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## Obituaries

### Arthur LeRoy Burkenbine



Arthur LeRoy Burkenbine, 83, of Hermiston, passed away on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, while sleeping in his home with loved ones by his side, after a four-and-a-half-year battle with cancer.

Arthur was born on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1941, to Reese and Nina (Cox) Burkenbine in Heppner Oregon. Arthur then graduated from Heppner High School in 1960.

Arthur worked at the Heppner Gazette from 1959 through 1961. He was then a produce manager for Central Market from 1961 to 1969. In 1969 he moved to Hermiston Oregon and started working for Marlette Homes. He had a 31-year career with the company before retiring in 2000.

He married the love of his life Sherley May Case in July of 1962 at the Methodist Church in Heppner. They went on to have seven children, Micheal L. Case born April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1963,

Larry D. Burkenbine 1964-1969, William A. Burkenbine August – November 1965, Arthur L. Pease born June 12<sup>th</sup> 1967, David K. Andrews born October 11<sup>th</sup> 1969, Clayton R. Burkenbine October 10<sup>th</sup> 1973, Rebecca E. Owen January 27<sup>th</sup> 1977-April 11<sup>th</sup> 2021.

In 2000 Arthur retired and spent his time reading western novels and treasure hunting magazines, and spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Along with travelling to Ajo Arizona each winter to escape the cold of the pacific northwest.

Arthur's grandchildren include Dakota R. Burkenbine, Celeste F. Jones, Eric S. R. Burkenbine, Gabriella M. Owen, Destiny J. Pennock, Jacob B. Owen, Clayton R. Burkenbine II.

His great grandchildren include Theodore R. Burkenbine, Katalina R. L. Littlejohn, Elaina M. Jones, Abigail A. Jones, Joshua R. G. Owen.

Arthur was predeceased by his parents Reese and Nina, his spouse Sherley, his daughter Rebecca, his two sons William and Larry. He is survived by the remaining members of his family.

Services will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner Oregon on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 1pm.

## Death Notice

### Gary L. Kemp

Gary L. Kemp, 73, of Lexington, OR passed away on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. A celebration of life service will take place at the Heppner Elks Lodge

on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4 PM. Sweeney Payton Mortuary is entrusted to the arrangements [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com)

## Election night watch party

“For God and Country” Election Night Watch Party on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building, Heppner, Oregon. The event will begin at 5 pm with a social hour. No-host craft beer and wine will be available from Murray's, with musical entertainment by the Lindsay Family, Richard Drake, and Jill and Rick Schoenberg. A potluck dinner will begin at 6 pm. The Morrow County Republican Party will provide Turkey and Ham. Those attending are asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert. Coverage of the election returns will be

presented on a big screen by Dale Bates throughout the evening. A special highlight for the evening will be a Donald Trump costume and dance contest to his favorite YMCA campaign music. Bucknum's Tavern will provide the winner with dinner for two plus drinks. Raffle drawings will occur throughout the evening. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the door. There is no charge for the event. For more information, call or text Jack Meligan 541) 256-6104, Sam Bellamy 541) 561-8881, or Stuart Dick 541) 377-5451.

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## Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

Halloween is back, and no contributions for too long from a favorite jokester, Dennis O'Donnell, so here are a few fill-in groan inducements:

**Did you hear about the skeleton who went to the hospital?** (He ate a jawbreaker.)

**What do you give a skeleton who is trick-or-treating?** (Spareribs.)

**Why did the game warden arrest the ghost?** (He didn't have a haunting license.)

**What's a ghost's favorite vacation spot?** (Lake Erie.)

**Did you hear about the vampire who needed glasses?** (It was blind as a bat.)

**Why did the vampire become an actor?** (He wanted a part he could really sink his teeth into.)

**What kind of vehicle does Frankenstein drive?** (A monster truck.)

**Why did the zombie cross the road?** (He wanted to eat the chicken.)

**A lawyer, a doctor and a zombie walked into a bar.** (Three zombies walked out.)

**How do you repair a broken jack-o-lantern?** (Use a pumpkin patch.)

**What's a pumpkin's favorite movie?** (“Pulp Fiction.”)

Halloween fun in Ione begins this evening at 5 PM, when the Community Church opens its doors to everyone who wants to come to a party!

The volleyball district tournament in Stanfield last Saturday featured several hours of spectacular ball handling, possibly the toughest-earned points this writer has ever watched. One hard-fought win and one hard-fought loss found the Mustangs in second place, behind Stanfield. Kudos to all the skilled athletes for some fine playing and to the teammates chosen for honorable-mention, 2<sup>nd</sup> team, and 1<sup>st</sup> team honors! The Mustangs now head for state playoffs.

The volleyball district tournament in The Dalles last Saturday featured the Ione-Arlington team's spectacular skills, as they outplayed two opponents in tense matches, to come out of the tournament in first place! Kudos to the teammates who were chosen for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> team honors! Ione is to host their first challenger in state playoffs today. The game with Elkton is scheduled to begin at 6 PM.

Last Saturday, the afternoon matinee of the stage production *Sweeney Todd* marked the end of that play's run in the Portland Center Stage Theatre, which first opened its doors in 1994. Trish “Sweeney” and Sharon Harrison attended the play with Trish's grandson Kane Sweeney and his wife, Hailee Lance-Sweeney. Hailee has been with Center Stage for two years and is the Associate Production Manager, which means that she was totally involved in ALL pre-performance details of the production and means that she could then relax and enjoy the show as an audience member when the lights went up. She now turns attention to next-month's production of a two-person show called *Liberace and Lisa Minnelli*. Kane, an HHS graduate, and Hailee live in Portland; he is the son of Corey and Brandi Sweeney.

Julia Finch helped organize a Bake Sale in front of Market Fresh last Saturday with help from Rhonda Winters. Julia reports that “We invited all the local Heppner churches to participate in baking goodies to raise money to send to Hurricane victim/survivors in Western North Carolina. The turnout was incredible! We had so many goodies to sell - much more than we anticipated. We had to borrow a third table to hold everything! The response was great with a lot of people coming by to donate. Everything was by donation only. We have raised \$1,020.00 so far and will continue to take donations through the remainder of this week (until Nov. 2). Anyone who missed the bake sale can still donate. Contact Julia Finch 252-382-4450 if needed. Make checks out to Willow Creek Baptist Church. We are very grateful to the Heppner community for such a generous response. The seven churches that participated are St. Patrick Catholic Church, Hopeful Saints Ministry, Heppner United Methodist Church, Heppner Christian Church, Christian Life Center, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and Willow Creek Baptist Church.”

Last Sunday, April Sykes celebrated her birthday when she and her husband, David, traveled to Pendleton for a party at their son Andrew's home. Attending were Andrew, Irma Rodriguez, her daughter Gianni, Sykes's son Chris, his wife, Rachel, and their two children, Waylon and Sophie. After cake and presents, the group went to Wild Horse for dinner.

Always in search of contributions, this column wants your tidbits: Jot them down and send to [dbrosnan123@gmail.com](mailto:dbrosnan123@gmail.com) or call to report them at 541-223-1490. Those few minutes can create many smiles.

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

## Morrow SWCD to meet

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm at the Ag Service Center in Heppner. 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.

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## THE UNDERGROUND OASIS

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## Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph



## Love of God: through your brothers in need


The two greatest commandments that the Lord leaves with humanity are First: to love God, and the Second: to love our neighbor. We speak to God when we pray, but do we speak to all our neighbors who need special care? What is my approach to the neighbor who is in need of my help?

In the Book of Deuteronomy (6:2-6), Moses reminds the people of the great commandment to love God, which means to keep His commandments and to walk in His ways. Moses, in his farewell message, reminds us that being faithful to God and His commandments is the best way to prosperity and eternal life. He concludes with the famous call known in Hebrew as **Shema Yisrael** (Hear, O Israel)! It is the centerpiece of Jewish morning and evening prayer, and forms parts of some Christian prayers. I think the second is very difficult, but if we can obey the second, we can obey and have indeed obeyed the first. This is because God lives in our neighbor. We cannot hate or do harm to our neighbor for any reason and still claim we love God. We need to observe and put into practice what Moses taught in this book of the Torah.

In Mark (12:28-34) is the repetition of the first reading's message. When Jesus was questioned by a scribe asking Him about the greatest of the commandments, Jesus replied, “The first is this: Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (12:29-32). When I read this passage, I remembered something from sometime back in a parish in which I was serving as associate pastor. (The name of the person involved is changed.) One afternoon someone called and asked me, “Father, are you free some time to help Mrs. Ann?” Mrs. Ann's husband was seriously ill and had been admitted into the intensive care unit of a hospital. The authorities allowed one person to stay with him. The only person he was really comfortable with was his wife. The only piece of furniture in the small space, in addition to his bed, was a small stool. Ann spent eight days in that looking after her husband, without ever lying down. The person who called me asked me to substitute for her on the fourth day. When I asked her how she had managed, she told me: “Looking back, I, too, do not know how I managed it. I suppose that when there is a real need, we somehow find the strength.” How did this middle-aged woman find such stamina and strength? Love gave her the strength she needed. Deep down we all know this. When we really like to do something, or meet someone we love, or help a person we really care about, we have great reservoirs of energy.

I was also reminded of another story about two brothers who worked together on the family farm. One was married and had a large family, the other single. The brothers shared equally the day's harvest and profits. One day, the single brother decided to secretly leave a sack of grain every night in his brother's shed, reasoning that since he was single, his needs were not as great as his brother's. Likewise, his brother had similar thoughts, but in reverse. He felt that his single brother, not having a wife and children to care for him in his old age, needed a little something to ensure his future. Each night, he would take across a sack of grain to his brother's shed. Years passed. Both men were puzzled because their supplies of grain never dwindled. Then, one dark night, the two bumped into each other, realized what had been happening all those years, and dropped their sacks and hugged each other.

Are you a person who is approachable by others at any time? We need to remember the answer to the question, “Lord when did we see you as a stranger, hungry or thirsty, sick or in prison and did the necessary things for you?” The master will answer you, “In truth I tell you, insofar as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did it me” (Mt. 25:39-40).



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## Lunch & Dinner Menu

Specials 10/31 - 11/6

**Thursday:** Reuben and JoJo  
**Friday:** Clam Chowder, salad, breadsticks  
**Saturday:** chicken fajitas with chips  
**Sunday:** Broccoli cheddar soup with a grilled cheese and ham  
**Monday:** General Tso Chicken, egg roll, fried rice  
**Tuesday:** Meatball sub with French Fries  
 Tuesday night 6-9 \$2 hard shell tacos  
**Wednesday:** Tuna Melt with Macaroni Salad