

**HERMISTON**

**Community continues healing effort with afternoon of prayer Oct. 8**

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Members of Hermiston's faith community are continuing their efforts to help heal the city after a shooting last month, this time with an afternoon of prayer.

The event will be held Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. at Victory Square Park and include about an hour's worth of prayer and speakers on topics such as strengthening families, strengthening the nation and preventing violence.

"We want to be able to pray for the needs of the community, comfort those hurt by these tragedies and offer peace," Pastor Hector Ramirez of the Templo De Fe Esperanza Y Amor said.

The most far-reaching local tragedy he spoke of happened on Aug. 18, when Hermiston High School volunteer wrestling coach Jason Huston killed fellow coach Kenny Valdez and 14-year-old JJ

Hurtado, wounded Hurtado's mother Andria Bye and then killed himself.

More than a month later, churches and other groups continue to organize memorial events, scholarship drives and other efforts to help the community heal from an incident that shocked the community and was quickly followed up by a second, non-fatal, shooting a week later near Butte Park.

One of those healing efforts came Saturday, when about 70 Hermiston Assembly of God members put on red "I Love My City" T-shirts and performed acts of service including free car washes and handing out water at Butte Park. Ramirez said Hermiston Assembly of God, Desert Rose Ministries and other local churches will also be involved in the Oct. 8 prayer event hosted by Templo De Fe Esperanza Y Amor.

"Several pastors are

coming together," he said.

Ramirez said the pastors have been assigned various topics, such as family, nations, salvation, communities and peace. The theme of the afternoon is "Pray for My Community."

The event is a locally-driven one, different than the National Day of Prayer or the recent See You at the Pole event that saw high school and middle school students across Umatilla County join hands in prayer around their schools' flag poles before school on Wednesday.

Everyone is welcome to the Pray for My Community event, which is expected to last between an hour to an hour and a half. Ramirez suggested people bring lawn chairs if they don't wish to stand or sit on the ground the whole time.

"We just want the community to know that we want to be comforting, and we want to meet their needs," he said.

**BRIEFLY**

**Jubilee event kicks off this weekend**

MISSION — Special speakers and music are planned during Jubilee Weekend.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The first program is Friday at 7 p.m. at Mission Assembly of God, 47328 Shortmile Road. The speaker is George Aguilar of Warm Springs and special music is by Easton and Tina Aguilar.

The event continues Saturday with Lupe Coronado of Milton-Freewater at 1 p.m. and Merle Williams of Tulalip, Washington at 7 p.m.

The final gathering is Sunday at 11 a.m. with Williams. A fellowship dinner is planned afterwards.

For more information, contact Vivian Shaw at 541-969-7248, 541-969-8512 or [viavianshaw@ctuir.org](mailto:viavianshaw@ctuir.org).

**Christian church to serve Sunday breakfasts**

MILTON-FREEWATER — The First Christian Church in Milton-Freewater will be serving breakfast on Sunday mornings for the next few months.

The free meal will be available form 8:30-9:15 a.m. at 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. In addition, Kids Klub for all children is at 9:30 a.m., which includes arts, crafts, music and more. Bible classes for all ages is also at 9:30 a.m. The worship service is at 10:45 a.m.

For more information, call 541-938-3854.

**Event celebrates Jewish holiday**

WALLA WALLA — A special Rosh Hashana celebration, the Jewish feast of trumpets, is being held in Walla Walla.

The event is Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at 601 Village Way, Walla Walla. All ages are welcome. It will feature Jewish dancing, worship and information about the holiday.

For more information, call Rebecca at 509-386-0383 or Darya at 509-876-1668.

**First Friday event invites kids**

HEPPNER — Kids ages 4 to 12 are invited to the First Friday Friends of Jesus event.

The gathering, which includes lunch, is Friday, Oct. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 140 Church St., Heppner.

For more information, call 541-676-9970.

Send information about local faith-related news and events, including concerts, special speakers and activities to [community@eastoregonian.com](mailto:community@eastoregonian.com). Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

**BOARDMAN'S LIMY PASTOR**

**Cats and coyotes, not a good mix**

I visited one of my oldest congregation member's farm spread this week, where our former pianist lives with her daughter, her daughter's husband and their daughter. The sky was in a mellow mood, warm and not windy, and when I visit out there I always feel that I am visiting Kansas, close to Oz. It has a timeless quality.

I noticed some pretty black and orange kittens slinking around. Snakelike, and looking like they belonged in a Disney movie. Mike (the husband) asked if I wanted one. The word has got around that I am a sucker for cats. I am indeed, but I am up against my spousal cat limit — apparently described inside some prenuptial agreement that I have never read. Mike said that this new litter from the native parents was nine in number. He was not hopeful. He had about the same number of kittens before and coyotes had hunted down and taken every one. He believes that these kittens are even now being watched from afar by the same coyotes.

Efficient, ruthless creatures, coyotes look otherworldly — not like dogs at all. Eerie creatures they are, and of course the Lord has provided them a niche in nature to do their worst. Of course, mice view cats with equal fear and loathing. I am glad that I am neither a mouse nor a cat. I have been stared down by a coyote in the middle of the road, to determine if I fall in the class of prey. Not quite. I am in the class of "pray."

I reflected that our human world has similar structures, hunters and hunted. I was at a state conference the week before where I heard that Oregon was the number one place in the world from which girls are trafficked,



**COLIN BROWN**  
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mainly to Europe. I had not heard this before — and felt chilled and sick at that claimed fact.

One of my friends, Matthew B., a policeman who works with a children's charity in Portland, told me that in rural areas of Oregon the police would arrest runaways and rather than bear the expense of dealing with them in their under-equipped locality would drive them into nearby Portland and drop them there. Ostensibly they were doing

this because there was a concentration of public and charitable support in the city.

The truth was, he said, that there were loathsome human coyotes waiting at bus and train stations to spirit them away to be sold into modern slavery with a heroin habit. Thus the world-beating, hellish statistics for slave trafficking in Oregon that need to be stopped and those who do it to these little ones need to suffer the full measure of the law.

I told my congregants about a special meeting taking place this Sunday after service. We are voting on some changes in some of the uses of our property regarding a project we will mention after all has been worked out. This project is not the one we are discussing in public, the possible assisted living development, which I talked about with here and with the city manager further about.

Prayerful consideration and attendance of members is very welcome. We will vote! Have a blessed week, and hey, come and visit us on Locust Road, 11 a.m. on Sunday. We have snacks!

Colin Brown is pastor of Boardman's Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

**ATHENA: BMX demo will precede the message**

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evangelist, Johns insisted, "No, it's got to be Luis."

God, he insists, put the idea solidly into his mind and he was simply following the lead. The farmer waited patiently. When he wasn't tending his wheat and pea crops, he often had his nose in one of Palau's books.

Johns, a member of the Athena Christian Church, loves Palau's preaching. You don't get a lot of flowery proselytizing with Palau, Johns said.

"His message is simple and direct," Johns said. "It sinks into your heart."

In 1998, Johns found himself sitting beside Palau during a prayer breakfast in Washington, D.C. Eventually, Johns got around to sharing his vision of Palau coming to Athena.

"I told Luis 'You're supposed to come to Athena, Oregon,'" Johns said. "He just looked at me."

Over the next 18 years, Johns continued to call and email the Palau organization with the message that "Luis is supposed to come to Athena."

"Bob Johns has known Luis and the team for years," said Colin James, a vice-president for the Palau organization. "He's always kidded Luis that 'someday you're coming to Athena.' Recently, he invited us again and this time it just kind of clicked with us."

Finally, in January, Johns finally got the official thumbs up. Palau will speak at 2 p.m., Oct. 15 at Weston-McEwen High School. A BMX bike

demo will precede the evangelist's message, starting at noon. The day before, Palau will meet with area pastors at a gathering in Walla Walla.

Palau's executive assistant, Jane Stradley, has known Palau for 50 years and worked for the organization for the last 27. She said the idea of the mega-evangelist going to Athena wasn't outlandish.

"It doesn't matter the size," Stradley said. "Whether its Central Park or Athena, it doesn't matter."

She said the visit to such a tiny town isn't the first for Palau. The evangelist downsizes occasionally and has spoken in Lakeview, Parkdale and other small places in the region as part of Operation Pacific Northwest.

"We wanted not to neglect our own backyard," James said.

Doing things on a smaller scale means some change in the model, but the message is the same.

"Whether its New York City or Athena, Weston, Helix or Adams, it's the same dynamics," James said.

Johns can't wait. He's like the proverbial little kid on Christmas morning. Luis Palau was meant to come to Athena and now he is.

"I ask, 'Why not?'" he said. "Why not Athena?"

He hopes people will fill the gym, which seats 800. However, he said he's not worried about the minutia.



**Palau**

"It's the Lord's work," Johns said. "I'll trust him to do what he's going to do."

The free event is sponsored by the churches of Athena, Helix, Weston and Adams and the Luis Palau Association.

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