



Jenrettes celebrate 50 years together

Leo and MaryAnn Jenrette were married 50 years ago on Sept. 25, 1966 in Drain, Oregon. They have two children, Tim Jenrette and April Plowright, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They are members of the Covered Bridge Church of the Nazarene. The couple plans to celebrate with a visit to the Oregon Coast.

MOVING UP HIGHER

with *Joyce Meyer*



Keep reaching for your dream

What do you want out of life? Do you have a dream for your life, your children, your finances or your marriage? Is there something you are hoping for: an idea, a goal, a plan or vision? Whatever it is that you want, what is it going to take to reach it?

We need to be reaching toward our dreams all the time because God didn't create us for passivity or to be static in life. So if you've got your life in park, you need to get it in drive and start moving toward the dreams God has put in your heart.

See, the things you want are not going to just fall into your lap. You are going to have to reach out and grab them. You're going to have to get a holy determination in you that says, "If anyone can have the life God wants them to have, then it's going to be me!"

But you need to remember that you're probably not going to get there overnight, so it's important to find the balance between being content and striving toward those desires.

Paul said he learned to be content in all situations: I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want (Philippians 4:12 NIV). He never got upset about where he was, but at the same time, he continued to look forward to what God had in store for him down the road.

I was good at looking forward. God gave me a big dream for this ministry, but at the time, I didn't fully understand the contentment part Paul was talking about—enjoying where you are until you get to where you're going. So I spent a lot of years allowing the dream God gave me to torment me, instead of enjoying the journey.

Over time I discovered that while it's important to keep your God-given dreams in front of you (see Habakkuk 2:2-3), you also have to learn to be content so you won't be miserable

on the way to the fulfillment of your dreams. At the same time, we should never allow contentment to make us so comfortable that we forget about the vision.

God wants you to dream. He wants you to plan. He doesn't want the demands and routines of life or things like fear to keep you from moving forward in life. So when those things come, we have to be ready to rise up against them. Even something as simple as waking up every morning and saying, "Something good is going to happen to me today," can put fear and other distractions in their place.

That simple act has power because there is power in your words. Proverbs 18:21 says our words have the power of life or death in them, so we need to focus our words on proclaiming the promises of God over our lives.

When you spiritually connect with God by proclaiming His promises, that's when your dreams start being fulfilled. You can be like Abraham and Sarah if you'll just believe and press toward God's best for you. They were old and having a child seemed impossible, but God gave Abraham a vision that he would be the father of many nations. Because Abraham believed God, that vision was fulfilled through Isaac and the many generations that followed. (Read Abraham's story in Genesis, chapters 17-21.)

If you have a dream that seems impossible, start saying, "I will have everything God says I can have. I will do everything God says I can do. I will be everything God says I can be." Because with God, all things are possible!

Maybe it's time for you to make a new commitment today to start going after your dreams. I encourage you to decide right now to stir up your faith, shake off any fear, remember who you are in Christ, and make a decision to trust God to do the impossible every day you get out of bed. Then you'll enjoy the journey, one day at a time, to the fulfillment of your dreams!

Schmale recognized by Rotary Club



Chuck McLaughlin presents a Paul Harris Foundation Recognition Pin to Linda Schmale, who is soon to relocate to Arizona.

Linda Schmale, past Rotary President and long-time member, received her third Paul Harris Foundation Recognition pin at Cottage Grove Rotary's Thursday meeting.

Rotary Foundation is a worldwide foundation that has volunteers working on many issues around the world. Locally, the Foundation money will come back to the local Cottage Grove club to be used for such things as the children's playground at Coiner Park and scholarships.

The pin was presented by Chuck McLaughlin, chairman of the Paul Harris Foundation for the Cottage Grove Rotary Club. McLaughlin is also a Paul Har-

ris Fellow, having joined Rotary in Omaha, Nebraska.

Schmale has been Chamber president twice, managed title companies for 30 years and is responsible for guiding many homeowners through the pitfalls of purchasing their first home. Schmale will be leaving Cottage Grove to join her twin sons in Arizona very shortly.

A farewell party for Schmale is sponsored by the local Rotary, Lions, Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity and other organizations at noon on Thursday, Sept. 22 at Stacy's Covered Bridge. Guests are welcome if seating allows.

IN MEMORIAM

Jonathan Colby Coffman 1977-2016

Jonathan Colby Coffman, 39 of Cottage Grove passed away on Sept. 10, 2016.

He was born May 19, 1977 in Springfield, Oregon to Randy and Juana (Harrison) Coffman.



He attended Cottage Grove High School.

Jon enjoyed listening to music and had a passion for writing songs. He was a big sports fan of the Portland Trailblazers and the Chicago Cubs. He loved spending time with his friends and taking their money at the poker table!

Jon is survived by his children, Hannah and Skyler DesChamp of Eugene, Oregon; parents, Randy and Patti Coffman of Cottage Grove; mother, Juana Harri-

son; grandmother, Joan Coffman; brother, Joey Coffman of Portland, Oregon; sister, Jennifer Coffman of Cottage Grove; brother, Josh Coffman of Surprise, Arizona; step-brother and sister, Brad and Natasha Custer of Cottage Grove.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., in Cottage Grove.

Death Notice

Timothy William McIver, 65, of Saginaw, passed away Sept. 10. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

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Parkinson's support group to meet

The Cottage Grove Parkinson's Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, Sept. 22 at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 675 S. 7th St. This is for partners and caregivers of people with Parkinson's disease to meet for open sharing of information and mutual support. The guest speaker will be presenting information about free senior living referral services and options for senior care. Meeting is free and open to anyone. For more information, call 541-345-2988 or email: libby@parkinsonsresources.org.

Come Join Us at The Humane Society of Cottage Grove's JAMBOREE

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