Living life, all in good time

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LIVING WITH PURPOSE

Scrolling through social media can be a frustrating and humbling activity. It often paints the picture of a generation of people desperate to create influence, wealth and happiness.

We live in a world desperate to get somewhere, to make something of themselves, and to let the world know they have made it. Whether starting that business or hitting that fitness goal, or achieving financial stability, we're all hustling to the finish line. To the place where we can say, "Look, I did it. I've officially done something worthwhile with my life."

But I'd like to propose this question: what if how we get somewhere is more important to God than where we're going. A particular passage of scripture that has always held conviction for me is in Luke 10. It is the account of two sisters, Mary and Martha, and what happened when Martha invited Jesus to visit their home.

Martha is hustling to prepare a household worthy of hosting the Son of God, while Mary is doing absolutely nothing but sitting at the feet of Jesus, soaking in his words. Martha complains to Jesus about her sister's lazy behavior, and Jesus responds to Martha with this gentle conviction, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed — or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better."

That hits me every time. In the eyes of your Heavenly Father, only one thing is needed — spending time near Jesus. It's wholly countercultural and slightly offensive, but if I have nothing to show at the end of my life but that I spent my days with Jesus, to Him, that was a life well lived.

Now, I am not saying we shouldn't have dreams or go after big things. God created us to have adventures and create things that reveal His goodness to this world. We ought to be living lives that are creating stories worth telling, but those stories should be more about the journey than the destination. It matters more to God how you got there than that you have arrived. If you are worried about finding your path, maybe take some time to sit at the feet of Jesus and remember that it is all about Him anyway. The pressure's off. He's not looking for you to prove anything; He just wants your company.

Consider Jesus. He didn't start his ministry until he was 30, and it only lasted three years. He prepared 30 years of his life to accomplish a three-year mission. If Jesus, who was fully God, waited patiently for the right time to start His ministry, I think you and I might have some waiting to do too.

So, whether you're a college graduate wondering what's next or you're recently retired and still haven't accomplished your dreams, just take a deep breath and remember — only one thing is needful, and trust that He will be faithful to walk you through the rest.

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Chris Hankel is the lead pastor at New Hope Community Church in Hermiston.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Thursday, Sept. 23

Coffman, Arthur — Viewing from noon to 5 p.m., Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave.

Friday, Sept. 24

Coffman, Arthur — Funeral dinner at 11:30 a.m. followed by Draping of the Charter at 12:30 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St. Pendleton. Graveside service at 3 p.m., Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

Nickerson, Robert — Viewing from noon to 5 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave.

Slabik, Raymond — Recitation of the rosary at 6 p.m. at St. Helen Catholic Church, 740 S.W. Birch St., Pilot Rock.

Saturday, Sept. 25

Barker, Stephanie — Celebration of life at 3 p.m. at Victory Park Square, Hermiston.

Bush, Bill — Celebration of life picnic at 12 noon at Hat Rock State Park picnic area, near Umatilla.

Farr, Amber — Celebration of life 1-4 p.m. at Spillway Park, near Umatilla. Desserts and bottled water available. Bring lawn chairs, and favorite pictures and stories to share.

Johnson, Louise — Celebration of life at 11 a.m. at the Harkenrider Senior Activity Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston.

Lieuallen, George — Service at 10 a.m. at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Graveside service to follow at Weston Cemetery. Masks required.

Nickerson, Robert — Graveside funeral service at 2 p.m., Pilot Rock Cemetery. Reception to follow at Life Church, 222 S.W. Third St., Pilot Rock.

Osgood, Kaylee — Celebration of life service at 1 p.m. at the Family Worship Center, 330 Eighth St. N.E., Irrigon.

Pettit, Chuck — Graveside service with military honors at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Celebration of life gathering follows, noon to 3 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston.

Ployhar, Colleen — Graveside memorial service at 10 a.m., Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Schutter, Francis and Vonna — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner. A meal will follow.

Slabik, Raymond — Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m., St. Helen Catholic Church 740 S.W. Birch St., Pilot Rock, followed by burial at the Pilot Rock Cemetery; with refreshments afterwards at the church.

Waldman, Sue — Celebration of life and Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's Mission Church, 48022 St. Andrews Road, Mission, with a lunch to follow.

Wickers, Roger — Memorial service at 3 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 15 Grant St., Umatilla.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Beck, Roscella — Memorial service at 11 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

City of Umatilla/Contributed Photo

Big rigs will fill the park at the Umatilla Marina during Touch-A-Truck. The free family-friendly event is Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021.

Big trucks to roll into Umatilla Marina

UMATILLA — The city of Umatilla is gearing up for its second annual Touch-A-Truck.

The free event is Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Umatilla Marina, 1710 Quincy Ave. For those unfamiliar with Touch-A-Truck, it features big trucks, emergency, construction, transportation, electric, and other one-of-a-kind vehicles. The event offers family fun activities for all ages.

For more information, call 541-922-3226 or visit www.umatilla-city.org/parksrec.

Museum celebrates with harvest event

PENDLETON — Heritage Station Museum is celebrating fall with a special event.

Heritage Harvest is Saturday, Sept. 25, noon to 3 p.m. at the museum, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. Activities include a craft project, a demonstration on making crock pot apple butter and a scavenger hunt. All who participate in the scavenger hunt will receive a small prize and be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a 2022 family membership.

For questions about Heritage Harvest, contact Shannon Gruenhagen, marketing and tourism coordinator, at 541-276-0012 or shannong@heritagestationmuseum.org. For more information about events and activities at the museum, search Facebook or Instagram via @heritagestationpendleton.

Group postpones contra dances

WALLA WALLA — The Walla Walla Friends of Acoustic Music is postponing its upcoming contra dances. The group, which hosts traditional old-time dances, will make an announcement when the events resume.

For more information, visit www.wwfam.org, fam.bmi.net or search Facebook. For questions, contact Dan Clark at 509-522-0399, clarkdn@charter.net or Howard Ostby at 541-938-7403.

American Legion & Auxiliary meets

HERMISTON — American Legion & Auxiliary, Hermiston Post 37 meets the first Monday each month at 7 p.m. at Agape House, 500 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. The next meeting is Oct. 4. A light refreshment will be provided.

All veterans are welcome. The organization pays for first-year dues for new veteran members who join the American Legion. The same arrangement is offered to all new members of the Hermiston American Legion Auxiliary unit.

For more information, call 541-720-1815 or 541-571-5816.

Hermiston plans community yard sale

HERMISTON — If you need motivation to clean out your garage, Hermiston Parks & Recreation has just the event for you.

A community yard sale is planned Friday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. People are encouraged to come out and find a bargain or sell their garage/yard sale items.

Spots are available for $5 each — no food sales or consultants. The space is approximately 8-feet by 20-feet and people must provide their own tables.

For more information or to reserve a space, visit bit.ly/hermistonrecreation or call 541-667-5018.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Monday, Sept. 20

10:05 a.m. — Umatilla police responded to a report of burglary at Jones-Scott Co., 30720 Power City Road, Umatilla.

4:22 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported burglary on Cactus Drive, Hermiston.

6:21 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported assault on Minnehaha Road, Hermiston.

10:05 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to a reported burglary on Southwest Goodwin Avenue, Pendleton.

10:10 p.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred at Tri-Harbor Landing Apartments, 210 Klickitat St., Umatilla.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

12:54 a.m. — Hermiston police responded to the 1200 block of Southwest Martin Court on a report of a burglary.

3:10 p.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred at the intersection of Northeast 10th Street and East Elm Street, Hermiston.

7:48 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to a reported assault on Southwest Emigrant Avenue, Pendleton.

Arrests, citations

Sept. 21

Pendleton police arrested Anthony Arlie Leroy Roach, Anthony Arlie Leroy, 31, for first-degree criminal mischief, resisting arrest, interfering with a peace officer, third-degree escape and on a state hold.

Umatilla Tribal Police arrested Shane Edward Britton, 46, for felony driving under the influence of intoxicants and driving while suspended.

Milton-Freewater police arrested Gregory Adam Nixon, 38, for domestic violence offences of felony fourth-degree assault, felony strangulation and second-degree disorderly conduct.

Sept. 20

Umatilla Tribal Police arrested Jeremiah James Johnson, 38, for first-degree assault, second-degree assault, burglary, unlawful use of weapon and on two warrants for failure to appear.

Pendleton police arrested Dustin James Verrall, 29, and Cassidy Rae Hughes, 26, at D&B Supply, 850 Southgate, for first-degree theft and criminal conspiracy.

Milton-Freewater police arrested Tyra Asanuma, 27, for misdemeanors of fourth-degree assault, strangulation and second-degree criminal mischief.

MEETINGS

Thursday, Sept. 23

West Extension Irrigation District, 9 a.m., Columbia Improvement District, 501 E. Columbia Ave., Boardman. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814)

Salvation Army Advisory Board, noon, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-3369)

Hermiston Linebacker Club, noon, Desert Lanes Family Fun Center, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. No host lunch meeting features Hermiston Bulldogs football coach David Faaeteete. (Flora Larson, 541-567-5215)

Umatilla County Special Library District, 5:30 p.m., at 425 S. Main St., Pendleton, and via Zoom at bit.ly/3Ev7uDL or call 971-247-1195; meeting ID: 894 5053 8085. (Erin McCusker 541-276-6449)

Pendleton Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave. (Jutta Haliewicz 541-966-0240)

Monday, Sept. 27

Milton-Freewater City Council, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave. (541-938-5531)

Morrow County Health District, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive NE, Boardman. Join via Zoom at bit.ly/3u1sj4R or call 346-248-7799; meeting ID: 840 3417 4089; passcode: 314653. (Jodi Ferguson 541-676-2942)

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Morrow County Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Bartholomew Government Building, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. Join via Zoom at bit.ly/3CFwXsu or call 253-215-8782; meeting ID: 369 651 7452; passcode: 335454. (George Nairns 541-922-4624 ext. 5508)

DEATH NOTICES

Marilyn Lou Cossitt

Oct. 13, 1960 — Sept. 21, 2021

Milton-Freewater

Marilyn Lou Cossitt, 60, of Milton-Freewater, passed away Sept. 21, 2021, at her home. She was born Oct. 13, 1960. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Doris E. Harp

Feb. 26, 1932 — Sept. 20, 2021

Hermiston

Doris E. Harp, 89, of Hermiston, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, in Lake Oswego. She was born Feb. 26, 1932 in Potlatch, Idaho. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Doris with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Colleen Ployhar

Jan. 4, 1932 — Jan. 23, 2020

Heppner

Former Heppner resident Colleen Ployhar, 88, died Jan. 23, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born Jan. 4, 1932, in Heppner. A graveside memorial service, following state COVID-19 guidelines, will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.