

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

The grebe

If you’ve been to the Klamath Basin during the spring and summer, you may have noticed birds walking on the water or running on top of the water. That was a grebe you just saw. Cheryl and I first noticed them three years ago while bird watching the Klamath Basin. We went to one bay on Klamath Lake to do some bird watching and what we saw was fantastic. The grebes were in full mating glory. Their courtship display is one you’ll never forget. There were males showing off to the females and challenging other males to a drag race (that’s my word for what they do). The males would bob their heads up and down and stare at each other and at the pre-arranged time the flag is dropped and off they go. They’ll race across the pond for up to 100 ft and when I say “race” I mean they would paddle the feet so fast and flap their wings to a point that they will come up and their feet are paddling on top of the water and it looks like they’re running on the top of the water, this is known as the “water dance” or “rushing.” At the end of the race each bird will dive head first into the water and out of sight. When they come up for air, the first thing they do is look around to see if she was watching. You know the “Hey, baby did you see that?” or maybe it was “Was I cool, or what?” Yeah, they were very cool.

The two most common grebes here in Southern Oregon are the Western grebe and the Clark’s grebe. They look alike, with just some small changes. They both have black on the top of their heads, but the Western has the black extend below its eyes, while the Clark’s black top ends just above the eye. They both are around 25 inches long with a wingspan of 24 inches. The Western is just a little heavier. The Western grebe weighs

3.3 pounds and the Clark’s weighs 3.1 pounds.

Habitat: Breeding: large freshwater lakes with dense areas of vegetation. Nonbreeding: any large open water body, fresh or salt. They can be found in the Klamath Basin during the summer and spring while they’re breeding. They’ve also have been seen at Lake Selmac during the spring and summer. During the winter they stay over on the coast of Oregon. Look for calm water bays and ponds.

Nesting: The pair builds floating nest of wet or decaying vegetation anchored to submerged plants. They incubate two to four pale bluish white eggs for about 24 days.

Feeding: They love small fish, invertebrates and other small aquatic or marine prey. They even eat other small birds and salamanders.

Unlike ducks, grebes have “lobed” toes, not webbed feet. A grebe’s foot has three long toes that look like they’ve been smashed flat with a hammer or stepped on by Bigfoot. That gives them three paddles on each foot. Grebes are rarely seen on land. Sometimes they can be hard to find. They have the ability to squeeze the air out of their feathers and slowly sink underwater without leaving so much as a ripple in the water. They can stay just below the surface and swim great distances to the safety of the weeds.

I hope you enjoyed learning more about these wonderful birds. Try going to the coast in the winter and look for a pond or bay with calm water. This spring or early summer go over to

Klamath Lake and/or Lake Selmac and check them out. Watching them during the “Rush” is something you’ll never forget.

I would love to hear all about the birds in your backyard. Give me a shout at birdwatching@frontiernet.net and tell me your stories.

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Western grebe



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Church News

Life is positioning:

by Glenn Mollette

Good fishing requires positioning. Baiting your hook and dropping it in a place where there are fish is a start to successful fishing. A salesman needs prospects and attitude. One shoe salesman was sent to Africa and called home crying, “Get me out of here! Nobody wears shoes!” Another salesman was sent and called back saying, “Send me every pair of shoes in the warehouse. I’ve never seen so many prospects!” Selling requires having a product that people either need or very much want. People don’t need candy but they want candy so they buy it. People don’t really want to spend

money on insurance but they need it. Sell what people want or need and you will sell. Obtaining a certain job requires positioning. Becoming a schoolteacher requires college, teacher education, supervision and certification. You have to work hard and position yourself for potential opportunities. A young man wants to be lucky in dating and maybe marriage. Yet, he may refuse to change his lifestyle. He doesn’t want to hold down a job, refuses to lose twenty pounds and is rude and inconsiderate. Thus, he refuses to try to position himself for potential dating prospects.

Every facet of life requires positioning. Positioning yourself for stability, success, or a major change always requires lots of time, training, sacrifice and commitment. Nothing is guaranteed, but with positioning comes potential. Retiring at 65 most likely requires sacrifice the 30 years prior. It doesn’t always require 30 years. A friend of mine was flat broke at 50. He rented an old abandoned hamburger stand with an option to buy. He and his wife cleaned it up and worked it hard for sixteen years. They made the best food in town and averaged pocketing over \$300,000 a year. They were able

to retire. He knew at the age of 50 that he had to position himself if he had any chance of truly retiring. Where do you want to be and what do you want five or ten years from now? Start positioning yourself today and in a few years it just might work. However, it never comes with a snap of the finger. A garden is produced from preparing the soil, planting, cultivating and tending to the field. In time, you will reap some kind of a harvest if you don’t quit. A lot of counties across America are hurting economically. People have left and nobody seems to be coming back to take over. The future

of depressed areas begins today and it will probably take years to position these areas for economic stability. We all want it now, but we have to start today with hopes for tomorrow. America needs to recuperate. We have debt to pay. We have an infrastructure to rebuild. There are millions of jobs that we must recapture and bring home. We have a military to strengthen and health care challenges. We can get to where we need to be. Getting there will take hard work and positioning ourselves to be where we need to be to accomplish what we want to do.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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The Spirit of God can be a marvelous power in our lives. And yet, it’s really kind of surprising how little the Bible tells us about Him. There are far more passages in Scripture that deal with the Father and the Son. By comparison the teaching about God’s Spirit in the Bible is disappointingly meager, but it seems that no matter how much the Bible told us about God’s Spirit, most people won’t understand much about Him anyway. Let me read part of last week’s Gospel lesson from *John 14:16-17*: “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” The world can’t accept God’s Spirit because it fails to see the Spirit so it can’t know Him. This tells me that perhaps God’s Spirit may not be the easiest thing for mortals to comprehend. In fact, this idea (that the Spirit IS hard to understand) is best shown in the difficulty that many people have in accepting that God’s Spirit as a person. That He is a He and not an It. Even in theological circles filled with

highly educated religious people there are often many who have trouble accepting that God’s Spirit is a person. So is the Spirit of God a “He” or not? Well, yes. All you have to do is look at our passage today: 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. The lesson we read from *John 14:17* Sunday tells us: The world cannot accept HIM, because it neither sees HIM nor knows HIM. But you know HIM, for HE lives with you and will be in you.” Jesus tells us that the Spirit of God that lives inside of each Christian is a He, not an IT. Now, there are a lot of people who have trouble with that. They tend to visualize Him like a variation on “The Force” from Star Wars. They see Him as impersonal and inanimate. But by contrast, Scripture tells us that God’s Spirit is a living, personal part of God that lives in us; that He has feelings and character. God’s Spirit has a mind. He has feelings. He’s not some remote, distant power. He is

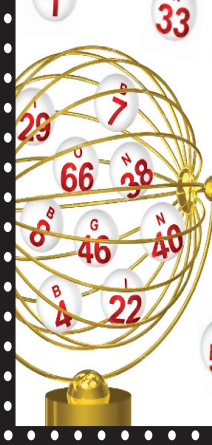
God inside of us. And what’s more, He’s what Christians refer to as part of the Trinity. The word “trinity” isn’t found in Scripture... but the concept is. Trinity comes from the idea of God being a Tri-unity: One God – three parts. *Colossians 2:9* refers to it as the Godhead. We know this is true, because the three identities of God show up in several passages. In *Matthew 28:19* we’re commanded to “... go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” *1 Corinthians 12* uses the same breakdown when it says: “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.” *1 Corinthians 12:4-6* And then in *2 Corinthians 13:14* Paul prays: “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” The Bible teaches the concept of the Trinity. But there are some people have trouble with that idea. After all, how can God be ONE (God) and still have three separate personalities? My favorite illustration of the Trinity can be shown by a common glass of water. You take part of that water and pour it

into an ice cube tray, and what does it become? (ice) You take another part and pour it in a pan, place it on a stove and turn the heat on high. What does it become? Steam. Thus, from one glass of water you have a liquid, a solid and a vapor. Now there are theologians that quibble that these illustrations aren’t perfect. That’s OK. They don’t need to be. All I care about is that this simple illustration can help me wrap my mind around a concept of the Trinity that I know is taught in Scripture. It doesn’t have to be perfect. It just has to be helpful in knowing more about God. When God wanted to give His children a comforter to be with them, He didn’t send a substitute. He didn’t give them an impersonal presence. He sent a part of Himself: His Holy Spirit. God’s Spirit is there to comfort us. To be with us; to never leave or forsake us; and to carry us along when life gets too harsh for us to handle. We are incredibly blessed because in God we get a ‘three-fer’; a three in one. We get God the Father, Jesus the Savior, and the Spirit the Comforter all rolled into one package because in God’s world, according to His celestial math, one plus one plus one equals... ONE!

Places of Worship

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH 5181 Holland Loop Rd., CJ 541-592-3923 “Come Join the Worship!” Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Sonny Moore www.kbcc.us	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 Pre-K to 12th grade Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.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	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
7th DAY ADVENTIST 265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m. Saturday Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Christian Martin Church (541) 592-3218 Madrone Adventist School 541-592-3330	ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH 407 W. River St., CJ 541-592-3658 Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.. Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Holy Days TBA	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. evfree@frontiernet.net 541-592-6160	Illinois Valley Baptist Church 541-592-6149 102 South Redwood Hwy (in the County Building) Pastor Steve Root Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer & Youth Program 7:00 PM Friday Ladies Bible Study 11:00 AM
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	TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH 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	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	
Illinois Valley Praise Center 28569 Redwood Hwy. CJ Non-denominational Bible-believing Church Sunday school – 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service – 10:30 a.m. Thursday Seekers Meeting – 7 p.m. Youth Group Thursday – 7 p.m. www.ivpraisecenter.com	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.	ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ 541-592-2006 Rev. Bryant Bechtold Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	





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