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Palmateer, Bartel engaged



Kyle Palmateer and Nancy Bartel.

Kyle Palmateer of Ione and Nancy Bartel of Prather, CA are pleased to announce their engagement.

Kyle is the son of the late Ron Palmateer and Terri Schaber of Ione. Nancy is the daughter of Larry and Eveline Bartel.

Kyle graduated from Ione High School and is in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Creech Air Force Base near Las Vegas, NV. Nancy graduated from Sierra High School and attended Fresno State before joining the Air Force. She recently completed her time, and is currently enrolled in Northeastern University; she works at Starbucks.

An October 18 wedding is planned in Las Vegas.

Catholic churches welcome new priest

By Andrea Di Salvo
St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic parishes have welcomed a new parish priest to their ministries.

Father Maria Joseph Kumar Udagandla, who prefers to go by "Father Kumar," is a 44-year-old native of India. He was born in 1968 in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, South India, near the Bay of Bengal.



Father Kumar

He was raised and attended school in Nellore. He says secular education in India is similar to that in the U.S., with 12 grades required. After completing that required education, he went on to study theology and philosophy at St. John's Regional Seminary in Hyderabad, the capitol city of the state of Andhra Pradesh.

It was while studying in seminary, in 1990, that he experienced one of the highlights of his life.

"I got the chance to see the holy woman, Mother Teresa of Calcutta. That is one of my unforgettable experiences," says Kumar. (Mother Teresa was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2003. Many believe she will someday be conferred sainthood.)

Kumar was ordained in Nellore Diocese in 1994 at the age of 26. He says his decision to become a priest was the result of several factors.

"I believe that it is, first of all, God's call and, secondly, my parents' encouragement and prayers," he says. He also says it had to do with helping children in India. "Since I studied in a Catholic school and come from a poor family, by becoming a priest, I want to help the poor children for their better education."

His Heppner assignment is Kumar's sixth parish.

He served parishes in India until August of 2003, when he went to serve in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, OK. He remained there until June of 2007. Then, he says, his bishop in India offered him a chance to return to his native country and pursue his passion of helping the children.

He moved back to Rudrasudram village in the Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh. The village is home to 640 families—about 2,000 people—310 families of which are Catholic. Kumar says that, because of the need for families to travel looking for migrant work, and for all members of the family to work, only 12 percent have an education. While in Rudrasudram, he built a children's home and a church, among other projects. His hope is to increase the rate of education over time.

As for how he ended up in Eastern Oregon, he says Nellore is "not a self-sufficient diocese," so priests are often sent to serve elsewhere throughout the world. He was sent to Heppner by his bishop but will continue to support the Nellore diocese...for instance, by sending any excess salary to his diocese in India.

He says he has received a warm welcome. The weather, though, is a different story. He says South Morrow County is "Very cold. I come from a warm country where I am very close to the ocean."

He plans to stay in the area for five years, the length of time for which his bishop has granted him permission for now. After that?

"I don't know what God plans," he says.

Free Kindle class offered

The Ione Public Library is sponsoring another free class, Kindle 101, introducing patrons to the joys of reading books on an electronic device.

Heidi Nelson is the instructor. The class will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Ione library.

Participants will learn how to buy or check out e-books on their Kindles or Kindle Fires. They will also find out about free e-books that are available, where to

get them and how to download them.

Participants should have a Kindle or Kindle Fire, an email address and an Amazon.com account. For those checking out books from Libraries2Go, an active library card number is required.

Save a spot in the class by getting your name on the list at the library or contacting Anne Morter at 541-422-7040. Space is limited.

Correction

Last week's article, "Influenza has arrived in Morrow County," was incorrectly identified as coming from the Morrow County Health District.

The article actually was submitted by the Morrow County Health Department. The editor apologizes for the error.

Obituaries

Kathryn Webb

Kathryn Thompson Webb, 89, passed away January 29, 2013, at Eagle Springs Memory Care in Walla Walla, WA. A private graveside service was held at Mountain View Cemetery in Walla Walla.

Kathryn was born May 19, 1923, to Sophrona and Robert Thompson in Heppner, OR. She grew up on a sheep ranch and was a descendent of a long line of pioneers. Her great-great-grandfather was Levi Scott, who rode with the Applegate Brothers to create a southern route into the Willamette Valley in 1846.

She graduated from Heppner High School and attended Oregon State University, where she studied accounting. Kathryn was a skilled rider and, in 1940, she was crowned the Heppner rodeo queen. She married Paul Webb, Jr. on Nov. 11, 1942, and they moved to Walla Walla, where they raised wheat and cattle. They returned to Heppner in the early 1950s and raised sheep. She was teased by family members and friends that she herded sheep in her fur coat. In 1960, they moved back to Walla Walla and farmed wheat. Kathryn enjoyed playing golf and spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of PEO, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bridgettes, Walla Walla Wheat Growers and the Walla Walla Country Club.

She enjoyed all aspects

of farm and ranch management. In Heppner, she and Paul provided opportunities for Basque shepherders to come to United States to work on their ranch. Later in their life, they enjoyed traveling to California to play golf with their friends.

Kathryn is survived by: her three children, Nat (Sue) Webb of Walla Walla, Meridy (Bill) Parker of Elizabeth, CO, and Becky (Jose) Cardell of Walla Walla; four grandchildren, Lisa (Bill) Pontarolo of Walla Walla, Stacey (Doug) Dunham of Walla Walla, Kathryn (Steve) Gasowski of Parker, CO, and Jeff (Kim) Parker of Parkville, MS.; eight great-grandchildren, Michael and David Pontarolo, Hadley and Kate Dunham, Emily and Allison Gasowski of Colorado, and Matthew and Ben Parker; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Paul Webb; her parents; her brother, Steve Thompson; and sisters, Reita Bibby and Roberta Espy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Walla Walla Community Hospice, Blue Mountain Humane Society or a charity of choice through Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder St. Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at www.herringgroseclose.com.

Funeral Notice

Luke Padberg—Luke Padberg, 57, of Heppner died Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at his home. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, February 16, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner, with a reception to follow in the church parish hall.

A complete obituary will follow in next week's Gazette-Times. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Death Notice

Patrick C. Thornton—Patrick C. Thornton, 63, of Fernandina Beach, FL, former resident of The Dalles and Salem, died January 27, 2013 at Lahaina, Maui, HI. He was born March 3, 1949 in Santa Maria, CA. Services will be held at a later date in Salem and Ione, OR.

Local students go for Baroque

The Oregon Music Teacher's Association held its district Bach Festival on Saturday, Feb. 2, in Pendleton, OR.

Local musicians who participated were Sophie Grant, Kellen Grant, Madison Palmer, Hannah Palmer, Roen Waite, Leo Waite and Reiah Waite. Each student had to perform from memory a piece written in the Baroque time period (1650-1720).

Kellen Grant was awarded honorable mention for his performance. Madison Palmer advanced to the regional festival and played in Hood River on Sunday, Feb. 10.

WCVEDG to host luncheon

Thursday, Feb. 21, Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) will host its annual luncheon in the St. Patrick's

Senior Center dining hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch will be catered by Alvin Liu of Cornerstone Gallery and will include herb chicken penne with garlic Alfredo sauce, cheese bread sticks, tossed salad, crème brulee and beverages.

Carla McLane will be the guest speaker and will give information on accommodating temporary workforce on upcoming Morrow County opportunities, as well as the Morrow County Citizens Economic Development Task Force that has been developed to move this project forward.

The public is welcome to attend; there is no cost for the WCVEDG-hosted luncheon, but interested parties are asked to RSVP to the Chamber of Commerce at 541-676-5536 or Marcia Kemp at 541-676-2100 by Tuesday, Feb. 19.

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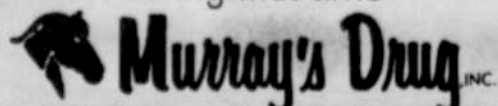
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- THURSDAY (21st)- Cheesy Broccoli Soup
- FRIDAY (22nd)- Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

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Bank of Eastern Oregon congratulates Heppner High School wrestler, Tim Nelson, 195 lbs., voted "Outstanding Wrestler" at BEO's 2013 Wrestling Invitational!

Tournament Results:
Team Champion ~ LaGrande
2nd Place - MacHi
3rd Place - Riverside

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