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Spiritually Speaking
Father Thankachan Joseph



HE WAS AMAZED AT THEIR LACK OF FAITH

Though Jesus had made a big impact in other towns and villages, He was rejected by His own town members. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and his own house." (Mk. 6:5). Why? They felt they knew all about Him and He had nothing to offer them. We have a chance to listen to the same Jesus and to receive Him into our hearts and into our lives. The readings of this coming Sunday call us to open our hearts, our minds, and our whole being to the presence of God in others, to reflect: Can we see the presence of God in others? Can we recognize that God speaks through others? Do we see and acknowledge the prophets of our own time?

The prophet Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:2-5) describes what a real prophet does and his duties and responsibilities. God sends prophets to His people. We don't always like to hear the words that a prophet speaks. On the other hand, not everyone who speaks is a prophet. The Old and the New Testaments both understand clearly that a true prophet must speak according to the Word of God, not according to the words of men. Today, many claim to be prophetic, but most lack any claims to speaking the Word of God. The Prophet Ezekiel's message is always the same: faithfulness to God's word revealed in Holy Scripture, love for God, love for others, care for the needy and the oppressed. The message always demands that we give up our own concerns and be concerned only for God and God's message for us. The moment we begin to seek our own good, our own enrichment, our own way of thinking, we become unfaithful to the word of God.

In Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (12:7-10), he describes the difficulties that he has undergone to spread the Word of God: "I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong." (v.10). Paul warmly invites all of us to embrace the word of Jesus Christ with all our strength and all our being. When we do, we shall surely suffer and become aware of our own weaknesses. This also is a form of prophecy because the more we embrace Christ and follow His way, the more our lives speak about God and His incredible love for us.

Mark (6:1-6) narrates the challenges of rejection faced by the prophet in his own native town. We should remember that Ezekiel told us that it does not matter if a prophet is recognized or not. What matters is that the prophet speaks the word of God. The Gospel of Mark points out that we can reject a true prophet simply because we don't believe that God acts in the ordinary events of our lives and in seemingly ordinary people. Jesus's hometown people do not simply puzzle over His extraordinary powers. They are "scandalized" by Him. In telling them how He feels, Jesus identifies Himself with the rejected prophets of old. The townspeople's lack of faith renders Jesus, the prophet in their midst, powerless - He acknowledges, however, that some few do have faith: "he cured a few sick people." He cures these people "by laying his hands on them." We have seen, in the request of the man with leprosy (1:41) and the action of the crowds (3:10,) the people's well-founded faith in the healing power of touch, of bodily encounter.

At times, we may be like Jesus, bringing the wisdom and power of God to our families or local communities, only to meet with rejection. Sometimes, we may be like the few who come in faith and experience a healing touch. At other times, we may replicate the behavior of the opponents of Jesus and discount the achievements of those who excel or whose message challenges us. To refuse to listen to a prophetic message because the messenger fails to meet our preconceived ideas about prophets may have something to do with a lack of faith. It may stymie the power of God. Finally, the emphasis on healing invites us to pause and consider the intrinsic value of all, human and other-than-human, so often denigrated and devalued by attitudes that dichotomize the material and the spiritual with dire consequences for the Earth community.

May Morrow County Marriage licenses

Licenses issued on May 21, 2024, Justyce Marie Cox 28, and Kyle Collier 31, and Jennifer Fernandez 28 both from Ir-rigon, OR. Licenses issued May 16, 2024, Teddy Lee Marie Cox 28, and Kyle Collier 31, and Jennifer Fernandez 28 both from Ir-rigon, OR. Licenses issued

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

Weddings, weddings, weddings! Such happy occasions! Such wonderful opportunities to offer one's "best wishes" for the couples and to see and visit with other guests seldom encountered otherwise.

Twelve area women again gathered at the Elks lodge for the monthly Birthday Lunch, this time celebrating Teresa Hughes and Karen Haguewood. Karen was present only electronically, as she is in Arizona, but she plans to be visiting the area soon.

The swimming pools in Heppner and Ione are open in time for the warming weather. Good news in Heppner is the no-fee for young people, and the Ione pool is reserved from 7 to 8 AM for women's (and men's?) swim.

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing at the Ione library. Librarian Becky Tullis runs the six-week program for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. From 10 AM to noon during the week, prizes are part of the rewards for reaching certain objectives during the program.

Monte Crum has purchased the Route 74 building in Ione. We can watch for information as plans develop.

Merilee McDowell reports that "Bill and I decided to make our next vacation destination Nashville, Tennessee, because so many of our friends talked about how much fun it was to go to Nashville. Well, they were right. Crazy and fun!! It just so happened that the dates we reserved to stay were during CMA Fest which was a whole new experience. We visited a lot of establishments, including Ole Red (Blake Sheldon)s, Luke Bryan)s, Dirk Bently)s, Margaritaville, and the Grand Opening of Bon Jovi)s!! We met a lot of wonderful people, ate awesome food, and listened to many up-and-coming Country Artists! Attended the Grand Ole Opry and Nissan Stadium for a concert with Keith Urban, Lainey Wilson, and Jelly Roll. I would have to say that the highlight of our time there was the concert. All of the artists were amazing, but Jelly Roll touched our hearts the most. When he sings, he holds a revival like no other. His story of being in prison and now being on the CMA Fest stage in Nashville with a #1 hit song on the Charts was amazing. We were truly blessed on our trip."

dbrosnan123@gmail.com or calling 541-223-1490. Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this!

June Morrow County Marriage Licenses

Licenses issued On June 6, 2024, Natalie Ann Campbell (28) and Garrett Kyle Hostetler Robinson (29) both from Heppner, Or. **Licenses issued on June 18, 2024,** Luke Scott Valle (27) and Natalie rose Nunez (25) both from Ione, Or. **Licenses issued on June 20, 2024,** Keith Ian Fleming (23) and kylie Dianne Wyant (24) both from Ir-rigon, Or. **Licenses issued on June 27, 2024,** Kelly Marie Rosas (46) and Armando Navarrete Muniz (47) both from Irrigon, Or.

The Heppner Gazette will be closed on Thursday July 4th

Death Notice

Tareena L. Nash Healy

Tareena L. Nash Healy 55, of Heppner, Oregon died June 27, 2024, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. She was born April 1, 1969, at John Day, Oregon. A graveside me-

morial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Sweetney Mortuary is in care of arrangements.

A View from the Hill

The celebration for the 4th of July will take center stage at Willow Creek Terrace tomorrow. Think the 4th and food, and you would be right to think of ribs, hot dogs, ice cream. After those meats and their side dishes, waiting for the ice cream to accompany the Terrace's fireworks is a perfect way to end the day.

Joining the residents and staff for that big day are a new resident recently welcomed and three new employees: Hadlie Nation is an HHS graduate, Bria Brownie comes from Weston McEwen HS, and Amanda Fenn has moved to Heppner and stepped into a kitchen position.

A recent two-week shutdown of the Terrace was lifted last Friday, just in time for this celebration and a return to some familiar activities. Some residents suffered with Covid and some with a stomach flu! Administrator Lankford notes the staff's appreciation of family members who came to visit their specific symptom-free resident during the shutdown with outdoor visits, which helped to fight emotional and mental frustrations. Rita Bowman was fortunate to be able to enjoy several out-of-town guests last weekend, visitors in town for a golf tournament.

Bev Sherman is also back at the Terrace, after her long recovery from injuries incurred in a fall. A welcome-back mat was definitely called for!

As activities get back on track, residents were able to return to Bingo and exercises yesterday, and this month, they can look forward to a milkshake social, "hat day," Grandparents Day, and, this Sunday, chocolate treats. Interest in games such as Yahtze and Right-Center-Left has returned.

So, "back to normal" is a good position to be in, according to the view of residents and staff at the Community on the Hill!

By Doris Bronson

BMCC Releases Honor Roll Spring Term 2023-24

Pendleton - Blue Mountain Community College Spring term 2023-2024 honor roll recognition went to the

following full-time students:

President's List: 3.75 - 4.0 GPA:

Zane Acock, Braden Atkins, Ashlanne Blake, Jada Calloway, Adriel Cambero, Darlen Castaneda Sanchez, Adalia Chavez, Jackson Coiner, Samuel Cole, Lucia Di Mauro Pineyro, Paula Di Mauro, Sanyana Felipe, Sandra Flores, Chanel Gonzales, Axel Gonzalez, Audrey Guenther, Nathen Hammond, Shelby Harshman,

Curtis Krogh, John Lindsay, Jonathan Lopez, Juliana Magana, Maddyn Morton, Leah Mueller,

Irwyn Murguia Ortega, Kaden Nielson, Julian Ortega, Monserrat Pacheco, Matias Perez, Haylie Peterson, Caelyn Pullen, Briar Reeves, Brisa Salas, Carol Salas, Delilah Saucedo, Preston Slawson, Joseph Smithen, Jamie Torres Medrano, Aleydis Torres, Juliana Vargas-Pacheco, Adriana Wedam, Mayra Wightman.

Vice President's List: 3.5 to 3.74:

Eunice Calvillo, Er- endira Cortes, Morgan Cutsforth, Liam Early, Miranda Landeros, Genesis Lomas, Estefani Madrigal Mendoza, Juliet Montes, Levi Olney, Bryan Perez-Sanchez, Crystal Sanchez, Humberto Sanchez, Katie Spivey, Ashton Terry, Maggie Zepeda, Jonathan Lopez, Matias Perez.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

MURRAY'S BEER & WINE TASTING

THURSDAY NIGHT OF FAIR
Partnering with Cattlemen's Association

AUGUST 15
6pm to 10:30 pm
Morrow Co. Fairgrounds, Heppner

\$10 Starter Pack (1 glass + 2 drink tickets)
Additional Drink Tickets \$5
ID REQUIRED
Dinner provided by: Taste of the South
Music by: Caitlyn Ochsner

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\$350,000
9.09 ACRES

Secluded mountain property! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to own your own mountain property. Whether you're looking for a hunting retreat or a permanent residence, this property has it all. With approximately 9.09 acres of land and a private pond you can embrace the beauty of nature and create a life of serenity in the mountains you've always desired. 80844 Black Mountain Ln Heppner MLS#:23510132

\$155,000
Reduced price

This charming bungalow is move-in-ready gem! New flooring and light fixtures. It also offers a one-car garage with a utility room attached. The fenced backyard provides a serene view of Willow Creek, with the soothing sounds of the creek flowing at night. MLS#:24544788 - 310 W Union Ave Heppner

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