibration of the machine you wouldn't know until they had stung you. One time I had one land on my hand between my fingers, and as I turned the steering wheel, it stung or bit me. It was a painful reminder to be alert for them. It could be most exciting when you would run over an in-ground nest – that

really stirred them up. Sin is like those yellow jackets; it hits us unexpectedly sometimes and leaves us with a painful reminder of the event. Sometimes like the insects, we get hit by sin from a multitude of directions quickly. When I drove those combines years ago, I tried to remain alert to yellow jackets, because I didn't like to get stung. How much more should we stay alert to avoid sin? Only a very foolish person would walk up to a known nest and stomp on it or beat on it, and yet some people embrace sin and think they are getting away with it. Sin always has a sting – sooner or later – but unlike yellow jacket stings your sins can be forgiven by the Lord Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC

Sunday, November 9

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Praise and Prayer 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6

A.W.A.N.A.

@ 6:15-8:00 p.m.

(Preschool to Grade 6)

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Phone 541-592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
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113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Office: 541-592-3896
Email: cbccca@gmail.com
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Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days TBA

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10343 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.

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.

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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
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498 Laurel Road, CJ
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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
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FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
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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. Bryant Bechtold
Sunday Worship
Service 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 12:10 p.m.
Bishop
Larry Hammersmith
541-592-3919

Illinois Valley Baptist Church
541-592-6149
102 South Redwood Hwy
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