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Obituaries

class of 1968. Following graduation, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam.

After he returned home, he married Jan Towery of Madras. He is survived by two children, Daniel Sample, and Mathew Sample, and one son through marriage, Jeremy Towery, several grandchildren, Kailea, Kodi, Rylee, Jamison, Kaiya, and Skyler, a brother Larry Sample of Boardman, Pamela Phipps of Madras and Linda Toms of Boardman, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Randy lived a life filled with love, strength, and laughter that touched the hearts of all who knew him. He was a proud Marine Veteran who served his country with honor and bravery.

His dedication to serving others extended beyond his military service as he continued to be a pillar of strength for his family

and friends throughout his life. Ran enjoyed spending time outdoors camping, hunting, and fly fishing at Deep Creek in the Ochoco Nation Forest

Randy loved watching his grandchildren accomplish their dreams and goals. He is loved and will be missed by all who knew him. Oorah

A graveside service with Military Honors will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 6, 2024, at the Mt. Jefferson Memorial Park, 1059 NE Loucks Road, Madras, Oregon 97741.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Great West Division Inc., PO Box 3366, Portland, OR 97208.

Sweeney Mortuary is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

"Story Time" is back at the Heppner Library! And it is back on both Tuesdays and Fridays! It will begin at 11 AM, and every young listener is sure to find each story captivating.

This Saturday while checking out the community-wide yard sales, a stop on Riverside Street at Donna Smith's home could prove delightfully filling: About eleven years ago, Donna started showing a couple of youngsters how to bake and how to do so under clean, sanitary conditions. Now her present group six, the "Heppner Mini-Bakers/Mini-Canners (yes, they also make jams and pie fillings) continues to meet almost daily, and their reputation spreads by word-of-mouth. They sometimes receive requests, as for memorial services, never charging but accepting donations, and some time ago the group decided to hold sales as fundraisers for chosen charities. So far this year, they have held four such sales, including for the Shriners, St. Jude's, and Epilepsy research, and this year will be their first annual sale in support of a scholarship fund for children of first responders. The youngest in the group is three years old and an experienced rhubarb-muffin maker. Presently, the oldest is nine. Donna picks them up from school; the parents pick them up from the one- or two-hour baking time, and some parents and friends contribute greatly appreciated supplies and ingredients. Besides providing something for others "without expecting anything in return," once a year, the youngsters "send a box to Heaven": In the box they take to the post office, they place names of everyone they know of with a need.

So, an unresolved computer program problem can create big stress, especially at "bill paying" time... but, on the other hand, sometimes problems with a computer really can be corrected with the help of the technician on the phone who takes control and walks you through the necessary steps!! Yes!

As easy to share your positive news as sending to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or calling 541-223-1490. Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this!

Heppner community yard sale June 8th

The Heppner Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 8th from 8:00am-5:00pm. For a list of addresses, see the ad in today's newspaper, visit the Heppner Chamber Facebook page, or pick up a flyer around town!

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Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph



LISTEN TO GOD'S WILL

Last five weeks continuously we were in a celebratory mood; with various solemn celebrations of our faith building programs. The Church's liturgical celebrations are moving into the 10th. On this tenth Sunday of Ordinary weeks of the year, scripture readings that we share offer the theme of discernment: of listening to the voice of the Lord or to the voice of the world. Through the three scripture passages, the Church reminds us that as humans we all have an existential struggle against evil. The problem of how the struggle originated and developed is very well described in the first reading of the day.

In the Book of Genesis (3:9-15) we hear the story of the fall of Adam and Eve. It is an integral part of our salvific history that reminds us of something that we inherited from them. That is, the adamic nature due to Original Sin. Also, it reminds us of the consequences of disobedience. Rather than accept their fault, they tried to justify themselves by blaming each other. Adam blamed "the woman you (God) gave me." Of course, he did not blame the woman alone, he also indirectly blamed God, who generously and kindly gave him a partner. On the other hand, Eve blamed "the serpent that tempted me." Blame rained down upon blame! We don't see in this passage anywhere the man or the woman doing or telling anything to accept their faults and repent; instead, they play the game of blaming each other. As some of us do, it was hard to accept their fault. Neither said, "I am sorry, I was wrong, it was my fault" or even, "please forgive me." Instead, they found excuses to clear themselves and make someone else take the blame. Excuses do not absolve faults. Rather, what helps is humbly accepting one's fault and asking for forgiveness. Our God is a God Who loves and forgives everyone who seeks His forgiveness.

Our Gospel passage is taken from the Gospel according to Mark (3:20-35). This particular passage for our reflections narrates Jesus's' encounter with His people and family. They thought He was out of his mind. They accused Him of being possessed when He was actually liberating the possessed. They were ready to restrain him with false accusations. They wished to tame His miraculous works and powerful preaching. In spite of all these, He remained focused.

I wish to focus our attention on the last part of the Gospel, wherein Christ invites everyone to be His brothers, sisters and mother, etc. According to Him, every true disciple is His brother, sister, mother and a member of His glorious family. In the Gospel of Luke someone praises Mary with these words, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" These are words praising Mary; but Jesus is giving us the chance and the privilege to be like her. As she followed or observed the Word of God, we too are called or invited to be like Mary. Christ teaches an important lesson through this passage, quoting the example of Mary: through faith and obedience to God's will, we all have the opportunity to become members of His victorious and happy family.

Also, Christ reminds us that it is not status, but action in response to God's call that determines who belongs to His victorious family. To become part of the glorious family of Christ is a dynamic process. It flows from a personal encounter with Christ. It also flows from faithfulness and obedience to God's will. Hence, if we are disciples of Christ, we must prove it through our faith and obedience to God's will. Finally, Adam and Eve enjoyed the status and comfort of God's divine presence, but they lost it through disobedience. Through them, we equally lost our membership of the divine family. However, the good news is that through faith in Christ (the seed of Mary) and obedience to God's will, our membership in the divine family has been restored. As we take part in these liturgical celebrations let's recall whether we are prone to listen to God's commands. Let this celebration that we take part in help us, that God might increase our faith in Jesus so that we avoid any sin against the Holy Spirit and always do His will. Amen.

Obituaries

Thomas "Tom" C Pointer



Thomas "Tom" Pointer, 80, of Lexington, passed away at Pioneer Memorial Hospital on the evening of May 10th.

Tom was born on April 4th, 1944, in Pendleton, Oregon to Donald and Nonie (McLaughlin) Pointer and was the 2nd oldest of 6 children. He attended schools in Pendleton, Lexington, Heppner, and Ione. After graduating from Ione in 1962, Tom attended Columbia Basin College in Pasco, WA, and Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton where he earned degrees in Business and Agriculture. After graduating from college Tom returned to the family ranch in Lexington where he continued to farm thousands of acres of wheat around Morrow County over the next 50 plus years. "The Ranch" quickly became the backdrop for endless family memories and will continue to be for many generations to come.

In his youth Toms hobbies included basketball and cruising around, listening to the Ventures ion his pride and joy, his 'car.' Oh, the stories that went along with that car.

One of Toms greatest accomplishments as a farmer was winning the 'Best of Show' for his wheat at the Oregon State Fair. Anyone who knew tom knew that he was humble, but this award hung proudly.

As the years wore on, his hobbies changed more to reading, bird watching, old westerns, and in true farmer fashion, the weather, and even though the car itself slowed down a little, the stories never did.

In 1990, he married Marlene Eubanks in John Day, Oregon. He is survived by his beautiful bride of 33 years, stepchildren, Jim Davidson (Mitsy) and Karla Davidson, his grandchildren Aiden, Lacey, Quincy, Hanna, Mark, Donna, Charlie, and numerous extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Henry (Hank), and his grandparents from both sides.

A memorial service will be held for Tom at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner at 11 am on

June 15th, 2014. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Alzheimer's Disease Research Foundation.

Linda Shuman



Linda Shuman passed away May 21st, 2024, surrounded by loved ones at St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla Washington. Linda was born in Enterprise Oregon to Robert and Lorena Shuman. Linda was preceded in death by both her parents as well as her siblings Bob Shuman, Loren Shuman, and Jeannie Malsam. Linda is survived by her two daughters Michelle & Heather, grandson Austen as well as her sister Marie.

Linda spent most of her life working as a long-haul truck driver and then transitioned into transporting railroad workers until she was medically disabled in 2004. Linda has touched so many hearts with her laughter and silly jokes and was always someone you could rely on for help and guidance.

We invite friends and family of Linda to her service to be held June 29th, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the

Pendleton Pioneer Chapel is located at 131 SE Byers Avenue Pendleton OR 97801. We will be having a potluck dinner to celebrate her beautiful life after the service. The potluck will be held at the White Eagle Grange Hall is located at 43828 White Eagle Rd, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Randy Wayne Sample



Randy Wayne Sample, 75, of Heppner, passed away unexpectedly on May 30, 2024, at his home. He was born on December 7, 1948, in Nyssa, Oregon to Cloyd Kenneth Sample and Jane Irma Edison Sample. Randy graduated from Madras Union High School

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