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Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

"It's an adventure," Mary Kay Bellamy says of the move that she and Sam made in the middle of September. They are now living in the Lexington school building, which they own! "It is just temporary, until we have a new house built on adjoining property," she reports. The couple uses a small share of the large space, living in what used to be the office in which Mary Kay once worked! "It feels like an apartment, but the kitchen is across the hall, so we definitely need to wear slippers when we head for that first cup of coffee in the morning." This building of many rooms is certainly more than adequate to accommodate visitors, and the house cat has free roaming privileges that should guarantee mouse-free accommodations. Outside, the most obvious touch of home is the line-up of several pots of flowering plants along the sidewalk.

Kristen Marshall shares, "As a resident of Gale Street, I look forward to welcoming Trick-or-Treaters to my door each year. I saw so many clever costumes and very polite Halloween enthusiasts. The community should be proud of all the great kids we have here!" Agreement with that comes from Center Street, where over 60 Trick-or-Treaters braved the wet weather to seek their "sugar high" opportunity. Nearly everyone said, "Thank you" and/or "Happy Halloween!" Kudos to all those polite youngsters and to their parents, who are instilling courteous, respectful manners.

Last week, Cindi and Mike Doherty took her parents, Jerry and Ione Martin, to Lincoln City to meet Jerry's sister Mary Kay Peterson, her husband, Rocky; Jerry's brother Larry and his wife, Linda, from Waterloo, Iowa; and Larry's son from Seattle. They went to Yaquina Head lighthouse, Agate Beach, and watched glassblowing. Of course they had to stop at Depoe Bay for saltwater taffy. They had Boozy Shakes one day at the local Chips and Fish place. Had good food and a good time. They actually had sun one whole day! Time went too fast.

The Ione-Arlington volleyball team ended their outstanding fifteen-win (!) season last Saturday when they played in Roseburg. The team reached round two of the State Playoffs before Umpqua Valley Christian School (ranked second) took the win. Kudos to these talented athletes!

On Saturday, the Heppner Mustangs volleyball team was in Mill City to play Santiam, came out victorious, and now prepares to travel to Redmond for Friday's State-Playoff competition. The girls will face Salem Academy in their first match that day. Good luck, Mustangs!

"The best birthday present anyone can give," is Peggy Fishburn's description of her 81st birthday last Saturday. "All our children - Mark, Amy, Kristine, and Erin - came with rakes, shovels, and energy for a work-day-winter-cleanup at our home. A few indoor small jobs were accomplished, but the major focus was on outside. We took three pickup loads to the dump!" Peggy's special day also included dinner, presents, and a family-favorite dessert: a chocolate bomb cake, which is a round, three-layer chocolate cake with mocha fillings and about 1/2 inch of chocolate frosting, from a TriCities bakery. Happy late birthday!

Adults interested in trying their hands at crafting a Thanksgiving decoration are invited to register at the OTLD Heppner website for creating a "reversible holiday banner." The class will be on November 13, beginning at 6 PM. Registration is required beforehand, either by going to the library or going to the website.

Little ones are certainly not forgotten by the Heppner and Ione libraries. In Heppner, the ongoing "Story Time" continues on Fridays, and in Ione, it is offered on Thursdays. Presently, the Ione library is undergoing a "facelift" inside and outside, soon to be wearing a new coat of paint.

At the Ione Schools, the Topic Club is hosting the Scholastic Book Fair today and tomorrow, from 9:30 to 6 PM. Proceeds are shared by all the classrooms. These are also the dates for the high school's production of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Doors open at 6 and the play begins at 6:30. Tickets are \$5.

Has it happened to you, a conversation with self (or dogs if they are listening): "Now, where did I leave my cell phone?" This is followed with a cursory look in all rooms, followed by a second, thorough look. Finally, "I guess I have to phone it. I know it IS in the house, SOMEWHERE!" When the call goes through and the phone starts ringing, it sounds close, very close, but not evident no matter which room is being searched. This is followed with the concluding thought, "Oh, okay.... It is in my hip pocket!"

Thanks to the contributors who are willing to share tidbits with our readers. It's as easy as jotting them down and sending to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or calling to report them at 541-223-1490. Those few minutes pay big dividends in moments of positive respite for many.

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

Umpqua Valley Christian 3, Ione/Arlington 0



The Ione Cardinals were eliminated from the state tournament after a second-round loss to the Monarchs in Roseburg. The team ended their season with a 24-8 record. Victoria De La Torre recorded six kills, Kaitlyn Hooper added three aces and four blocks, and Novalee Campbell contributed four kills, two blocks, and went 8-for-8 on the service line.

Spiritually Speaking
Father Thankachan Joseph



Widow's mite

The theme of the widow's mite takes us to the real love of God visible through the story of her sacrifice. The readings of this week invite us to make a total commitment to God's service with a humble and generous heart free from pride and prejudice. Regarding gifts, we have a saying that goes: "It's the thought that counts." Yet, in practice we often forget this and use a different standard: its size, its cost, etc. We often judge our own contribution and that of others by standards other than those of the Gospel. Christ did not fall for it.

The First Book of Kings (17:10-16) depicts the generosity of a poor widow who had barely enough food for herself and her son but welcomed the prophet Elijah as a man of God, shared her food with him, and received her reward in the form of a non-stop supply of food during the famine. (This passage is found in a collection of stories of miracles wrought by the prophet Elijah, who challenged King Ahab and his cruel pagan Queen Jezebel over the issue of worship of the false god Baal.) This poor, pagan widow was a Syrophenician living in Zarephath in the territory of Sidon, in the middle of a famine. Elijah, following the Near Eastern custom, asked the widow for hospitality in the form of food and accommodation. The widow was not unwilling but told the prophet that she had enough for only one meal for her son and herself. But Elijah asked her to demonstrate her trust in his God's providence by first giving food to himself, as the man of God. She did as he asked, and we know what happened. As a reward for her sacrificial generosity, she received from God His blessing: her jar of meal and the jug of oil were never empty throughout the drought. This story of the widow's provisions, like the story of the raising of her son when he died, emphasizes the power of God's word in the prophet's mouth.

The letter to the Hebrews (9:24-28) was written for Jewish converts to Christianity, in part to help them cope with the loss of the comforts they had enjoyed from the institutions of Judaism. Paul teaches these Judeo-Christians that Jesus, alive in the community, has become the Holy of Holies and the High Priest, around whom all temple worship revolved. Since Jesus replaces both the temple and human mediators, the Christians need not go to the temple in Jerusalem for worship. Under the Old Covenant, a priest conducted an annual ritual sacrifice in the sanctuary of the Temple, slaughtering a lamb. Paul argues that Jesus himself has replaced the whole class of ancient priests and that the earthly sanctuary has been outdated by the sanctuary that is heaven, where Jesus the Priest intercedes for us directly before God. Similarly, the repetitive annual sacrifices have been replaced by Jesus's once-for-all sacrifice at Calvary. Thus, Jesus the High Priest cleanses us from our sins, mediates for us now with His Father, and assures us of our final deliverance in the future.

In the Gospel of Mark (12:38-44), Christ speaks highly of a widow as He watches what was going on in the Jerusalem temple and explains to the disciples the generous giving to God. The offering of the widow, in the eyes of others, was the least. But in the eyes of Christ, it was the greatest. The teachings that we can apply to life this week follow: 1) Learn to appreciate the widows and widowers of our parish communities and the marginalized sections of our parish society. Widows (and widowers), in addition to their deep grief, often suffer from economic loss. Their loneliness draws them closer to God and to stewardship in the parish. They are often the active participants in all the liturgical celebrations, offering prayers for their families and for their parish family. Frequently, they are active in parish organizations, as well as in visiting and serving the sick and the shut-ins. Hence, let us appreciate them, support them, encourage them, and pray for them. 2) Accept Christ's attitude for judging people. We often judge people's value by what they possess. But Jesus measures us based on our inner motives, the intentions hidden behind our actions, the sacrifices we make for others, and the degree of our surrender to God's holy will. The offering God wants from us is our hearts and lives.

Obituaries

James W. Springer



James W. "Jim" Springer of Heppner, Oregon, was born on April 20th, 1952, in Longview, Washington to parents, Theron and Dorothy (Davis) Springer. He died on October 25th, 2024, in Heppner, Oregon at the age of 72 years. Jim was raised in Baker City, Oregon. He joined the United States Army and served until his honorable discharge when he returned to Baker City, Oregon. He worked for most of his life in construction. Jim married Shanna Nave on June 17th, 1991, in La Grande,

Oregon. They have lived in Heppner, Oregon. Jim enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting, camping, playing pool, shuffleboard and listening to acoustic music.

He is survived by his wife: Shanna Nave, Heppner, OR; step daughter: Kami Jo Springer, CA; numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers: Terry & Steve Springer and a sister: Rebecca Henry.

A private family service will be held.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions in Jim's memory to the Oregon Hunters Association Youth Activities.

Please share memories of Jim with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

Heppner FFA places 2nd ASCD event in Milton-Freewater



(L-R) Kaylee Jean Davis, Mikaylee Duncan, , and Lizzie Ginn with their winning certificates. -Photo by

The Heppner FFA chapter showcased their skills at the agricultural sales and service career development event in Milton-Freewater. Amid a packed schedule that included preparations for nationals, a community trunk-or-treat event, and an upcoming state soils competition, four committed members dedicated both school and personal time to prepare for the competition, entering a contest area they had never previously participated in.

Competing at the beginning level, the students took on various tasks, including a written test, sell-

ing an agricultural product or service, and completing a practicum. Each team member focused on a specific practicum: advertising, customer relations, prospecting, or telephone orders. Lizzie Ginn excelled, earning first place as the top individual in the beginning contest, with Kayelee Jean Davis following closely in second. The team as a whole finished second, narrowly missing the first-place banner by a single point. The Heppner FFA chapter proudly celebrated these hardworking students for their achievements.

Ione water negative for lead

The Oregon Health Division of Drinking Water Services required all cities to do an inventory of their water service lines for lead

and copper. The city of Ione completed the survey in October 2024. Based on inspection and records no city lines contain lead.

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Lunch & Dinner Menu
Specials 11/7 - 11/13

Thursday - 1/2 biscuit and gravy, sausage, hashbrowns
Friday - Turkey and Swiss hoagie with corn chowder
Saturday - Buffalo grilled chicken salad
Sunday - Hot corned beef sandwich with macaroni salad
Monday - Grilled Swiss and pepper jack sandwich with chicken tortilla soup
Tuesday - Rodeo burger with potato salad
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Wednesday - chicken plus with jojos

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