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Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

The area women who gather monthly for lunch to celebrate birthdays, continued this tradition last Thursday at the Elks Lodge. Thirteen celebrants raised a toast to Sharon Harrison, one of two May babies. The other one, just a day older than Sharon, was absent because she, Doris Brosnan, was out of town. The women enjoyed the opportunity to visit over "wonderful chef salads" and lemon bars served by Chef Heath.

Congrats to Alie Ball, who capped her track avocation at Whitworth University last weekend when she and her relay teammates participated in the National Championship Competition in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Although her grandmother, Diana Ball, could not attend, she waited by her phone for trackside results from Alie's parents, Duane, and Stephanie Ball.

A successful production of "The Wizard of Oz" ballet in Pendleton last week included several performers with Heppner connections. As previously mentioned, Cori Jo Lindsay was a marvelous Scarecrow and Olivia Wood a darling Munchkin. Also, in the cast of dancers, appearing as multiple characters, were Sophie Qualls, daughter of John and Doashea, granddaughter of Roscoe and Kayrene, and Fallon Jones, daughter of Cody and Lindsey of Pendleton, granddaughter of Karen Clough.

The Masonic Cemetery was in beautifully inviting condition for the Memorial Day Weekend, thanks to Dana Wilson's and John Healy's care. Significant additions throughout the cemetery are the small American flags designating the resting places of military veterans. Several years ago, Evelyn Sweek, a member of the Heppner Legion Auxiliary, and helpers, started putting flags on veterans' graves. (The Heppner Legion Auxiliary has now joined with the Ione Legion Auxiliary because of low membership of the Heppner Legion Auxiliary.) Judy Healy took over the project from Sweek years ago, and Kaedene Bailey and Dave and Rhonda Winters have helped her every year. Sarah Matheny's first-grade class and parent volunteers have helped for about the last four years as part of her class's field trip to learn some of the history of Heppner. This year, Melissa Coiner's sixth-grade class and parent volunteers also helped. Healy reports that "this year, we placed 310 flags."

Included among the many visitors to our area for the holiday weekend, Bruce and Diane Moyer returned "home" on their annual trip from Montana, to decorate family graves in Ione and Heppner. Accompanying them were daughter Randi and friend Chip Magnuson. Bruce also used the trip for a meeting with a couple of local '62 HHS graduates, classmates with whom he tossed around class reunion ideas. One of the first steps toward such a gathering includes getting contact information for everyone, so Bruce, Merlin Hughes or Sunny Biddle wants to hear from anyone who has such information for any of the Mustangs who graduated in 1962. Enjoy reading the positive tidbits and contributing your positive tidbits! Send to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490.

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

Heppner Jr High host TSA competition



The Heppner Jr High TSA, Front; Aubree Shank, Khloe Rodriguez. Middle; Naomi Prophiter, Abby Roley, Tenley Rosenbalm, Cici Stefani, Lakelie Thompson, Francisco Onate Vazquez, Luke Imes. Back; Laila Jones, Ketch Fennern, Brodie Ogden, Luke King, Haden Cimmiyotti, and Charlie Draper.

The Heppner Jr High Chapter of the Technology Student Association hosted the May TSA Competition. Events included Jr Solar Sprint (making an electric-powered vehicle) and Technology Problem Solving (designing and building a tower to hold a ping pong ball in a strong wind). Heppner competed earlier in a Virtual event on Digital Photography. Placing 1st in the Junior Solar Sprint was the team of Naoi Propheter and Abby Roley. Placing 3rd were Tenley Rosenbalm and Lucas King. Placing 1st in Problem Solving was the team of Cici Stefani and Khloe Rodriguez and placing 2nd in Digital

Photography was Lakelie Thompson and Donnie Lawrence. Placing 3rd were Tenley Rosenbalm and Khloe Rodriguez.

The Heppner High School TSA chapter had a Virtual Event of Technology Bowl. Teams of 3 answered technology-related questions in a quiz bowl format. Taking First Place were Delilah Saucedo, Lizzie Finch, and Rylee Palmer. They will be moving on to the National TSA Conference in June. Second were Alakae Rodriguez, Karver Wilkins, and Aden Lathrop. Third Place was Loren Trujillo, Kaden King, and Jr Gallardo.

Spiritually Speaking
Father Thankachan Joseph



"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

On this coming Sunday, the Catholic Church celebrates "Corpus Christi Sunday," the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. I recently had the privilege of attending the National Eucharistic Procession in our diocese, in Ontario with two bishops and many priests of our diocese and the diocesan priests of Boise. Some of the reflections that came to my mind while walking with the Lord in the procession are given here.

The Holy Eucharist is the parting gift of the Lord Jesus to us before His departure to the Father. Before He left this world, He instituted the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, as well as the Sacrament of Priesthood, and asked His disciples to do this in His memory for eternity. Thus, Jesus becomes "the Bread of life" (John 6:48). We know it well from our Catechism classes: Jesus was born in David's town of Bethlehem. Bethlehem meant "the place of bread, place of meat." Food is one of the main elements of human lives, and we all work to satisfy our stomachs, but Jesus became bread for everyone, to satisfy the spiritual and physical hunger of everyone, instituting the Holy Eucharist as the memorial of His presence with us and his unconditional love towards us. Eucharistic miracles take place every day on every continent.

For what are you hungering? Jesus actually satisfies the physical hunger of humans before the spiritual one. The Eucharistic discourse of Jesus in the Gospel of John begins with the miracle of loaves. He fulfills the natural hunger of everyone before He begins the spiritual discourse. The temptation of the Lord in the desert begins with the tempter asking Jesus to change the stones into bread, since the Lord was hungry. In the last judgment scene, too, we read, "Come you that are blessed by my Father! I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink" (Matthew 25:34-35). From these examples, we need to assume that Jesus addresses the basic needs of human life first. The Lord is always and every time present with us with His real presence. He is always available to satiate the hunger and thirst of human beings.

Do we approach Him for physical food or spiritual food? As human beings, we cannot live on bread alone. We need more than food to live. I am reminded of the words of St Augustine: "It is no use feeding on Christ with our teeth if we are not feeding on him with our minds" - that is by faith. Let us remember that eating and drinking of the body and blood of Jesus are meant to be symbolic of our wanting to live by the word of God. In the Gospel of John, when He speaks about the vine and branches, and in the Eucharistic discourse, too, Jesus reminds us that without Him, we cannot live: "I tell you solemnly, if you do not eat of the flesh of Son of Man and drink His blood you will not have life in you. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him, anyone who eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:53-54). On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Jesus offers different kinds of "bread" to the faithful to gratify their many hungers. To people who followed Him into the desert and who were starving, He offered ordinary bread and so satisfied their physical hunger. To the person with leprosy whose body was falling apart, He offered the only bread that mattered - the bread of physical healing. To the lonely woman at Jacob's well, He offered the bread of human kindness and acceptance. To sinners, He offered the bread of forgiveness. To the rejects and outcasts, by mixing with them, He offered the bread of empathy and companionship. To the widow of Nain, Martha, and Mary, who each had lost someone dear to her, He offered the bread of compassion. To the thief who died by His side, He offered the bread of repentance, and reconciliation with God, i.e., bread of salvation.

As Jesus has become bread and gratified human deprivation, it is our time to satisfy human needs of people around us. Is there anyone hungry around me? How do I approach such situations and become the bread someone needs? What bread are we looking for? Only Jesus can offer us that bread because "He is the Bread of life."

HRL hosts breakfast June 8th

Who doesn't like pancakes? Holly Rebekah Lodge will be having a pancake breakfast available for only \$5 on June 8th at the Odd Fellow Lodge Hall in Lexington. The breakfast will consist of

pancakes, link sausages, scrambled eggs and drink. So, come on down to the Lodge Hall at 135 Main Street in Lexington from 9-11 and let the Rebekah's cook breakfast for you.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$15 Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

HOMEMAKER

So apparently the traditional role of Mom is not cool anymore. And if you defend it, you will cause much trauma and mental anguish to the Left....especially if you give a speech about it. Because we now know that Ozzie and Harriot were really evil, and Father Knows Best was just Nazi propaganda. After all, Toxic Masculinity is the root of all evil and women (the non-homemaker kind) know best. Kinda makes you wonder why some women have decided they'd rather be men. Maybe they figure masculinity isn't toxic when you fake it. But then there's the men that would rather be women. Now THAT'S understandable....I mean, who wouldn't wanna change their work boots and hard hats for spike heels and a blond wig?

Here's a few thoughts. Maybe the Chief's football guy was right. And maybe he's a real hero for pointing out the value in a woman as "Keeper of The Home". Being present and raising your own kids, making cookies, having dinner on the table and keeping the home in order isn't only valuable, it makes sense. I honestly don't think our homes were meant to be just a hotel with a kitchen.

Consider this....could it be that God designed husbands to be the "Breadwinner" ...and for a reason? But we have made the role of Homemaker an embarrassment and something only the uneducated or uninspired seek, making women feel like the only way they can contribute to society is to grab a career and hang on.... leaving our kids as easy targets.

Maybe kicking our kids out, the door about the time they learn to walk isn't the best way to raise a generation. It's not easy to be an

example to someone you only see for a couple hours (less if they're teens) per day. Children will be influenced, one way or another. It's hard enough in this culture to instill the values our kids need, but when 90% of their day is guided by an ungodly world, what do we expect the result to be? The downhill spiral is happening before our eyes, and so fast it's unreal. The garbage kids are being bombarded with in school is abominable. Given the 7 plus hour school day..... we've made the onslaught easy.

Before you crumple the page and write me off as a Neanderthal, or an insensitive jerk, please know this. I do understand that it's tough to make a living on one income, or even two these days. And I know there are women that would give their eye teeth to be a "Stay-at-Home Mom." I also know some women are very successful in their careers and that not every kid raised by a working mom is a rebellious tyrant. And being home with your kids doesn't guarantee a perfect outcome. But it helps, if done right. Homeschool if you can. If you can't, at least make every moment a teachable one. You won't be sorry.

Kudos to the moms that make it work....from work. And kudos to the moms that put their life into their family and home. I know it's exhausting. But I also know that God honors our motives and our efforts. God first, then family, then everything else....and "pray without ceasing". Believe me, our families need it.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" Luke 1:45

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Friday - Extra cheese macaroni & ham sandwich
Saturday - 1/4lb cheeseburger & cheese sticks
Monday- Buffalo chicken salad
Tuesday- Greek salad
Tuesday Night - 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday - 1/2 biscuit and gravy with hash browns & fruit