

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

Another week of unshared "Good News."

However, one person noted that "the grass is greener than it usually is by this time," which could be good news in the pastures next spring.

On Saturday, HHS runners who have earned a spot at the State Cross-Country Championships to be held in Eugene on Saturday: Carson and Grady Greenwood, Brooklyn Hendricks, Quaid Jensen, Walker Lathrop, Hailey McDaniel, Lily Nichols, Max and Jake Wilson, and Ariana Worden. Congratulations, All! Good Luck!

Also, on Saturday in Heppner at 1 o'clock, the Mustang football team will go head-to-head with the team from Bandon/Pacific in the first round of the State Playoffs. Good Luck, Team!

Tomorrow, which is Thursday, November 2, the HHS football players, and cheerleaders will be collecting food for the Neighborhood Center's Annual Food Drive. They will make it easy, from 5:30 to 8:00, to donate: Just leave your porch light on, and your donations - canned and/or dried foods, pasta, flour - in a bag for pick-up.

And a few reasons for everyone (or surely almost everyone) to smile: tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwich, no more gnats clustering in the air, products are available for capturing/removing sugar ants, Bag Balm!

As the cheery little song says, "A smile is just a frown turned upside down..." If something or someone brought a smile to your face and you share it with the GT readers, you just might help someone's frown turn upside down! Please share by emailing dbrosnan123@gmail.com or calling 541-223-1490.

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

Heppner Drama presents 'How I Met Your Mummy'



The Heppner Drama Club cast of "How I Met Your Mummy." The comedy will be performed at Heppner High School next week. -Photo by Alaina Lemmon



Piper Kelton (left) and Lizzie Ginn try to take down the mummy (Brigham Jensen). -Photo by Alaina Lemmon

Heppner Drama Club will present the play "How I Met Your Mummy" in four different performances at Heppner High School next week.

Performances featuring the junior high cast will take place Nov. 7 and 10, and the high school cast will take the stage Nov. 9 and 11.

All performances will be at 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafetorium. Admission is \$3.

"How I Met Your Mummy" is a two-act play by Todd Wallinger. The comedy features a romp through a museum at night, full of characters who shouldn't be there—clumsy thieves, a teenage film crew, a pushy news reporter, and a zany Egyptian priestess—all

trying to meet the night's main character.

The junior high cast consists of Piper Kelton, John Lindsay, Lizzie Ginn, Eva Worden, Avia Bote-fuhr, Aubree Shank, Austin Quilter, Hannah Brannon, Brigham Jensen, Naomi Prophet and Samantha Lamb.

The high school cast is made up of Piper Kelton, John Lindsay, Izzi Killebrew, Aubrey Smith, Laila Hess, Jaiyce Cimmityoti, Joe McMasters, Elijah Quilter, Rylee Palmer, and Moira Di Salvo.

Alaina Lemmon directs, with JoAnna Lamb assisting. Lizzie Finch, Kelsi Workman, and Dailen Schultz serve as the tech crew.

Greenup wins Rookie of the Year



Hunter Greenup, left, poses with his gold belt buckle prize. - Contributed Photo

Local Hunter Greenup emerged victorious at the highly anticipated year-end event of the Cowboy Association, sweeping away the competition to secure not only the year-end title but also the coveted Rookie of the Year award. Greenup's exceptional skills and determination throughout

the season brought him well-deserved recognition from his peers and the association.

The Cowboy Association is a rodeo organization in Idaho, founded in the early 1950s, it is dedicated to promoting and preserving Western Heritage.

Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph
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A CALL TO HUMILITY & HOLINESS

We have seen and reflected on the last few Sundays the Lord in controversy with His contemporaries, especially the priests and the scribes. We have heard how they were trying to trap Him in words and deeds to get Him out of the sight of ordinary people.

The first reading for this Sunday is taken from one of the Minor Prophets, Malachi (1:14b; 2:2b, 8-10), describing the priests and how they should go about their responsibilities. The Lord reminds them in these words, "And now, O priests this commandment is for you: if you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart to give glory to my name, says the Lord." (2:2b). The Lord constantly reminds the priests about their primary duties and responsibilities. His oracle prophet Malachi warns us with the sacramental priests about the dangers of straying from our right part, as well as misleading and oppressing others in the name of the God: "...And now priests, this is a warning for you...you have strayed from the way and you have caused many to stumble by your teaching, you have destroyed the covenant of Levi says the Lord of Host..." While it is important to note that this message is meant, as it were, for "Priest" and all "Pastors of souls", it is equally important to note that by virtue of our baptism, all the baptized are called to share the priesthood of Christ; God is equally speaking to each and every Christian. The reason for this is quite simple: we are all expected to bear the message of eternal life as well as give glory to God. Therefore, it is a call to lead and teach rightly the message of eternal life, a call to live rightly, to be just, and, most importantly, to glorify God our creator.

This week's Gospel is from the fifth prominent teaching found in the Gospel of Matthew (23:1-12), the theme of Eschatology, which means "life after death." The eschatological theme begins with the scolding by Jesus of the Priests. Jesus equally warns us not to follow the hypocritical way of life of the Pharisees of our time ("men" and "women of God" of our age), who, in spite of their exalted position in our churches, live bad examples. They preach well but fail to show it in action to their contemporaries. They are very eloquent and professional in their preaching, sermons, and homilies, but they are dwarfs and pigmies in their actions. What an irony! These men and women of God thwart the message of eternal life for their own gain and thus lead many astray. These are deadly wolves in sheep's clothing. It is also important to look inward in this regard because, as Christians, each one of us is a potential man or woman of God as well as a potential Pharisee. How could this be, you ask? If we live contrary to the faith, we profess in Jesus Christ we are being Pharisees and thwarting the message of eternal life or the good news. When we live this way, we are showing people the wrong way and preaching the worst of homilies that posterity will not forget and possibly not forgive us because we are not being true to or holding on to the message of eternal life.

Finally, through this Gospel passage, Jesus condemns "show-off-religion" which has no life and, in fact, is opposed to the message of eternal life. Our call as baptized believers is to live according to our baptismal call of humility and holiness; and move towards the heavenly journey. In Christ's message about being called or calling anyone "Rabbi" or "Father," Jesus is disapproving of earthly pride, which is opposed to the message of eternal life. But He in no way permits us to disrespect or insult those in position by calling them derogatory names instead of giving them the honor due to them. Such behavior would equally run contrary to the messages of eternal life, which say, "Honor your father and mother" (Ex 20, 12); "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account"; And finally, "Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peacefully and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity (1Tim 2, 2)." Our lives and actions should give God glory and honor because in it, lies the message of eternal life.

Ladies Night
Thursday November 2, 2023

Molly Dale will be preparing a Pork Loin dinner with mashed potatoes, corn, roll, salad and brownies for desert.
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Lodge at 8:00 pm
Member and guests only



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**Morrow County
Columbia River Heritage Trail
Interpretive Panels Review**

Morrow County Planning is pleased to announce an update of the Interpretive Panels located along the Heritage Trail.

Sea Reach Limited has been contracted to update the existing panels that have been in place for over 20 years.

Anyone interested in reviewing the new interpretive panels and providing comment is invited to meet with planners and Sea Reach Ltd. on November 13th. The meeting will be held from 10:00AM-12:00PM in Irrigon at the North Morrow County Government Center, 215 NE Main Street.

For more information, please contact Landon Jones or Tamra Mabbott at (541) 922-4624. Existing panels are posted on the website: <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/planning/page/heritage-trail-panels>