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Ione & Arlington volleyball schedule

Oct. 3rd v. Sherman County Heppner at 6pm. Arlington 9V/JV), in Ione at 5pm. Arlington departs at 4pm, Ione departs at 5pm.
Oct. 4th JV tournament in Arlington at 1pm, Ione departs at 11:15am.
Oct. 5th v. Klickitat/Glenwood (V/JV), in Arlington at 11am, Ione departs at 9am.
Oct 10th v. Bickleton (V), South Wasco (V/JV) (Senior Night) in Arlington at 5pm, 6:30pm, and 8pm(JV). Ione departs at 3:15pm.
Oct 14th v. Heppner-JV2 in

Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph



The Importance of Marriage

This Sunday's readings talk about the bond of love that marriage creates between a man and a woman, a bond that God does not seek to be broken. Marriage! We have witnessed it on several occasions, or we relive the feelings and the meanings of it when we take part in a marriage, understanding and reliving the marriage covenant that some of you have already embarked upon. The readings today speak to us about the creation of man and woman and their union with one another in marriage. Today it is difficult to speak about marriage because our culture is against the Christian idea of marriage. We come to this Eucharist as isolated individuals. But the Eucharist, properly understood and celebrated, creates a bond of love between us. Christ does not wish to see this bond broken. But unfortunately, through our selfishness and isolationism, we often do break it.

The first reading today is from the Book of Genesis (2:18-24), which speaks of the creation of the first woman of the world. The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So, he created woman as the partner for man, to be with him and to support and assist him in all his endeavours with support and encouragement. "I will make a helper suited to him" (2:18). He becomes complete only when he is joined with the woman, and the bond that joins them is love. Love is not just a feeling or emotion. It is a lifelong decision, a commitment to another person to live together through thick and thin, "for better or worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health," until death. This union of man and woman is best expressed in the conjugal union. This act naturally brings forth children that ensures the posterity of humanity. Soon we are going to celebrate the wedding of the jubilarians of our church. Every time I celebrate the Mass for the Wedding Jubilee Anniversaries of couples, I always look at their original wedding photo. What I invariably notice is that on the day of their wedding, they looked totally different from each other. But after 25, 50, 75 years of living together, everybody can see that they now actually look like brother and sister! This is what our Lord said: "They are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:8-9). Jesus made clear that from the very beginning of creation, God has never allowed divorce.

The second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (2:9-11) addresses the target group of people who are probably converts from Judaism, many of whom may also have been priests or Levites. After becoming Christians, because of the difficult circumstances of the time, they had to abandon Jerusalem, the holy city, and seek refuge elsewhere. In their exile they look back with nostalgia on the splendor of the cult they played a part in prior to their conversion. They feel deceived and are tempted to give up their new faith, in which they are not yet well grounded. They are also discontented from the persecution they suffer because of their new faith. Obviously, they need help, and in particular, a clear doctrine to bolster their faith and enable them to cope with temptation.

The Gospel of Mark (10:2-16) stresses the importance of marriage. Through this exhortation, Jesus wants us to understand that divorce is not acceptable in God's plan. It is important that we recognize again that Jesus is arguing against a culture in which divorce was easy and not challenged, which is remarkably like our modern scenario. For Jesus, marriage is clearly a gift from God. Marriage is between a man and a woman. Marriage is also about having children, not just for coming together and living together. Progeny is an important aspect of marriage. Nowadays people are going against the plan that God envisaged for man and woman. We who live and understand Christ's values have an enormous task of evangelization to do in our modern world. Even simply to state the truth about how our Holy Scriptures and our Christian tradition see marriage is highly offensive to many people. Our challenge is first to live the teachings of Jesus and the Church and then to speak fearlessly about God's plan for marriage and children. Let us walk with the Lord.

Obituaries

Jimmy Leon Bowles



Jimmy Leon Bowles, 75, was born on July 3rd, 1949, in Brigham City, Utah, to John and Laura Bowles. Leon had a large family and was one of 12 children. Leon passed away in his sleep at his residence in Heppner on September 20th 2024.

Leon was married to Ida Rayburn for 42 years and had three sons, John (Hepper), Jason (Heppner)

and David (Deceased). Leon and family lived in Banks, Oregon, for many years and in Heppner for the last 20 years. Leon had 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. He enjoyed being a grandpa.

Leon liked the outdoors and was an animal lover. He once even trained a miniature rooster named Rojo to be a family pet. He enjoyed music, fishing, gardening, and taking care of animals. It would be hard to find a better fisherman. Leon was the kind of person who would give you the shirt off his back. He lived his life the way he wanted and on his own terms. He was a friend to all he met and will be missed by many.

The SMCSC announces scholarships, open until the 17th

The South Morrow County Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce three scholarships that are available. Each scholarship is open from now until 4:00pm on October 17th, 2024. To receive the link for the application, please email Brandi Sweeney at brandi.sweeney@morrowsd.org

The South Morrow County Scholarship Committee is offering this post-secondary or graduate program scholarship to former graduates of Ione Community School and Heppner High School. The scholarship funds are to help students pay for tuition, program fees, books, supplies, rent and other expenses. Students must be entering their Sophomore, Junior, or Senior Year of Community College or University or Graduate Program. Students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and an unofficial transcript and current class schedule or verification of enrollment must be included to apply.

The South Morrow County Scholarship Committee is offering this

Trade School Scholarship to post-graduates of Ione Community School and Heppner High School. The scholarship funds are to help students pay for program fees, books, supplies, rent and other expenses. Students must be currently enrolled in any trade school program at least one year after their high school graduation. The Beth Slottee Memorial Scholarship is available to former Heppner High School Graduates entering their Junior, Senior year or Graduate School at an accredited college and is based on academic achievement and chosen field of study. Students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and an unofficial transcript and current class schedule or verification of enrollment must be included to apply. The student must be majoring or minoring in Music, but if no applicants are available, it may be awarded to a student majoring or minoring in Education. The funds may be used for tuition, program fees, books, supplies, rent or other expenses.

SMCNC Holiday Food Drive

The Neighborhood Center is preparing for the holiday season. This time of year is difficult for some families. These families currently meet the requirements for monthly food boxes. We can all help to make everyone's holiday pleasant.

The Neighborhood Center, with the help of most of the high school athletes, will hold the annual food drive on October 25th. The Heppner High School athletes will be out looking for your usable food donations between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Please leave your porch light on as a signal to the students

to pick up your donations. If you prefer, you can leave full bags at your door, allowing the teens to simply 'grab and go.'

Please try to give usable (current) food for a holiday meal. Suggested donations may include yams, green beans, Jell-O, cranberries, potatoes, gravy mixes, marshmallows, pumpkin, rolls, and turkey. Remember, these families may also be feeding guests for breakfast, so consider donating items like sausage, bread, cereal, and milk. All donations will be weighed at the Neighborhood Center. Let's see how generous we can be!

Marriages

September MC marriage license

Issues before Sheena Marie Shank, 38, and Peter Niles Benjamin Wenberg, 43. Issued on September

16th, Travas George Kammerzell, 20, and Christine Taylor Hickey, 19.

Morrow SWCD to meet

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, October 8th beginning at 6pm at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Dr NE, Boardman, OR. To join via

Zoom or conference call, please contact the SWCD beforehand at 541-676-5452. Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

October OTLD happenings

It's the Great Halloween-Read on Beanstack! Log in to your Beanstack account to get registered for October's Beanstack Reading Challenge. Call 541-676-9964 for more information about setting up your FREE Beanstack account and be ready for Halloween-Read!

Get fresh ideas and inspirations for fall from over 600 home and garden magazines on Library2Go! Use the Libby app on your phone, computer, or other electronic device to check out magazines for any subject. The issue you want, always available.

October is the official start to the spooky season! Like a ghost picking out its favorite sheet, TumbleBooks has you covered! Check out some of our spookiest books this month by visiting OTLD's Kid's Page and clicking on the TumbleBooks link. Download the TumbleBooks app for quick and easy access. Our Pre-school Sto-

rytimes will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 am. Come in for a pre-lunch of exploring and reading!

New books this month: **Adult Fiction:** A Happier Life: A Novel - Kristy Woodson Harvey. Adventure on the Bailgate - Anne Britting Oleson. Bad River - Marc Cameron. Bear Gulch - B. N. Rundell. Gun Thunder - Carson McCloud. Love at First Book: A Novel - Jenn McKinlay. Murder at Vinland - Alysia Maxwell. Nice Work, Nora November - Julia London. No Paw to Stand On - Laurie Cass. Red Sky Mourning: A Thriller - Jack Carr. The House in The Cerulean Sea - TJ Klune. The League of Gentlewomen Witches - India Holton. The Rose Arbor: A Novel - Rhys Bowen. The Sign of Four spirits - Vicki Delany. **Adult Non-Fiction:** The Sock Project: Colorful, Cool Socks to Knit and Show Off - Summer Lee.

HUNTER'S NIGHT OCTOBER 3RD

Steak Dinner starting at 6:00 pm
Main Raffle is a Bergara Sierra .300 PRC Rifle
Lots of General Raffle Prizes



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Lunch & Dinner Menu

Specials 10/3 - 10/9

Thursday - spaghetti & meatballs with a roll
Friday - Chicken fried steak sandwich on Texas toast with hashbrowns
Saturday - Buffalo chicken salad
Sunday - open 11-9pm. Sausage, eggs, hash-brown & biscuit
Monday - General Tso chicken, fried rice, egg roll
Tuesday -Grill chicken Hawaiian burger with jojo
Tuesday night 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday - Hot pastrami & Swiss with potato soup

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