

The Archive Zone: by Hillary Mohr from the *Illinois Valley News* archives

Upon special request from our dear barista, McKenzie, we take a nostalgic journey back to March 29, 1995. It was spring time, or so the Valley thought, 12 plus inches of snow is what spring break brought. Unbeknownst to anyone, but the two janitors at Lorna Byrne, the weight of the snow was too much for the gym to bear and collapsed into a pile of snow and rubble. Grab your coat and scarf because it's a blizzard in this week's Archive Zone.

Lorna Byrne's gym roof collapses. A letter to parents of Lorna Byrne Middle School

students, about what's happened in the wake of the gymnasium roof collapse, was to be sent this week. With a roar like dull thunder and a cloud of dust that looked like smoke, the 3-year-old roof on the 45-year-old gym collapsed Thursday morning, March 23. Approximately 6 inches of snow had accumulated on the roof. Emergency personnel from Illinois Valley Fire District, Care Ambulance and the Josephine County Sheriff's Office responded in force. But because it was spring break, no students and only a handful of adults were in the

building on Junction Avenue. So no injuries resulted. If classes had been in session, said officials of Three Rivers School District, from 40 to 50 students could have been using the gym at that particular time, around 11 a.m. Because of the situation, no classes are being held at LBMS this week, giving students another week of spring break.

Reward set to capture killers of geese, emus. Violent deaths of several birds in Illinois Valley – including a \$20,000 pair of breeder emus – are being investigated by Oregon State Police. And a reward of up to \$1,500 is offered for

information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. The emus, owned by Ernie Brodie of Hummingbird Road, were discovered killed Sunday afternoon, March 26. Brodie said that the birds apparently were put to death by more than one person who entered his property and used metal T-posts as their weapons. The posts were found in a nearby ditch, he said. The birds, related to ostriches, but smaller, were about 2 years old, said Brodie. He acquired them a year ago. Of the reward, \$500 is from Brodie and several other Illinois Valley residents who have

animals and want to apprehend the culprits. In addition, up to another \$1,000 reward is available from the Farm Bureau. In a possibly related case, OSP is checking for clues regarding suspects who have killed four geese that belong to Charles Miller in the 5000 block of Holland Loop Road. Miller told the sheriff's office that on March 17 he found three dead geese, possibly killed by a slingshot and a maul. And approximately two weeks ago, he found two other of his geese. One had been beaten to death with a shovel; the other was injured.

Church News

Seventh-day Adventist Church

God Bless America!

Today as I write these words our country is inaugurating a new president. While I didn't vote for him, I certainly will be praying that the Lord will guide him in the important decisions he will be making for our country.

Interesting enough God weighs in on new leaders, this is what He says. "He (God) removes kings, and sets up kings, He gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to them that know

understanding." *Daniel 2:21*

Thank God that in the United States of America where we have Freedom of religion. Some of the first settlers here in America came so that they could worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

Our founding fathers also believed in religious liberty so much that they wrote it right into our constitution. "Congress shall make no law regulating or prohibiting the free exercise of religion."

They strongly believed in separation of Church and State. They also remembered the religious persecution some of them had faced in Europe before coming to this country. Sometimes we tend to take all the blessings of religious freedom for granted. Watching the news gives us an idea of the many countries where people are leaving their homes so they can live to worship the way they want to.

What a blessing to be living in America, the land of the free and the Home of the brave. God Bless America!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Time for the DTR Talk

DTR. Some of you might recognize what those letters stand for. If you're not sure, let me help you out. If you're a young man in a relationship with a young woman, then chances are these letters strike fear into your heart because DTR means: Define The Relationship. It's when you sit down and you decide where things are going to go from here.

I think that's what many of us need to do when it comes to our relationship with Jesus. We need to decide if we're just a fan, or if we're ready to be a follower.

Being a fan is easy. Fans acknowledge

who Jesus is. Fans are willing to talk about how much they love him, about how much he means to them and even how wonderful he is. But what a fan isn't willing to do is give Jesus an all-access pass. A fan isn't ready to let him into every area of their life.

They give him free rein when it comes to worshiping in church on Sunday or when they whisper their prayers at night before going to sleep. But let him in everywhere? Not going to happen.

Things like lust, sex, marriage and divorce, money, stress, work and politics; those just aren't part of the deal. We want to keep him in a neat little Sunday box and

keep him out of the rest of our lives.

But Jesus isn't satisfied with that. He wants a relationship that's all inclusive; no holds barred. He wants you to love him the same way that he loves you: with all of your heart. He's ready for you to define the relationship.

The grace of Jesus doesn't just invite us to follow, it teaches us to follow. Jesus leads by example. We know what we deserve, we know what we have coming. But the words of Jesus are words full of grace.

So how much longer will we live with our regrets? How much longer will we say, "Maybe tomorrow?" When will we let God's

grace replace our guilt and accept a fresh start and a second chance? When will we finally respond to the simple gracious words of Jesus, "Follow me?"

Hebrews 9:27 says, "Man is destined to die once and after that, to face the judgment." Those are the two guarantees. We'll all die, and we'll all stand before God.

When that moment comes to all of us, there is only one question that will really matter: "Have you decided to follow Jesus or are you just going to stay a fan?" It's time to have that DTR talk.

Community Bible Church

Music, Peace, and Thankfulness

Colossians 3:15-16 (NKJV) 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

As I began to write this, I began to wonder how many times people have told me, "I just can't sing" or some derivation of that statement. I personally enjoy singing, and I enjoy most types of music. I have some chants that I have been threatening to bring to church to play some Sunday. Playing the guitar has been a blessing for me also. I have played when I was happy, thoughtful, rejoicing, or sad, and have found that the music I have learned follows me through my days. Often I find myself whistling or singing as I go about whatever project is before me. One of the things I enjoy most is leading the children in our school as they sing. They sing with such unrestrained enthusiasm that I often come away totally blessed and encouraged.

We have a gospel sing every second Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. with several musicians playing and everyone else singing along.

Every Sunday we spend time during our morning service singing as part of our worship of the Lord. Songs can express our deepest sorrows and greatest joys. It can minister to people at every level, and that is why you hear music at both weddings and funerals.

You say you can't sing? I wouldn't worry about it – make a joyful noise anyway. I believe that when music comes from a full heart God likes it regardless of how it sounds to man.

One complaint – much music of the day is very difficult for children, so many don't sing like they did when I was young. Expose your young ones early to songs they can sing easily, and then progress to the more difficult ones.

Let your heart and mind be filled with good music – I bet you will live longer. Hope to see you Sunday.

**In Christ,
Pastor Dave**

Ministry at CBC

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

Wednesday
AWANA 6:15-8: p.m.
Preschool – Grade 6

Community Christian Academy
Preschool – High School

Senior Exercise Class
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9-10 a.m. in Dining Room

Places of Worship

**BRIDGEVIEW
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
5181 Holland Loop Rd., CJ
541-592-3923
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Sonny Moore
www.bridgeviewcc.org

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

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

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 7 p.m.
Youth group Thursday - 7 p.m.
www.ivpraisecenter.com

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.

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

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

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

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

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. 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 S. Redwood Hwy.
(in the County Building)
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer
& Youth Program 7:00 PM
Friday Ladies Bible Study
11:00 AM



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