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In the realm of politics, 'City Budget Receives Approval of Commission' "The Budget of the city of Heppner has been approved by the tax conservation commission as presented, with the exception that an increase of six per cent was added for the purpose of raising some additional funds to assist in the building of the road out of the south part of the city this has been requested of the commission when it was found that it would be necessary to have additional funds for the road improvement. The following is the summary: Amount to be raised by tax action budget of 1923...\$13,446.78."

One article delves into the intricacies of the wheat industry, highlighting the need for cooperation between farmers and consumers in order to create a fair and equitable system. "Bread Does Not Drop with Wheat" "Cooperation alone can Effect saving to Consumer and profit for farmer, says Spence." By C.E. Spence, State Market agent. "The wheat grower gets \$4.65 for the wheat in a barrel of flour and the consumer pays from \$22.00 to \$30.00 for the bread made out of that barrel of flour, so stated Dr. C. J. Smith of Portland in a speech at Denver, where he represented Governor Pierce at the wheat conference. Dr. Smith stated that the bakers' association has a tight monopoly on flour buying, under which the wheat grower and bread retailer received but a small margin of the big spread and the consumer paid an exorbitant price for the loaf. "The Bakers' Association today buys 80% of the flour manufactured." Stated Dr. Smith, "and under high retail price the farmer could and should be paid \$2 per bushel for his wheat." During the war, when the government fixed the price of wheat at \$2.20 in Oregon and \$2.30 in Chicago, the price of bread was practically the same as now, when wheat grower are receiving about 80 cents per bushel in eastern Oregon. It is another plain illustration of combination power fixing prices at both ends, the remedy for which is a combination producers and consumers greater than the private monopolies. When producers are organized in sufficient strength to fix and maintain on the cost of production, and the retailer in organized strength refuse to pay exorbitant profits for bread, then will both produces and consumers benefit and the state more prosperous."

A prominent farmer who has decided to temporarily retire from the demanding life on the farm. "Will Retire From the farm for A while" "Joe Devine, who has been one of the successful farmers of the Lexington section for many years, has concluded that he will take a lay off from the game for a time, and he has leased his farm for a year to Ed Kelly. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have moved on top the place and taken charge, and Mr. Devine will ramble around for a season, looking up some suitable line of endeavor in the meantime.

The ranch is rented completely furnished, and Joe thinks that if he does not find a job that is just to his liking, he can come back to the farm after a year and continue in the game that he does know. The Devine farm is one of the very best places in the county. It has been well developed and brought to a high state of production through the efforts of its owner. Good residence, fine barn, and abundant outbuilding, and machinery sheds, with everything conveniently arranged, make it an ideal place to reside, and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly will doubtless do well there under the arrangements that have made with Mr. Devine."

The world of sports The Heppner High School football team laments their overwhelming defeat at the hands of the Walla Walla High School. 'Heppner is Trounced by Walla Walla' "Heppner High School suffered an overwhelming defeat at the hands of the Walla Walla High School, on the latters gridiron last Saturday. The final score was 87-0. No alibis are made by the locals. They say the Walla Walla team was much heavier, and better trained that there was no stopping them. Heppner was within scoring distance of the opponent's goal only once, when after a series of line bucks and forward passes, they carried the ball to Walla Walla's 8-yard line. Here they lost the ball on the fumble and their only chance of scoring was past. The boys report a most enjoyable trip, and feel lucky to get home without serious injury."

A couple car crashes -'Truck Runs Amuck, driver Badly Injured' "the ford truck of August Lovgren acted up on Sunday, and as a result Mr. Lovgren received some pretty serious injuries. He had started from his farm to go to the home of his brother Gene Lovgren, and on starting down the grade into Dry Fork, he made a shift in gears to hold the machine without having to use his brakes too freely. The gears did not take hold, and the truck got under such motion that he could not stop the progress. It was then up to him to keep the critter on the grade and look for a soft place to land. He had discovered this place after having gone for about a mile; it was a rock bluff just off the road, and Mr. Lovgren reasoned that the machine would have to stop if he headed that direction. The going was fine, but the stopping was not so pleasant, and August was knocked out for some little time-did not know just how long, and there was no one about to render assistance. Coming to, however, he took inventory of his injuries, found that he was able to move, and after a glance at the truck to see what might be left of it, he pulled out for assistance. Mr. Lovgren was unfortunate enough to land where the dirt was soft, and aside from a badly sprained hand, and the loss of some skin on his face and neck and a number of bruises about

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Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph
St. Mary's Catholic Church Wasco



WAKE UP: BE PREPARED

The universal church begins this Sunday to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of expecting and waiting for someone whom we love very dearly. Arrivals can be interesting and exciting, especially when the situation or person expected is long awaited. The coming of a near and dear one, the expected new addition to the family, the first meeting of a long-lost person, all these can be turning points in our lives. Through the scriptures, Jesus warns us to prepare ourselves because He might come suddenly. "Stay awake" is an alarm sounding for this first Sunday of advent. It means many different things, the most important of which is to seize the opportunities of the present moment, prepare for Christmas, prepare for death, yes, surely. But also, and more importantly, prepare for the Kingdom of God, whenever it explodes into your life.

Waiting is a part of our human routine. For example, at schools, parents wait to pick up their children; at bus stops and airports, people wait for their loved ones. We even eagerly awaited an end of the pandemic faced in 2020. All that we could do was wait patiently with a sense of hope for the end of that troubling situation. Waiting is a part of life.

The first reading, from Prophet Isaiah (2:1-5), explicitly portrays a people waiting for God. The newly returned exiles hope that God will again adopt them as His children. Isaiah spoke this prophecy against the background of the political upheaval the Israelites were experiencing during the second half of eight centuries, when the might of the Assyrians threatened the people of God. The prophet insists that Jerusalem, no matter how insignificant among the powers of the region, had been gifted by God with wisdom and insights into right living, which would help it to move into an era of peace. Isaiah had a dream of universal peace, when all people would stream to the mountain of the Lord. People would no longer hurt themselves or harm one another; there would be no war. People would be filled with the knowledge of the Lord and walk in His ways. Some believed that this would happen at his first coming, others at his final coming, while still others believed the prophet was daydreaming. It all depends on our faith, to wait for God's coming and believe that a new era is about to begin.

The Gospel reading from St. Matthew (24:37-44) is the persistent message to stay awake and to be ready for the coming of the Lord. Matthew gives this message through three stories to warn people of the significances of not being ready. In the first place, He addresses what happened to the people at the time of the flood. People missed the warning signs because they were busy with the things of the world and too lethargic about many things of life. The flood came suddenly, only a few were prepared, and most people were so wrapped up in their everyday concerns that, unlike Noah, they failed to prepare for the imminent catastrophe. It is worth noting that what people were busy with was acceptable. It was what they failed to do for which they were guilty. What was missing was their failure to take God into consideration while doing what they were busy with. Noah, on the other hand, never became so immersed in his daily concerns as to forget God.

Jesus's second story is the parable of the workers. The men were in the fields doing their outdoor work while the women were attending to home errands. All were busy working, which is commendable, but in each case perhaps one was too busy, not taking God's word to heart. The third story uses a strange metaphor for God, who is compared to a thief in the night. The point being made is that in a sense Satan has control over the world. The only way to take control is to tie him securely and rob him. A thief also strikes at the least likely moment, so again vigilance is required. We cannot postpone for tomorrow what we can do today. I conclude the reflections of this week by quoting the words of Robert Baden-Powell who started the scouts and guides in the schools with the motto "Be prepared." The Gospel, too, concludes with this same tone "So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will return.

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Senior Centers' December Menu

The Heppner Senior Center hosts lunch every Tuesday at 11:30 am, held at the St Patrick's Senior Dining Hall located at 190 Main St in Heppner. The cost of the meals is free for individuals aged 60 and above, while those between 5-59 years old are charged \$5. Donations are always welcome.

Here is the menu for the upcoming Tuesdays in the month:

- On the 5th, there will be mini pizzas, a garden

salad, and dessert.

- On the 12th, the menu includes bacon breakfast casserole with broccoli, fried potatoes, and spiced apple sauce, along with songs from the Heppner School Choir.

- On the 19th, there will be a taco bar with rice, beans, and dessert, accompanied by a sing-along with Jill & Doc Schoenberg.

- And on the 26th, enjoy a homestyle chili, cornbread, ambrosia salad, and dessert.

Corrections

The sponsors for the new Heppner Mustang Championship sign listed last week were incorrect, the correct sponsors are; The Howard and

Beth Bryant Foundation, the Heppner Jr Sr High School, and the Heppner Jr Sr High School Booster Club.

Morrow SWCD to meet

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, December 5th beginning at 6pm at the Ag Service Center in Heppner. To join via Zoom or

conference call, please contact the SWCD beforehand at 541-676-5452. Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

UNF fire cutting ends Nov. 30th

Personal-use firewood cutting on the Umatilla National Forest will end Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023. Firewood permits will not be available again until May 2024. The public is asked to take additional precautions when cutting firewood late in the fall when road and soil conditions become slick, soggy, and saturated. Firewood cutters should be prepared for soggy weather conditions. Mountain travel will require extreme care to avoid getting stuck in the mud or snow and causing resource damage to the land and vegetation. Another concern for late-season firewood cutting is the misidentification of live or dead western larch, a highly prized firewood also known as tamarack. Larch needles turn yellow and fall off at the end of the growing season, which can cause the tree to appear dead when in fact it is only dormant. Tips on identifying

live larch are located in the firewood guide that accompanies each firewood permit. Firewood permits can be acquired at any Umatilla National Forest office or at several local businesses in the community. Personal-use firewood permits are free of charge; however, a permit is still required to cut and haul firewood. The maximum limit for personal-use firewood in the Umatilla National Forest is 12 cords-per-household per year. Individuals that require more than 12 cords, or those wanting to sell firewood, may purchase a commercial or "charge" firewood permit for \$10 per cord with a \$30 minimum permit. Charge permits can only be purchased through a Forest Service office.

For more information on the firewood program please contact:

Umatilla National Forest: Supervisor's Office: (541) 278-3716 www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/

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