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Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph
St. Patrick Catholic Church Heppner



Trust in the protective power of a providing God

This week, I am reminded of the movie "The Day After," screened in early 1983. Over a million viewers saw the movie filmed in Lawrence, KS, portraying what that city would be like after a nuclear attack. A warning message preceded it: "Because of the graphic portrayal of nuclear war, this film may be unsuitable for children. Parental discretion is advised." For the next 128 minutes, the movie showed shocking scenes of death and destruction. The script, too, was shocking and disturbing, making viewers realize that the possibility of a nuclear attack was greater than ever imagined.

Our first reading is from the prophet Malachi (3:19-20). When Judah returned from exile in Babylon, the people showed a tendency, learned from their long contact with the pagans, to lead loose moral lives. The priests were irresponsible, ignorant and indulgent, failing to correct abuses. Hence, Malachi reprimanded them for their religious impiety, dishonesty, and marriage with pagans. Malachi thought that the day of the Lord was coming shortly, so he warned that God takes note of the goodness of those who fear Him and will punish the wicked and the proud on the "Day of the Lord by setting them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch."

St. Luke (21:5-19), gives us no clue of the date or time of the end of the world. Signs and portents will precede the end, and the faithful will be called upon to testify before kings and governors, just as we witnessed in the story of a mother and seven sons. The good news is that those who persevere in faithfulness to the Lord will save their souls and enter God's eternal kingdom. Christ's Second Coming is something to celebrate, because He is going to present all creation to his heavenly Father. That is why we proclaim, "Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again." Thus, the message of the day: Don't give up; God is always with us.

1) We need to be prepared daily for death and judgment. The ideal way to accept Jesus's apocalyptic message is always to be ready to face our death. We must live holy lives of selfless love, mercy, compassion, unconditional forgiveness daily. We must also take time to rest and pray in order to keep our hearts alive to God's presence with us and within us.

2) We need to be good memories to someone's life. Our lives and all that surround us are temporary. Everything about you but your good memory for someone will be forgotten. Hence, our task is not to build monuments, but to be faithful to Christ every day. We are to persevere in our faith, despite worldly temptations, attacks on religion and moral values, threats of social isolation, and direct or indirect persecution because of our religious beliefs. Let us pray for the grace to endure patiently any trials in our affirmation of Jesus our Savior.

Ione students sharpen their skills in shop class



Ninth-grade students work on an entryway bench at the Ione Community School shop. Mr. Schaber is able to offer a very broad set of shop skills through a limited set of courses offered. "We are always impressed with the great work that comes out of our shop," said Ione Principal Kevin Dinning. "We know these are skills that our students will use, always. It is another way that we can prepare students for life after high school." Pictured are Elizabeth Doherty, Brionna Serrano, Delaney Stefani, Martine Mendoza, Henry Giefing and Carter Eynetich. -Contributed photos

Housing Road authority to meet

The next Heppner Housing Authority meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 4 p.m. in the dining room of St. Patrick's Senior Center. For more information, contact KaeRene Qualls at 541-980-2836.

The Morrow County Road Committee has announced it will meet on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m. in the Public Works conference room in Lexington.

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

Was that "extra hour of sleep" on Sunday morning delightful, or did you hardly notice the switch from Daylight Savings Time until Sunday evening when your eyes wanted to close at 8 p.m. because they knew it was "really 9 o'clock"?

This writer's opinion: The Columbia Basin Electric Co-op's annual luncheon last Thursday in Ione included great food, several door prizes, the announcement of election results of board members, introduction of employees. This meeting was highlighted by detailed information about the co-op's business and future, both "good and bad," by Andy Fletcher, co-op manager, who delivered both with his inimitable, intermittent tidbits of humor. As an astute manager, Andy is Good News for the co-op and its members, and he seems to realize that "a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down...."

Unfortunately, high, high winds brought some CBE employees back to the Ione area on Saturday to work. Seven hours were needed to get lines downed by the wind back in working order, to restore electrical service to Ione.

Timing of that outage coincided with the holiday bazaar happening in Ione that day. The first bazaar of the season went on, proving successful for some artisans and browsers with stick-to-itiveness.

Go, Mustangs! Once again, the football team will be on their home field this week when they play Regis in the state quarterfinals, after winning over Monroe last Saturday. OSAA has the game listed for this Friday. Congrats!

Lily Nichols placed 10th in a field of 107 cross-country runners last Saturday at the State 3A-2A-1A Championships! Also, the HHS women's team placed ninth in the ranks. Trevor Nichols turned it up a notch on Saturday at the men's 2A-1A Championships, placing first in a field of 77 runners. Close behind him was Grady Greenwood, placing second. And as a team, the Mustang men took third place! Way to go!

Are you ready for basketball?!

The Ione FFA group is selling boxes of hazelnuts, just in time for the holidays. For information or to order a box of the four different styles of hazelnuts, individuals can call Erin Heideman at the school.

Kelly Boyer recently returned from her two-week visit with their daughter and two grandsons in Boise. With Brooke, Cole (12) and Evan (7), she took in the "Fall Festival," and they joined the Halloween party at the zoo. When Evan was awarded first prize in the costume contest at the party, it was a great ending to a fun experience.

Betty Rietmann celebrated her 92nd birthday on Oct. 28. Many Ionians/Ionites/Ione citizens (?) see Betty as the epitome of what a citizen can be in the community. Information is that Betty is not only a deacon in the church but also taught Ione first grade for 30 years, taught Ione pre-school for 15 years after that, and continues to volunteer in the Ione schools today. Rietmann women who have followed in her education-related footsteps seem to have carried her legacy on for another three generations, at least.

Please, don't be shy about sharing your reasons for smiling; send your Good News to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490.

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this!

Ione Community School announces honor roll

Ione Community School has announced that the following students have received honorable mention or earned a 3.0-3.49 grade point average (GPA) for the first quarter of the 2022-23 school year: Adrian Mendoza, Leo Cabrera, Zion Ramos Lopez, Keltie Rietmann, Julian Rodriguez, Blake Vandever, Koby Baker, Gift Cross, Carter Eynetich, Liam Heideman, Ariona Looney, Martin Medina, Corey Rice, John McElligott, Samuel Radcliffe, Sunem Calvillo, Adam Moore and Fernando Ramirez.

The following students at Ione Community School have placed on the honor roll by earning a 4.0 GPA for the first quarter of the 2022-23 school year: Ciciley Stefani, Janielle Bartee, Novalee Campbell, Isabelle Ogden, Olivia Ogden, Phegley Padberg, Miley Strzelewicz, Zamira Dotson, Brionna Serrano, Noelia Ramirez, Brayden McNeil, Leelynn Vandever, Madison Orem, Calvin Rietmann, Bryce Rollins and Khira Kreitzer.

Death Notices

Betty Lou Marquardt—Betty Lou Marquardt, 86, of Lexington died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at Walla Walla, WA. A funeral service will be held on Dec. 3 at the Heppner Christian Church with burial to follow at the Lexington Cemetery. She was born on March 20, 1936, at Condon, OR. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Martie L. McQuain Jr.—Martie L. McQuain Jr., 88, of La Grande, OR, a former Condon resident, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at his home in La Grande. He was born June 19, 1934, at Perry, OK. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Kevin Scott Ryerson—Kevin Scott Ryerson, 51, of Central Point, OR died, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, while hunting near Spray, OR. He was born December 31, 1970, at Medford, OR. Local arrangements are in the care of Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Wolf depredation committee to meet

The Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 15, in Heppner. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the Bartholomew Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court Street.

The committee will discuss the Producer Wolf Depredation Compensation Claim Application and receive agency updates.

Veterans Day celebration Thursday at HHS

The Heppner High School Veterans Day Celebration will be held this Thursday, Nov. 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the Heppner High School gymnasium. All veterans and their families, along with the general public, are invited to attend.

Several veterans have agreed to visit classrooms and speak with students from 8-10 a.m. that morning. The event's main speaker will be Scott McEwen, Heppner High School graduate and author of the #1 New York Times Best Seller book American Sniper. The event will also feature performances by the Heppner High School band and choir, veteran roll call, and a luncheon for all veterans and their families.

G-T Trophy Corner



Olson Anderson, 13, of Heppner, pictured with his dad, Colin Anderson. Olson filled his spike tag when he shot his first elk on Sunday, Nov. 6, in the Heppner Unit. -Contributed photo

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