

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Where to find birds this winter:

I’ve been asked several times, where do we find the birds during winter? What people forget is the birds are here, they’re just different birds from summer and or fall birds. Yes, the number of birds has dropped off, but they’re there. You just have to go out and find them.

Bald Eagle nest stands:

Watching a Bald Eagle flying, or just sitting there looking so regal is one my special moments as a bird watcher.

I know of three places that are very easy to spot and see. When you’re driving through Grants Pass on Highway 199/Grants Pass Parkway

and crossing the river, look at the water treatment plant. There’s a set of power poles with an eagles nest right on top. It’s not the easiest to view, only because it’s at a busy intersection. Most times, I’m busy watching the other cars and where I’m going and I don’t have the time to spend looking at the nest. I haven’t seen birds there this summer, but with the winter migration coming I hope we spot some there soon.

The second nest is in the city of Rogue River. As you’re driving south on I-5 coming to the Rogue River exit, look to the left/east side of I-5, right in front of the Lottery sign, you’ll see a bald eagles nest on a power pole. I’ve seen

eagles there this summer and last winter. One day I spotted two in the nest. There was one sitting inside the nest and one sitting very proudly on the outer edge of the nest. He was sitting there checking out the comings and goings of Rogue River.

The third nest is further down I-5. It’s just past exit 43. If you’re driving south on I-5 and your past the overpass for exit 43, look for the power lines that go over the highway. When you see the lines, look left/north and the nesting platform is about 100-200 feet off the highway. This is a very active nest. Over the years, Cheryl and I have seen several eagles using this nest. In fact, one year we saw geese mak-

ing it their nest. They were there for around a month, before moving on.

I know I’ve talked about the Klamath Falls area a lot. During winter, it’s the hot spot for bird watching. Thousands of birds use the lake area as a stop over during the annual migration. I’ve seen what looked like white clouds flying over us, but really it was white swans or snow geese or even pelicans. If you’re looking for Bald Eagles, the Klamath area is the place to go during winter.

During the winter season, hundreds of Bald

Eagles will stay there enjoying the buffet out on the lake and the surrounding ponds. If you’re really a hardy person, you may want get up around 5 a.m. and take Highway 97 south towards Dorris California. Look for the Bear Valley turn off, it’s only 4-6 miles out of Klamath. Find a nice safe place to park and wait. Most of the Bald Eagles that winter by the lake spend the night in a large cave in the mountains southwest of Klamath. Every morning around 5-6 a.m. they will fly out to feast on the goodies out on the lakes and ponds there. You’ll see 200-

400 Bald Eagles flying above your car. It’s a sight I’ll never forget and one I highly recommend for others.

If you want to meet me and other bird lovers, we meet every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. at My Place Café in Cave Junction. Please come by and say, “Hi.” We would love to meet you and talk all about your birds in your backyard.

The above is from Harry Johnson in O’Brien.

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Thanksgiving - shine like the stars:

by Glenn Mollette

Surely all of us have something to give thanks for.

We all have problems, aches and things that we desire.

All of us have felt like we missed out on something. Everybody has a regret or two. Most of us have grumbled a bit about most everything. In the midst of it all surely we can find some way to give thanks.

A thankful spirit eases the spirit. Surely it’s good for blood pressure, chest pains, anxiety and a better night’s sleep.

We all have worries. We stress out about life even if the problems are small. While many have big problems others’ problems are small in comparison.

Thousands of Americans are homeless. We are having temperatures in the low twenties in November. Many homeless people who I have personally talked to deal with not knowing where they will sleep or what they will eat. Many have small tents, or even try to sleep on park benches. I can’t imagine.

About twenty years ago I was only about twelve months into buying a house and lost

my job. The house payment was hefty plus I had two car payments, a very sick wife and two small boys. We were living paycheck to paycheck and suddenly I was on the bottom, terrified and desperate to quickly to find a job. I learned at that time that the toughest time to find a job is when you desperately need one. I drove everywhere in search of a job. Prospective employers were kind suggesting that maybe later down the road they might have an opportunity. I needed something immediately. There was almost never a moment that I slept at night.

After becoming unemployed, I also felt friendless. For years prior I thought I had zillions of friends. Suddenly it seemed as if no one knew me. I felt as if I had been dropped into a bottomless chasm and nobody cared.

Suddenly I came up with a solution. I would end my life. Briefly I felt uplifted and hopeful. This would be the way out of what seemed to be no way out. I lived in a nice neighborhood at the time and decided to take a walk at 1:00 a.m.. The sky was clear and it appeared as if every star was shining that night. It

was one of those nights when I felt like I could touch each star. As I walked the neighborhood that late summer evening I was very alone without the sound of cars or children playing. It was dead silent. I could hear my heart beating in the quiet of the night. I started thinking, “I have a wonderful family who needs me. I have to be here for them. Taking my life would be a horrific act of selfishness.”

I went back home and got on my knees and asked God to lead me and help me. If I ever needed a miracle from God it was then. I told God I would do anything, go anywhere.

About two weeks later a man from Indiana called me and said “Glenn, would you be interested in moving to Indiana?” Quietly I thought to myself, God, anything but Indiana! Our family pulled up, moved and it ended up being the most empowering twenty years of my life. God took care of our family in an incredible way.

Looking back twenty years ago I felt like we were just a month or two away from being homeless. It was a frightening feeling. I am sad for the thousands of Americans who do not

have a place to sleep. I try to do what I can yet never feel like it’s enough.

I am so grateful. I’m grateful for a warm house and comfortable bed. I’m thankful for food to eat and work that I love to do. I’m thankful for my loving wife, family and so much more.

Maybe this Thanksgiving you are having trouble being thankful. Maybe your life is in pain and you are spiraling downward into a dark chasm. My hope for you is that one night you might see the stars in their entire splendor and that your life will soon shine among them full of thanksgiving.

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Church News

Community Bible Church So Immense

1“To the Chief Musician – A Psalm of David The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. 2Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. 3There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. 4Their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,” *Psalms 19:1-4*

The Psalmist declared that the heavens declare the glory of the Lord and the firma-

ment (sky) shows forth His handiwork. Thank God and hardworking scientists and technicians for the Hubble telescope – not to mention those other methods used to give us a better picture of the universe. We live in the Milky Way Galaxy, and we have a neighboring galaxy called Andromeda which was estimated in 2006 to have one trillion stars, whereas our galaxy has a mere 200-400 billion stars. That’s a lot of stars, and even more planets circling those stars. A NASA website I looked at stated that in a German supercomputer simulation it was estimated that there could be 500 billion galaxies out in space. Some years ago I read a

story that declared that a group of astronomers was hoping they had found the edge of the universe, because they had discovered a dark area in space where they could see no galaxies – but after further observation, they discovered that dark area was full of galaxies! Earth is as small as a speck of dust in the universal scale of things, yet the Bible tells us that we are the objects of God’s love. Amazing!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

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Have you ever gotten discouraged when you continue to blow your Christian walk by the things you say and do? Don’t feel alone. “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” *Romans 3:23* God gives us hope when He says “Come now and let us reason together, says the Lord, tho your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.” *Isaiah 1:18*

So how does God clean us up? Let’s go to the Word. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” *1 John 1:9*

This is good news. What did Jesus say to the woman caught in adultery? “Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more.”

John 8:11 Jesus wouldn’t have told her this if it was impossible.

Then there was the man He healed at the pool of Bethesda. “Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.” *John 5:14* But it is really hard for me to keep from messing up. However if we ask Jesus for help, He will help us. “For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. *Phil. 2:13*

The apostle Paul had the same problem of obtaining victory over sin, and he gives us a clue in *1 Corin. 15:31*

“I die daily.” Every morning we need to spend time with Jesus. “Please help me to die to sin and self today, and live in me by your Holy Spirit. Dr. Luke shares Jesus’ words with us. “If you being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children:

how much more shall the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?” *Luke 11:13*

Along with the Holy Spirit, He gives the free gift of salvation. “For by grace are you saved through faith... it is the gift of God.” *Ephesians 2:8* As we spend time looking at Jesus He changes us. “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.” *Hebrews 12:2*

“Now to Him that is able to keep you from falling.” *Jude 24* The secret is to stop focusing on sinning and focus on Jesus our Savior. *Phil 4:13*

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