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They're back



Sidewalk construction along Hwy 74 and Main.
-Photo by Annalynn Black

By Annalynn Black

The construction has started once again, the state is running a statewide project to get all sidewalk ramps up to ADA standards. For those wondering about the complaints the city had about the construction job done last summer, the city did not move forward with officially filing a complaint or grievance but was able to come to an agreement with ODOT via email correspondence. The city manager John Doherty and

public works director Chad Doherty met with two of ODOTs representatives to go over their list of concerns.

A major complaint was that the construction crew removed the donated red bricks, that had the names of said donators on them, around Thompson Square and did not put them back. The red bricks will be replaced with colored cement, similar to the previous, said John Doherty.

A VIEW FROM THE HILL

By Doris Brosnan

Dorothy Green's news is impossible to top, since only about one in every 5000 people in the United States is a centenarian, and Dorothy joined that group last weekend with her party at Willow Creek Terrace. Whatever Dorothy attributes her longevity to, many neighbors view her great condition as something to aspire to.

No more birthdays to celebrate on the Hill this month, but there will be the periodic celebrations of particular foods, which will add some sparks to the weekly menus – which still feature some fresh produce from the Terrace's Garden. And speaking of menus, the Terrace continues to search for another cook, so foodies and gourmets might want to swing by the Terrace to learn more about the position.

Before lunch on the 15th and 22nd, Kathy Turner will bring some 6th-grade students to entertain with their piano and singing performances. Staff and residents are looking forward to those.

This month's Wednesday afternoon craft workshop will feature door décor with a fall motif. This activity will begin the day after the residents who are interested are taken to the St. Patrick's Senior Center downtown for their free flu shots and lunch. Receiving some protection from the yearly flu bug and enjoying a social outing in one trip!

An activity that will stimulate imaginations and create some fun in the spirit of Halloween will occur on the 26th when each resident will receive a bag of five items that can be worn, and the results revealed at the cocktail hour will probably bring some ooh's and aah's and lots of laughs.

As Halloween brings October to an end, the Community on the Hill will be looking forward to visits from wee ghosts, goblins, and assorted scary and cute creatures who venture up for some treats – no tricks!

Joining the staff in time for this month's weekly routine and extra-special activities are three new caregivers: Jazmin Haak has taken the position of Resident Care Associate Director, which means that she will be working with Leann Lankford by handling the medical component of the administrative position while Leann focuses more on the business requirements. Angelina Hammons has come from Hermiston to join the staff. And the third new face belongs to Tracie Diehl. All three women have "hit the floor running," so to speak, eager to meet everyone and get immersed in the daily life at the Terrace.

They have joined everyone in getting out the "Welcome" mat for JoAnne Burlison, who plans to move to the Terrace this weekend. JoAnne, a Heppner resident for almost thirty years, knows many of the new-to-her neighbors, who view her move-in with them as a nice addition to the as-busy-as-you-want-to-be life at Willow Creek Terrace.

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HAPPY Thanksgiving

Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph
St. Mary's Catholic Church Wasco



Well Done, My Good & Faithful Servant

The theme of this Sunday is an appraisal of all the great and praiseworthy works that each one of us has managed to accomplish in our own lives. In this week's Gospel reading, we come across a man who brought back to his master everything he had been given and yet was reprimanded. The master blames him, not for misusing the gifts he had been given, but rather for not having used them at all. Which of us can say, in all truth, that we always do our best? Do we not all bury at least some of our talents? Will He tell us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant"?"

In the first reading, the book of Proverbs (31:10-13,19-20,30-31) depicts a perfect wife, a woman who is the model for every Christian. The wife/woman is described as "the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." The perfect wife is considered the light of every household. The writer of the Book of Proverbs appreciates and praises her for her prudence and wise behavior. According to the writer, she has something far more precious than jewels, namely, a loving heart and caring hands towards everyone in the family. One could say she is using her talents.

The Gospel of St. Matthew describes the parable of the talents (25:14-29). This reading is from the fifth discourse, about the eschatological dimension of the kingdom of God. Eschatology would mean your life after death; this discourse of Jesus teaches us about the immediate preparation to get into the kingdom; it is about the Judge who is coming to judge the world. Jesus wants to communicate to us followers to be like the five wise virgins or like the persons in this parable who received the five and two talents: be inventive, creative, and prepared always to welcome the Master even if He comes late in the night.

Through this parable, the Lord is trying to describe how we should use our God-given talents for ourselves as well as for others. The parable tells of three men who got some money from their master and how two of them used it well, whereas the third failed to make any use of it. Thus, the parable exhorts us to be ready and alert for the return of the Lord. Jesus speaks of a wealthy man about to go on a long journey who entrusts three of his servants with various sums of money, each according to his potential and capacity. The master entrusted the money/talents to the servants not just for the custodian of it, but that they may make it yield more money through sound investment. Two of the servants actually moved fast and invested the money entrusted to them and generated in both cases a hundred percent. The third servant of this parable chose not to take risks and buried the precious metal in a safe place. The Lord condemns his sluggish behavior and is upset over his laziness and his useless excuse.

The master appreciates and congratulates the servants who received the five and two talents for their committed, hardworking, innovative, inventive, and creative ways of going ahead to multiplying the money that they have received.

To summarize, we are not to be like the third servant who received one talent but buried it instead of investing it. The lazy servant offers excuses. Time and again, he must have rehearsed what he was going to say to his master. The servant who received one talent was convicted for the crime of idleness, laziness, and the excuses he brought forth. The punishment for his idleness was that the talent was taken away from him; he was deprived of everything he had received from his master, and he was left in utter poverty, with nothing he could call his own except his laziness. Instead of looking at someone else and feeling jealousy and envy on the growth of others' prosperity and development, we need to use the God-given talents in each of us and multiply them. Then we, too, will receive from our Master these words uttered to those faithful servants who invested their talents in the proper use: "Well done, good and trustworthy servants, you have shown you are trustworthy in small things; I will trust you with greater; come and join your master's happiness" (25:22). Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Boardman Appoints Planning Commissioners

At their November 7, 2023, council meeting, Boardman City Councilors appointed Jami Carbray and David Landstrom to fill vacancies on the Boardman Planning Commission. Jami Carbray will finish the vacant three-year term ending December 31, 2025. In her letter of interest, Ms. Carbray stated she is hoping Boardman will be a long-term home for her and her family so she would like to be involved in the community. David Landstrom will finish the vacant three-year term ending December 31, 2024. In his letter of interest, Mr. Landstrom says livability, community, and safety is important. The Planning Commission can advise the City Council with well-thought-out recommendations to ensure these values are always considered. The Planning Commission is comprised of seven members appointed by the city council and is a permanent advisory

body to the council on matters related to planning and development. The commission holds monthly public meetings to consider land use and zoning matters presented by staff, such as plan amendments, zone changes, conditional use permits, variances, and tentative subdivision projects. Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at Boardman City Hall and are open to the public. In other city business, the council declared surplus real property of approximately 307 acres located on Tower Road for future development. The council also heard from a Windy River Elementary student about ways they have participated in Red Ribbon Week and the upcoming World Kindness Day on November 13. The next Boardman City Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 7 pm at the Boardman City Hall Council Chambers.

Basketball Blue and Gold Night and Dessert Auction Nov. 21st

The Heppner Mustang Boys and Girls Basketball teams will be holding their annual Blue and Gold Night on Tuesday, November 21st. Come meet the junior high and high school boy's and girl's teams for this season. Players will be introduced and compete in numerous

basketball activities. The evening will also include a fundraising raffle and dessert auction. This is a good time to stock up on great desserts for Thanksgiving. Doors open at 5:30 PM with activities beginning at 6:00 PM. Admission is free.

Holley Rebekah Lodges monthly Dinner and Bingo night Nov. 26th

Craft Bazaar Dec. 2nd

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting their monthly dinner and BINGO event on November 26 at the Lodge Hall in Lexington. Dinner consisting of stew and cornbread for \$5 will be served at 3 pm followed by BINGO at 3:30. The cost of BINGO is \$5 for a 10-game pack of cards. Grab a friend and come join the fun.

The Lodge will also be having an alcohol-free

BINGO for all ages on New Year's Eve starting at 3 pm. More information on this later.

Be sure and plan on attending the Craft Bazaar on December 2nd from 10-3 and Breakfast with Santa on December 9th from 8-10, both events at the Lodge Hall on Main Street in Lexington.

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