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Heppner’s class of 1974 50th class reunion

Welcome Home Class of 1974: 50th Class Reunion on Saturday September 7th. The day will start off with a golfing event at 9:00 am at Willow Creek Golf Course. Later in the evening, attendees will gather at Heppner Elks Lodge for a social hour and dinner. The

doors will open at 4:00 pm. Family, friends, and guests are encouraged to join at 7:00 pm for visiting and dancing. As a special treat, Ryan Gerry, HHS Principal, has graciously offered to open any classroom or hallways for the 1974 graduates to reminisce.

Heppner Volleyball Schedule

SEP 28th, 5:00 PM Heppner at Irrigon, Irrigon Junior Senior High School, 315 SE Wyoming Ave, Irrigon, OR 97844, USA.
SEP 30th, 11:00 AM Grant Union at Heppner, Heppner High School, 710 Morgan St, Heppner, OR 97836, USA.
SEP 30th, 12:00 PM Enterprise at Heppner, Heppner High School, 710 Morgan St, Heppner, OR 97836, USA.
OCT 3rd, 6:30 PM Dufur at Heppner, Heppner High School, 710 Morgan St, Heppner, OR 97836, USA.
OCT 5th, 5:00 PM Weston-McEwen at Heppner, Heppner High School,

710 Morgan St, Heppner, OR 97836, USA.
OCT 12th, 5:00 PM Heppner at Stanfield, Stanfield Secondary School, 1120 N Main St, Stanfield, OR 97875, USA.
OCT 14th, 12:00 PM Heppner at Enterprise, Enterprise High School, 201 SE 4th St, Enterprise, OR 97828, USA.
OCT 14th, 1:00 PM Heppner at Grant Union (@ Enterprise), Enterprise High School, 201 SE 4th St, Enterprise, OR 97828, USA.
OCT 21st, 12:00 PM Blue Mountain Conference District Tournament
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Spiritually Speaking Father Thankachan Joseph

Ephphatha- be opened to the lord

The ones who believe in God everyday experiences the mighty power of God in their lives. This Sunday’s three readings invite us to reflect on the power of Jesus available for those who are seeking it and are ready to share it with others. Jesus came into this world and lived in our midst to serve and to save. He demonstrated His power in His willingness to serve others in gentleness and compassion. Are we ready to share this power of Christ by being disposed to surrender ourselves to His ‘holy will’ and serve others in humility and love?

The first reading today from the Prophet Isaiah (35:4-7) invites everyone to restore strength and be strong, fear not. Whatever happens around you, nothing will affect you without His knowledge. His words are strong and very often they touch our feelings and our spiritual sensibilities. He tells us today, “Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!” I suppose these words will be really encouraging words for all of us who are almost tired of the wildfire menace these days. We can know that we don’t have to be frightened. We can be upset, we can be lazy, and we can be against God. Whatever! God is still going to seek us out, and He brings us out of our anxieties and worries. We don’t even know how God will come into our lives. Though we abandon Him and run after many worldly possessions, God can never abandon us, which is His nature. Today’s first reading is a nice explanation for assurance and support to everyone who finds their lives miserable. Isaiah gives us hope through his encouraging words. “Fear not, Be Strong.”

In the Gospel today. Mark 7:31-37, Christ gives the gift of hearing. He pronounces, “Be opened” and the ears of the deaf man suddenly can listen. Perhaps we need to pray that our own ears might be opened, and we might be able to listen to the voice of God piercing through the chatter and clutter of our own culture in our own time. We pray that we might listen to God’s voice coming to us in the poor, the lonely, the broken-hearted and the abandoned. Perhaps we need to pray “open my ears, O Lord, that I might open my heart so that I might follow your command.” Today in the Gospel we have the story of the deaf and mute man whom Jesus touches and heals. He gives a brief account of his life-story before and after the cure. He says the trouble with being deaf is that most people find deaf folks a nuisance. They sympathize with people who are blind and lame, but they get irritated and annoyed with people who are deaf. And the result of this is that deaf people are apt to avoid company and get more and more shut in. When they can’t hear, a lot of doors in the normal world slam shut. Turning on the radio is pointless. Watching television is often boring. Conversing with someone is next to impossible. After a while you feel lonely and abandoned. When you are deaf you are deprived of so much that others take for granted. You cannot hear the laughter of children or the singing of the birds or the bleating of young lambs or the sound of the wind in the trees, or the roar of the waters. You cannot hear the voices of your friends. You cannot hear words of comfort and encouragement or words of hope and advice. Few people bother or try to communicate with the deaf. They find it too tedious. They haven’t the time or the patience or the skills, they nod and pass you by. It makes you feel terribly isolated and cut off.

As we take part in the liturgical celebrations of this Sunday, Christ places before us these questions to examine our conscience: What about us? Do we help others to speak? Do we help others to hear? Do we direct others to God? The early followers of Jesus recognized that Jesus was fulfilling the prophecies. Do we recognize that? Jesus does not go about saying, “I am God, listen to me.” Instead, Jesus goes about doing the works of mercy and compassion and brings people as partakers of that God’s Love. Be open to that God’s divine presence around you.

Morrow County August Marriage Licenses

August 8th, Natasha Marie Dorsey (38) and Steven Loyd Ely (38) both from Irrigon, OR. August 19th, Nicholas Dean Wolford SR (37) and Natasha Kristina Bransford-McElmurry (29) both from Heppner, OR.

August 23rd, Rhylee Erica Carlson (18) and Kevin Troy Bethel (21) both from Spokane, WA. August 29th Sierra Raye Moore (23) Dominick James Maxwell (26), both from Boardman, OR.

WCCC Ladies play day results

There were 6 players in the ladies’ gameplay at the Willow Creek Country Club on September 3rd. The weather was sunny and warm. The results are as follows; Low Gross of the field was Virginia Grant. The low Net field was Betty Carter. Least putts of the field was Shirley Martin. Flight A, low gross was

Coral Mitchell, flight B was Kris Lindner and Sharon Harrison. Chip ins: Shirley Martin on hole 17. Birdies: Virginia Grant on hole 10. Other events: KP flight A- Virginia Grant. KP flight B- Betty Carter. Upcoming events: Eddie Skow Tournament is September 10th and 17th.

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Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

No contributions this week!

In case anyone needs a suggestion, here are some ideas for tidbits that will offer some moments of pleasure to the readers: travels, visitors, celebrations, happy surprises, awards, funny happenings.

As long as contributors supply tidbits to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490, this column will add positive notes to area news!

Here’s hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this.

NextEra Wind turbine delivery notice

Wind turbine parts being transported. -Picture by Cindi Doherty.

Starting the week of September 9th, wind turbine components will commence delivery to final locations for the Wheatridge East Wind Facility. Delivery traffic will be leaving the projects laydown area on Myers Ln affection portions of Myers Ln, Sand Hollow Rd, Spur Loop, and Little

Butter Creek Rd. If you have any questions, concerns, or need to deconflict other traffic in the area, please reach out to ryan.hill@NextEraEnergy.com or stop by the project’s construction office located at 60130 Myers Ln. Thank you, Ryan Hill, Senior Project Manager, Development

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Specials 9/5 - 9/11

Thursday - chicken strip salad wrap with grapes
Friday - 1/4 cheeseburger with ham & egg and a side of chips
Saturday - sausage, hashbrowns, and 2 eggs
Monday - chicken bacon ranch sandwich with fries
Tuesday - sausage and cheese omelet with toast
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Wednesday - chicken tortilla soup with a salad

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