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**Obituaries**

**Sandra Lynn (Holm) Hanna**



Sandra Lynn (Holm) Hanna, 72 years old of Heppner, OR. Sandi passed away on July 24, 2024, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, OR.

Sandi was born August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1951, to Mavis Del Rio (Sturm)Holm and William Soren Holm at US Naval Base, Tongue Point Hospital in Astoria, OR, while her father was on a Naval mission at sea during the Korean conflict. Sandi was the eldest of four siblings, Jeanine, Bill, and Kevin. Sandi attended elementary school in Burien, WA, Anchorage, AK, Yukon, OK, Oklahoma City, OK and Dallas, OR, before finally settling with her parents and three siblings in Perrydale, OR. Sandi attended the seventh – 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Perrydale, graduating in 1969.

Sandi went on to nursing school at Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing, graduating with her nursing degree in May 1973. Sandi married David Lee Hanna of Heppner, OR on August 11, 1973, at EMB Church in Dallas, OR.

Soon after her union with David, she began her nursing career at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, OR, devoting nearly all her 43 year career in nursing to the community as a RN and DNS. Sandi retired from nursing in 2016 to become a full-time grandma. She enjoyed playing bunco, painting ceramics and bowling with all her friends, reading books, cross stitching, hunting, attending and making ice cream at the family reunions, watching Heppner athletics and spending time with her grandkids.

Sandi is survived by her two sons, Jon Hanna and Jason and his wife Linsey Hanna, her grandchildren Gavin 22, Jasper 12, Berkeley 10, and Charlee 7, as well as sister Jeanine Valenti and brother Bill Holm. She was preceded in death by her husband David Hanna, mother Mavis Holm, father William "Bill" Holm, and brother Kevin Holm.

A memorial luncheon will be held at the Heppner ELKS Lodge #358 in Heppner, OR on August 22, 2024, from 11-2. We welcome the public to attend and share their memories/stories. Memorial contributions can be made to: Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9 Heppner, OR 97836.

John 14:1-3: 14) Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2) In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

**Good News Only** by Doris Brosnan

Thanks to many individuals, the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo were again huge successes, a busy five-day celebration with deep roots. And many families and friends enjoyed this opportunity for annual reunions, swelling the numbers of participants and spectators.

One of the exciting moments at the Sunday rodeo came for Waylon Gregg when he won the steer-riding Shad Hisler memorial buckle. One spectator notes that "back in the stands, his torn shirt and bloody chin just made his grin bigger as he admired the coveted buckle." Of course, wearing equally big smiles were Waylon's grandmother Patricia Hughes, parents Tom and Amber Gregg, and siblings Cody and Valerie.

Babies, babies, babies!!! Last weekend, the plethora of babies about town with their parents and siblings – youngsters a wee bit older than the babies – brought smiles to faces everywhere they went. And our area's future is sure to be bright as many of these children's families are permanent, families who have moved here or have moved back here, parents who are now threads in the tapestry of this area that has attracted them with employment opportunities and a positive lifestyle for them and their children. These darling children, these delightfully entertaining little ones will be fun to watch grow up!

Last Thursday other equally important threads in the tapestry of our area, fifteen women, gathered at the Broken Spoke for their monthly Birthday Lunch. This month's celebrated guests were Bev Sherman, Nancy Anderson, and Darlene Klock.

The Ione book club, the Page Turners, had a meeting last week to discuss *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate. It is a novel about the real-life story of the Georgia Tann adoption scandal. We invited Sherree Mahoney as our guest speaker because she was a Georgia Tann baby in the forties. Thirteen people gathered at the Ione community church to hear her story. The Page Turners meet every second Tuesday of each month at the church. Everyone is welcome. (Information about Georgia Tann or the Tennessee Children's Home Society is available online, through the library and book stores.)

The GT is a good place to share good news/positive experiences, so readers are encouraged to become "sharers" as well as readers. Send tidbits to [dbrosnan123@gmail.com](mailto:dbrosnan123@gmail.com) or call 541-223-1490! Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this.

**HRL to host BINGO Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be holding their monthly meal and BINGO Day on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Odd Fellow Hall in Lexington at 135 Main Street. The meal this month will be a variety of salads (fresh fruit, macaroni, taco, Jello, and marshmallow fluff). The cost is \$5. BINGO will commence at approximately 3:30pm. A packet of 10 BINGO cards can be purchased for \$5. Usually more than one game is played per card. Participants of all ages are encouraged to attend.

**OTLD board to meet Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Oregon Trail Library District will hold a board meeting Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:30pm Boardman Branch. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81985040802>

**Pat & Trish Sweeney's Retirement Party**



Join us to celebrate Pat & Trish Sweeney's retirement! August 24 at 6:00 at the Heppner Elks Lodge Dinner provided. No host bar. Casual attire. No gifts, but cards are welcome.

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**Spiritually Speaking**  
Father Thankachan Joseph



**Do You Think you can live without Jesus?**

The Eucharistic revival program of the Catholic US bishop's conference had its great Eucharistic procession culmination in Indianapolis in July. On this Sunday we come across a scripture passage from Christ asking His disciples, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answers Him, "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." When the church is faced with lots of life-threatening issues, it is an apt question the Lord is placing before us, too. Do you want to leave the places of worship? We see in the Gospel of today, at the conclusion of Jesus's instruction, many disciples left Jesus when they found His teaching on "the Bread of Life" too hard to understand. But the twelve apostles decide to continue to stay with Jesus. Today, too, 'the Eucharist' is a cause for division. Let us ask mercy and forgiveness from the Lord for the many sins committed against the Body of Christ, the sacrament of our salvation, especially the sin of division among Christians and for our wrong choices in life.

The first reading from the book of Joshua (24:1-2, 15-18) narrates a similar story, in which the people are asked to take a stand, for or against the Lord. Joshua became the leader of Israel after the death of Moses in the journey to the Promised Land. Once they reached their destination, they did not forget the Lord, who accompanied them throughout their journey. The Book of Joshua speaks about the decision of our ancestors in the faith. They also had to decide to serve the one God or to continue with other gods. This decision always sounds simple but was very complex, just as it is for us. So often we say that we will serve the Lord and yet we go on as if we are serving other Gods. Our values remain foreign from this God who reveals Himself to us in the Scriptures. Today it is so very common for people to say that they are Christian and yet reject most of the teachings of the Church.

The Gospel of the day from John (6:60-69) asks us all to make a choice as Simon Peter made a decision in his choice to follow the Lord. Many of the followers of Jesus left Jesus because of his teaching about the Bread of Life – that He Himself is the Bread and that we must eat His body and drink His blood - which was a hard teaching and instruction for many of His followers. If that teaching were only symbolic, it would not have offended those followers. So many today, even among Catholics, no longer believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, which become His body and His blood after the prayers of consecration by the priest. Only when the strength of that teaching is present can we understand why followers left Him in His own time and why people today still find it difficult to accept the Divine Presence, Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the Holy Eucharist.

When we come to communion in our Catholic Church, we affirm that Christ is truly present, not just as symbol and not just as remembrance—but truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is why the early Christian believers could rejoice and could be strong when they were persecuted. They knew that Jesus was with them always in this Sacrament. We went through a tough time when the corona virus originated in 2019 and continued. The Church and the sacraments were almost ignored. People were frightened of approaching the sacrament in those moments of anxiety and worry. The Gospel reading invites everyone to be a real practicing Catholic through our active and witnessing lifestyle. It is easy to say, "I am a Catholic," and it is truly difficult to be Catholic. What is my response as we are faced with this post pandemic situation? Am I regular to my practices of piety and trust in the Lord? Do I have the longing for the Bread of Life? Do I only participate in the Holy Eucharist by regularly watching on the TV, or do I have the longing to receive Him in body and blood which is offered from the altar of the Lord from my parish church? The Lord is still again inviting everyone to remain with Him. What is your decision?

**WCCC Sunday Men's Play**

Eighteen participated in the par three challenge on Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>, at Willow Creek Country Club. The event was set up as a par 54 eighteen-hole course. Results are as follows: Net- 1<sup>st</sup> Dale Holland

45, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Gunderson 53, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rick Britt 56. Gross- 1<sup>st</sup> Charlie Ferguson 55, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Tie Dave Pranger, Dennis Peck, Jerry Gentry 65. The next Sunday play is August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**WCCC Ladies play day results**

There were 6 players in the ladies' gameplay at the Willow Creek Country Club on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The weather was perfect. The results are as follows; Low Gross of the field was Virginia Grant. The low Net field was Kris Linder and Coral Mitchell. The

least putts of the field was Sharon Harrison. Flights B low gross was Betty Carter and Shirley Martin. Special events include, Long Drive A Virginia Grant, Long Drive B Kris Linder, Long Drive B Betty Carter, Chip ins #16 Virginia Grant.

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