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Obituaries

were evident in his metal art, showcased at Heppner Daycare Center, Heppner Masonic Cemetery, and numerous homes. Most recently, he dedicated his time to grounds maintenance at Willow Creek Golf Course, where his cheerful demeanor and positive attitude made him a well-liked and respected figure among colleagues and visitors alike.

An avid golfer, Steve spent countless hours on the course, enjoying the game and the camaraderie it brought. He was also a talented cook who took great pleasure in preparing meals and hosting dinners for family and friends. Steve's kitchen was always a place of warmth and joy, reflecting his generous spirit and love for bringing people together.

Steve is survived by his loving family, including his mother, Shirley Martin, son, Montana Marlatt, grand-daughter, Ashlynn, brother and sister-in-law, Joedy and Tammy Marlatt, sisters, Cathy Smith, Jennifer Jorgensen, and Susan Warner, and numerous friends who will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Marlatt, and stepfather, Tom Martin. His family takes comfort in the many happy memories they shared with him and the lasting impact he had on their lives.

A celebration of Steve's life will be held at Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner, Oregon, on July 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Light dinner and drinks will be served. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Willow Creek Golf Course in Steve's memory. Steve will be remembered for his unwavering enthusiasm, infectious smile, and ability to make everyone around him feel valued and loved. May he rest in peace.

Death Notice

William V. Bacon

William "Bill" V. Bacon of Hermiston was born February 21, 1953, in Bend, Oregon, the son of William and Kathleen (Skelton) Bacon. He passed away in Hermiston on June 19, 2024, at the age of 71 years. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Caitlyn Ochsner to perform at MC Rodeo

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with a heavy dose of fiddle and pedal steel, Ochsner's sound is a pure country blend.

Known for her vocal range, high-energy performances, and ability to seamlessly transition between emotional ballads and up-tempo anthems, it is Ochsner's faith, western heritage, and authenticity that truly captivate audiences. Her lead single, "Home," pays tribute to her upbringing and showcases the raw emotion and transparency she brings to her songwriting.

Don't miss the opportunity to experience Caitlyn Ochsner's incredible talent as she performs at the MC Rodeo. Her performance is sure to leave a lasting impression on all who attend. For more information, visit Caitlyn Ochsner's website at www.caitlynochsnermusic.com.

OTLD July happenings

Summer Reading 2024: Read, Renew, and Repeat is officially underway! Need help logging into your child's Beanstack account? Reach out to the Heppner branch or visit our website for more information, get kids registered, and begin the summer reading fun.

July's Crafty Nights at the Library will be on July 10th at 6:00 pm. Register on the website or call 541-676-9964 to reserve your spot.

OTLD has two exciting new offerings on our website!

Mango Language Learning is now available from the app stores! Mango offers over 70 foreign languages and more than 20 English classes for foreign language speakers. Little Pim, by Mango, is a language learning for kids. Mango also offers ASL and ...Pirate!

Visit our website and log in with your library card for a summer of new language learning!

Discover and Go, a new cultural pass program sponsored by Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) provides OTLD patrons with access to participating museums or local arts, culture, history, and recreation organizations in our region. Visit our website to reserve these passes to go with all your summer road trips.

Working on the farm got you missing out on your reading time. Check out our Playaway audiobook players. No CD player or internet is required. Playaway audiobooks are an all-in-one device made to go with summer work on the ranch.

We will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. Happy Independence Day!

Correction June 5th MC BOC meeting

The Port of Morrow Commission has agreed to donate a portion of the port owned property formerly known as the "Kinzua Mill Site" to Morrow County. The Port Commission has also agreed to donate up to \$500,000.00 worth of in-kind labor for the labor and equipment use for the installation of a 12-inch water line from the City of Heppner connection to the edge of the Port property to provide water to Kinzua site. If there are additional grants available, then all parties' expenses should be reduced.

Heppner Christian Church host VBS

Heppner Christian Church will be hosting VBS on July 8th-12th from 9:00am to 11:30 pm. 3yr to 5th grade can attend.

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Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph



Reach out and touch him!

The Gospel this Sunday narrates two amazing miracles performed by Lord Jesus during His public ministry: two sick women; one is an adolescent brought back to life and faith, and one is an old woman who was socially dead for nearly twelve years. Both women believed in Jesus. The old woman believed that all she had to do was touch the hem of His robe and she would be well. And just as soon as she contacted Him, power flowed out from Him and He healed her. The thirteenth Sunday scripture readings invite each of us to have this experience of healing and touch by the Lord in our life.

The first reading, from the Book of Wisdom (1:13-15, 2:23-24), clearly portrays God's plan for each of us. God has created all things so that they might exist. He has made us all in His own image. Hence, we can affirm that we exist because God in His loving plan wants us to exist. We are neither the errors of nature nor those of our parents. Perhaps, our parents did not want us or planned to destroy us when we were formed in the womb. But, if we continue to exist despite human attempts to destroy us, it is a confirmation that God wants us to exist. Secondly, we can affirm that God wants us to exist forever because He has not created us for death, but for life. The third affirmation specifies the way to live forever: "righteousness is immortal." Another word for righteousness is "right relationship" – love. Love does not die, though our mortal bodies may undergo decay.

For today's Gospel, we continue to read from Mark (5:21-43). Last Sunday we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles Jesus performs in the district of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus's power. Now we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Geraseus who was possessed by a demon.

Mark reports in these two healing stories about a father's great love for his dying daughter and about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the life of each suffering person.

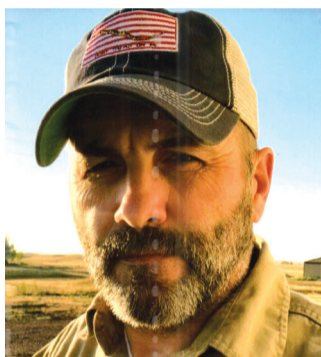
Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of significant standing in the Jewish community. Distressed over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks Him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that the daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating. As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured.

From both miracles we can learn: The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are unambiguous and revealing. One is a man, the other a woman. One is an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. One woman is nearly dead physically; the other socially and psychologically. Jairus's daughter represents the adolescent group, and the adult woman is old. Yet in both cases, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" His focus turned to the frightened and trembling woman. She hadn't planned on being found out. Just a touch and she would sneak away. Of course, Jesus knew who touched Him. He wanted to complete this miracle by speaking assurance and love to her hurting heart: "Daughter," (a beautiful term of endearment, by the way) "Your faith has made you whole. Go in peace and be well of your illness." Do you need a special touch from the Lord today? Has illness or trouble or circumstance beset you and you feel hurt, lonely, and hopeless? I pray that between the lines of this message, you will hear the loving voice of the Master calling you into His Presence. Don't be satisfied to "rub shoulders" with the Lord! Reach out and touch Him! The Gospel concludes with Jesus's instructions to remain silent about this miracle.

Obituaries

Bridger Baker



Bridger John Baker, 48, a former Ione resident, died, on Saturday, June 1, 2024, in Arizona while visiting family. A graveside memorial service with Military Honors will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, July 1, 2024, at the High View Cemetery in Ione. A reception will follow at the Ione Legion Hall.

He was born November 13, 1975, at Hermiston, Oregon, the son of Robert Baker and Robin Baker-Krebs. He was raised and attended school in Ione, graduating from Ione High School in 1994. While in high school he played football and was chosen to play in the East/West Shrine football game his senior year. He also played football in Scotland and England.

Bridger worked harvest for Gregg Rietmann and Rod Taylor. After graduation in 1994, he joined the Navy and was honorably discharged in 1999. While in the Navy he served on the carrier USS AMERICA and also on the destroyer DAVID R RAY. Bridger traveled around the world three times. He also served in the National Guard for a time. Bridger retired as a Lieutenant in 2019 from the Oregon Department of Corrections.

He met his wife Barbara Cody in 2005, they were married in Culver, Oregon on June 26, 2009, and remarried in Redmond, Oregon on July 1, 2018. Their marriage created a blended family consisting of Bridger's two children, Christopher and Madeline Baker, and Barbara's son (adopted by Bridger) Deaven Baker, Bridger and Barbara went on to have a son, Bridger Baker, and later adopted Elias Baker.

Bridger was a member of the NRA and had a lifetime membership with the Ione American Legion Post 95. He loved all things history and was very proud to have traced his family's military history to the American Revolution, he was an avid genealogist. He also loved horseback riding, spending time with family, traveling, read-

ing, and writing. His high school English teacher Jim Raible entered him in a writing contest sponsored by Korea. He took first place.

Survivors include his wife of 15 years, Barbara Baker, his five children; Deaven Baker (Amiriya), Christopher Baker (Aspen), Madeline Baker, Bridger Baker, and Elias Baker; grandson Sawyer Baker, mother, Robin Baker-Krebs; siblings Joseph Baker (Kimberly), Corey Baker (Gina), Roseann Baker Jewett (Brian), Jeani Baker, and grandmother, Jean Harrison (Jim).

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione American Legion Post 95, PO Box 384, Ione, OR 97843.

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

Steven Marlatt



Steven "Steve" Martin Marlatt, beloved father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2024, at the age of 63. Born on May 5, 1961, in Heppner, Oregon, to Ralph and Shirley Martin-Marlatt, Steve spent his formative years in Heppner, graduating from Heppner High School in 1980.

Steve was an active and vibrant member of his community. During his youth, he excelled in sports, participating in football, basketball, and track. He also had a passion for rodeo, roping calves, and steer wrestling. Steve's adventurous spirit extended to riding motorcycles, and he developed a lifelong love for the outdoors, especially bow hunting for elk and deer with his brother.

Steve's professional life was as varied as his interests. He worked on the oil pipeline in Alaska, built fiberglass boats, drove trucks, and crafted saddle trees for Merrill Barrel Saddles. Renowned in the barrel racing community, he even built the duplicating machine for saddle tree parts. His artistic talents

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Saturday - 2 sausage & cheese English muffins with hashbrowns
Monday - Chicken bacon ranch wrap in a garlic herb tortilla with chips
Tuesday - Chicken plus burger with potato salad
Tuesday night 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday - Fish sandwich & jojos

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