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Crosby has a gift of humor

I thought Ms. Crosby, of Prineville, wrote a couple of humorous letters about getting older, and then her love of deer. Nice funny letters.

And then she really put her tongue-in-cheek the last couple of weeks. Her humor in those letters was overwhelming.

These letters were entertaining and good for a laugh. I truly enjoyed reading them. I just knew she could not have been as seriously entertaining as she has been.

A person has to go out of their way to be as funny as she managed to be.

I am not sure why she is so interested in Heppner, but more power to her. Not everyone can write humor like she can.

Robert H. Davidson
Milwaukie, OR

The world needs a cow

There's just been so much chaos in the world lately. Civil unrest, unruly folks running rampant....

One hates to even turn on the news. While some have given up hope and think this new generation is a lost cause. I don't. Not only do I have hope, I have the answer. Her name is Rosie.

No, I don't think she would be a great candidate for some political office.

She doesn't have the personality or the patience for that. Foreign affairs would be a problem since she can't even seem to get along with the neighbor's dog. She's way too opinionated and I'm sure she'd rather just keep her spot as Queen of the Farm. Besides, I'm pretty sure she doesn't even own a dress.

What I'm proposing is that everyone get their own "Rosie," aka, milk cow. If we could make that happen...it would change the world. See, the thing about having a milk cow is that they basically own you. Your life is not your own. It's dictated by milking schedules, caring for

Seniors Matter menus for Aug. 29, September

On Aug. 29, South Morrow County Seniors Matter will be serving meatloaf with garlic mashed potatoes, corn, salad and dessert at its Tuesday lunch.

September meals are:

Sept. 5—Beef Stroganoff, rice, green beans, dinner roll and dessert.

Sept. 12—Baked Ziti, garden salad and dressing, cheddar garlic biscuits and dessert.

Sept. 19—Biscuits and Gravy, scrambled eggs and dessert.

shredded teats, hauling, stacking and paying for hay, finding just the right grain and trying to keep spoiled calves from mooing their heads off. And then there's the poo...mountains of it. Who would have the time to even think about misbehaving, yet alone the energy?

If everyone had a milk cow or two, all these youngsters would no longer be out on the street causing a ruckus. They'd be up in the barn, stacking hay...a lot of hay.

"Dude! Tomorrow morning we're all gonna go spray paint some statues. Wanna come with?"

"Can't. Gotta milk."

"Hey, you wanna go tear up the town tonight?"

"Can't, gotta clean out the barn."

"You wanna go spread hate and discontent with us?"

"Nah, gotta get up early tomorrow."

No late-night outings when your alarm goes off at 5 a.m. There will be a cow waiting loudly in the barn and udder mastitis lurking in the shadows of those who slumber.

So many advantages that go even beyond the gallons of milk we would all be enjoying. Cream, butter, cheese and ice cream would keep a constant smile on all our faces. Lactose intolerance would be a thing of the past with all the folks downing that good bacteria-filled raw milk.

Yes, what a happier world this would be. No nasty Facebook posts, name-calling or "friend" bashing. Loving your neighbor would be pretty much a necessity because unloading hay is a heck of a lot easier with help. And you never know when you might need them to milk for you.

And, of course, there would be no racial tensions or prejudices. Everyone would realize that the color of milk doesn't change with the color of the cow. Red, black, brown, Holstein or Brindle.... it's what's inside the udder that counts.

Susie Crosby
Prineville, OR

Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph
St. Mary's Catholic Church Wasco



What is your experience of Jesus?

Last week we reflected on the faith of the Canaanite woman, and I have come across other scripture verses pertinent to the faith of the Canaanite woman: "Don't think that the Lord is too weak to save you or too deaf to hear your call for help!" (Isaiah 59:1); "So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when you will reap the harvest" (Galatians 6:9). We have a beautiful example of faith in the Canaanite woman, who was finally praised by the Lord for her great faith.

In the first reading for the 20th Sunday, from Isaiah (22:19-23) we read of one person who is terminated from his position of controlling access both to the city and to the king, and the keys of authority are passed on to someone else who is more reliable in the sight of God. Shebna is rejected by the Lord for his disobedience to God. He had violated the presuppositions upon which people are given authority: that the power will not be abused, that advantage will not be taken of others, that power will not corrupt but be for service. In the place of Shebna, Eliakim is placed in control of the house of God, and all power and positions of the Church of God are placed on his shoulders. Faith is given to us not to have power over others or to make us feel superior to others but that we might serve others and lead them in humility to God.

In this week's Gospel, from St. Matthew (16:13-20), Jesus places two questions before his disciples. Jesus re-actualizes His days are numbered and wants to do something to continue His work. He needs to know if people have understood His mission. The first question is generic in nature: "Who do people say that I am?" Since it was a simple question, all could answer something, and they did answer with various responses. It is safe to quote others, and the answers were highly complimentary: the people believed He was God's helper, messiah, prophet, John the Baptist etc.

From that generic question, He leads His disciples to a personal experience: "But you, who do you say that I am?" Perhaps the disciples have been following Jesus for a variety of reasons. Some thought He was a good teacher, others that He might lead a revolution against Rome, still others thought that He was a prophet, and maybe some knew Him as a peasant social reformer. Now in the face of that blunt question, they are silent; they do not want to reveal their motivation for following Him. The personal question that we all need to find an answer to after reading and reflecting on this particular theme of the week is, "What is your personal reason to follow Christ? Or to continue as believers of Jesus?"

Finally, as usual, the courageous and bold leader among the apostles, Peter, broke the silence and stuck his neck out. He articulated, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Peter's declaration had two parts. First, he acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah for whom the people had waited a long time. But Peter has a second astonishing declaration to make: that Jesus is the Son of the living God. This answer was more from his personal experience with Christ. Imagine the example of the new principal who comes to the town high school: People in the town may have varied opinions to spread, but the experiences of the principal's colleagues (co-teachers) and students are the ones who are meeting daily and experiencing his love and guidance and may be able to offer a personal answer.

Similarly, the Lord is asking the same question to all of us: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" and what about you personally? Some may follow Him for nearly 30 to 80 years of our catholic life, reading the scriptures, attending church functions and participating in the celebration of the Eucharist, etc. Has it helped you in any way come a little closer to the person in whom you believe? This coming Sunday's Gospel passage invites all of us to have a personal experience with Christ in our personal lives. And like Peter, we also should tell from our personal experience of Christ that, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Lexington council meeting Sept. 12

The Lexington Town Council will hold a regular council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. at Lexington Town Hall.

Prior to the council meeting, beginning at 5 p.m., the council will hold a work session with Anderson Perry & Associates.

Both meetings are open to the public, and community members are encouraged to attend. Lexington Town Hall is located at 425 F Street in Lexington. This meeting will also stream online via Zoom, meeting ID: 687 755 5033, password: Lexington.

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Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

This week's column has become an opportunity for plaudits for several persons who might receive notice and applause rarely:

Hats off to the City Public Works employees who keep our green spaces green (sometimes requiring sprinkler repair), trimmed and inviting (even if they have to remove dog poop that owners have not removed); maintain the public restrooms; keep our hanging baskets blooming and are responsible for the Main Street lamps; maintain our wells and the sewer plant; fix potholes; having weighed in on Thomson Square, they now maintain the food court; and take care of our public buildings. Who do we thank? Chad Doherty and Caleb McDaniel, Alea Strouse, and Annabell McDaniel.

Maybe "it takes a village" is indicative of many projects our small number of Morrow County citizens successfully accomplishes. The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo is one such event: We can't name the vast number of individuals to credit with last week's success story. So many planners, so many "worker bees"! So many challenges to manage, details to iron out! Congratulations to All for jobs well done.

Good to see so many entries in the Fair! Obviously, many people don't just think about entering something but also follow through. And how impressive to see young and older participants, talented photographers, artists, bakers, canners, quilters, seamsters, vegetable gardeners, flower growers, writers, growers of a variety of livestock... You all are inspirational, truly!

What?! A rodeo parade without horses?! Safety first: the highway cones, barriers, fluttering yellow tape, all could spook horses.... We will remember this year's fair and rodeo week for many reasons, including our highway/Main Street makeover.

Thank you, BEO employees for entering your float in the parade. Bravo! Thank you, young people who walked your heifers in the parade. At least we got to see some livestock!

Kudos to the MC Sheriff's Department: An appreciative citizen who lives many miles from her closest neighbor recently was aroused late at night by a knocking on a window and when she went to a door—locked, with a screen—she encountered an unfamiliar young man who acted nervous, "antsy," and said that he had been left somewhere she didn't recognize the name of and wanted her to take him somewhere. She, instead, called the sheriff's department to report her concern; the man immediately left her door but to where, she didn't know. When the deputy and her dog arrived, the dog followed scent that showed that the late visitor had been inside a nearby trailer house and that he had left via a back area of her property. This was reassuring, and the visit by the deputy two days later was even more consoling.

Only a couple of minutes is needed for getting your positive notes to "Good News Only": Remember that a copy-and-paste to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or a call to 541-223-1490 of your FB post can be seen by an even greater number of people!

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