

Catholic Church receives statue for visitation

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Father Christie Tissera and parishioners of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church in John Day, along with others in the community, attended a visitation Sept. 19 of The Statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The statue, which originally came from Rome and was blessed by Pope Francis, has been taken from parish to parish in the Baker Diocese and was brought to John Day for the day.

A necklace worn by the Blessed Virgin Mary statue shows a heart surrounded by thorns, and she holds a holy rosary in one hand and a scapular in the other.

Father Christie officiated for the event, and Liz Aleman of John Day helped coordinate the day-long schedule with help from other

volunteers.

The day's events included receiving the statue with a procession into the church. Following Mass was the recitation of the four mysteries of the rosary, silent veneration, Holy Chaplet, blessing of the scapulars and finally a coronation of the statue.

Refreshments were served in the parish hall throughout the day.

Aleman said, whether people stayed for a few minutes or for the day, their time to attend was appreciated.

"It was so heartwarming to see," she said. "People made a special effort to be a part of that celebration."

Christie is currently in Sri Lanka, presiding over his nephew's wedding.

The church is named after St. Elizabeth of Hungary, known for helping the poor, needy, lonely and the sick.



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The St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church had a visitation of The Statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sept. 19 in John Day, led by Father Christie Tissera. Several parishioners and others in the community took part in Mass and other events that day.

OBITUARIES

Judy Bernice Fairclough

June 11, 1939 — Feb. 18, 2018

Born in Everett, Washington, Judy was the first child of Marvin Remlinger and Jessie (Jameson) Remlinger. Judy is survived by her children, Kari, Scott and JoLyn (husband John Stearns); grandchildren, Jessica, Jared, Sydney (husband Mack Stone) and Natalie Stearns; and brother, Fred Remlinger (wife Shirley). She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Linda.



Judy selflessly put the needs of others before her own and cared deeply for her family and friends. Judy had a keen sense for fashion, and always made the extra effort to dress beautifully. She'll be remembered for her loving generosity and heartfelt gift giving. Judy was most proud of her children and grandchildren. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy as she grew older. She's missed dearly by her family and friends.

Judy was a champion in perseverance, overcoming many difficult life challenges. She was successful in her endeavors and worked hard to be self-sufficient, supporting herself and her youngest daughter, Kari. Judy was a high achiever — being an "A" student in school and active in extra-curricular activities. After a 27-year marriage, she returned to college (Oregon State University) finishing her teaching degree, then taught at OSU's Upward Bound Program. In 1988, she began a career with Allstate in Portland. By 1990, Judy was a very successful insurance agent, receiving several honors, including Allstate's Honor Ring Award. She then worked at Farmer's Insurance, achieving top sales percentiles to qualify for Farmers Outstanding Topper Club.

However, Judy's heart was in teaching. During the mid 1990s, she started teaching in Portland area schools, Sylvan Learning Center, then Spray and Crane, while continuing Graduate Master's classes. She moved to John Day to be closer to family when hired as Special Education Director (Grant County ESD), 10 years before retiring at 74.

Barbara Lee McCaige

Oct. 2, 1928 — Sept. 26, 2019

Barbara Lee McCaige, 90, our beloved mother and grandmother, passed away on Sept. 26 in Vancouver, Washington. She is survived by her sister, Martha; daughters, Janet and Pamela; son, John; their spouses; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; and daughter, Sharon. A celebration of her life will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, Washington, on Nov. 2 at 12:30 p.m. Flowers are welcome. Donations in Barbara's honor may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children.



Sydney Stearns graduates with Outstanding Student Award



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Sydney Stearns, a 2015 Grant Union graduate, was recognized as the 2019 Outstanding Student by Yakima Valley College Radiologic Sciences Class

of 2019. Stearns graduated with high honors for a GPA of 3.85-4.0 on June 14. Advisors and faculty of the program select just one student every two years for this special award, which is based on academic excellence

and other working environment skills. Stearns was presented with a plaque and certificate for her achievement during the graduation pinning ceremony. It is the only award offered in the program.

OTEC plans \$4 per month rate increase in November

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Local electricity bills are set to increase by \$4 for residential members effective with bills rendered in November.

In July, Bonneville Power Administration — from which Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative buys its clean hydroelectricity — announced that on average, there would be no increase to the cost of wholesale power for 2019-2020, according to an OTEC press release.

Unfortunately, OTEC was not an average utility as defined by BPA. Based on details given to OTEC at the end of July, OTEC's cost of power will increase by 3.97 percent.

A cost of service study conducted by an independent consultant showed that a rate increase was necessary to

ensure OTEC recovers enough revenue to sustain business operations for the long term, in order to continue providing safe and reliable service to its members at competitive rates.

During the August and September board meetings, OTEC's board of directors approved an average rate increase of 2.71 percent.

Rate increases vary by class.

For OTEC's 22,000 residential members, the increase will be shown in the monthly delivery charge, increasing the charge by \$4 from \$29.50 to \$33.50 effective with bills rendered on or after Nov. 1.

The energy rate per kilowatt hour (kWh) will remain unchanged for residential members.

By staying away from a rate increase that impacts actual usage, residential members are not neg-

atively affected for using more energy when they need it, particularly for heating their homes during the colder months of the year.

By avoiding a rate increase to the per kilowatt hour energy charge, the rate increase remains the same regardless the amount of energy used in homes.

OTEC continues to deliver electricity at a good value, especially when compared to other cooperatives nationwide. According to OTEC's lender, Cooperative Finance Corporation, compared to other borrowers, OTEC's rates are in the lower 10% of cooperatives nationwide and fifth lowest in Oregon in 2019 of cooperatives who borrow exclusively from CFC.

For more information, visit otec.coop.

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1st Friday Pumpkin Hunt
October 4th | 6-9pm

It's pumpkin time and the hunt is on!
This is the last First Friday of the season and it is the all time favorite Pumpkin Hunt. Downtown businesses will come alive between 6pm and 9pm with food, fun, shopping and so much more. Count the number of pumpkins at each participating business, get the correct total and win the grand prize. Don't miss out. You could be the lucky winner! For more information visit **Downtown John Day First Fridays** on Facebook

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	74/52
Wednesday	69/44
Thursday	75/44
Friday	66/43
Saturday	46/37
Sunday	46/36
Monday	46/34

24/7 FORECAST
AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122
ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM
NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY
162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 2-8

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy
62	58	55	62	67	70	74
38	36	35	32	41	31	34