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South Morrow Scholarship recipients announced

The South Morrow County Scholarship Board has announced it is pleased to be awarding nine scholarships to seniors at Ione and Heppner high schools. Kaite Spivey, Jackson Coiner, Mason Orem, John Lindsay and Michael McElligott each received \$1000.

Victoria De La Torre, Kyle McGill, Laila Hess and Mariah Castellanos each received \$500.

Recipients were evaluated based on academic achievement and school/community/work involvement. Students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher to apply. Students must be continuing their education at a community college, trade school, or four-year college or university.

In addition, the Coach Del LaRue Scholarship awards one \$1,000 scholarship to a college-bound Ione High School Senior based on demonstrated academic achievement, community involvement and with preference given to students who have par-

ticipated in the Ione High School Track Program.

The Coach Del LaRue Scholarship was developed in memory of Del LaRue, a long-time teacher and coach at Ione High School. LaRue had a passion for coaching basketball and track and loved seeing students set and achieve their goals. After retiring from teaching, LaRue continued to coach track for 12 additional years, during which time he helped many student athletes achieve their goals and was honored as National Track Coach of the Year.

To receive the award, students must be continuing their education at a community college, trade school, or four-year college or university. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 accumulated GPA and show involvement in community/school activities.

The board selected Victoria De La Torre to receive this year's Coach Del LaRue Scholarship.

MoCo Republicans plan May meeting

The Morrow County Republicans will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, at the Government Building in Irrigon. PCPs and anyone interested in the county Republican Party are encouraged to attend.

Discussion will focus on the Summer FUNdraiser event scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, June 20, at the American Legion Hall in Ione. The event will feature American Trivia team competition, an auction and dessert.

Precinct Committee Person (PCP) positions are

open for Heppner, Boardman and Irrigon. Individuals interested in one of these positions are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about the positions. PCP appointments can be made during MCRP meetings.

The Republican Party is open to individuals interested in conservative ideals and values. The Republican Party platform can be found at <https://oregon.gov/>. For more information on the Morrow

County Republican Party, contact mocoreps@gmail.com.

Golf seniors honored



Golf seniors Jaime Cavan and John Lindsay with their families. L-R: Emillia and Journey Cavan Harris, Shirley Harris, Jaime Cavan Harris, Ashley Lindsay and John Lindsay. -Photo by Brian Bunch

Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph



Call to love one another!

The same theme of the "Good Shepherd" reflected upon last Sunday emerges in the first reading this Sunday, too. In the Acts of the Apostles, the missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas continues and takes root among the pagans: (Acts 14: 21-27) Paul and Barnabas as good shepherds continue to accompany the new believers of faith with prayer and fasting. They form new communities of faith and appoint leaders to take care of and protect the faith after their examples.

Today, I begin with an anecdote: The renowned artist Paul Gustave Dore (1821-1883) lost his passport while traveling in Europe. When he came to a crossing, he explained his predicament to one of the guards. Giving his name to the official, Dore hoped he would be recognized and allowed to pass. The guard, however, said that many people attempted to cross the border by claiming to be persons they were not. Dore insisted that he was the man he claimed to be. "All right," said the official, "we'll give you a test, and if you pass it, we'll allow you to go through." Handing him a pencil and a sheet of paper, he told the artist to sketch several peasants standing nearby. Dore did it so quickly and skillfully that the guard was convinced he was indeed who he claimed to be. His action confirmed his identity.

Christians have always had the problem of how to tell the world who they are. At some periods in history and still in some places in the world, uniforms have played a very important role in announcing our identity. Think of the various uniforms of the various Christian societies of consecrated life which distinguish consecrated people not only from ordinary Christians but also from one another according to their institutes. In the African Independent churches, members usually wear uniforms to distinguish them from non-members. This usually takes the form of white flowing gowns, with headgear and sashes of different colors to distinguish the leaders from the followers. In mainline churches, however, the use of uniforms or habits has become less popular. In these churches, the words of Shakespeare in Measure for Measure, "Cucullus non facit monachum" ("the hood does not make a monk") have been taken more seriously.

In India, while I was serving in our schools, I noticed that most of the private schools, as well as the public school, had their own school uniforms. Looking at the uniforms, we could identify which kids were going to which school.

Similarly, Jesus, before His departure to the heavenly Father, tells His apostles to let love be their identification mark for the world. For Jesus, the essential mark of distinction between Christians and non-Christians is not in the way we dress but in the way we live. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-5).

Love is the Christian identity. Love is the Christian uniform. Love is the Christian habit. If you are wearing this habit, you are in. If you are not wearing this habit, you are out.

Jesus wants the world to recognize us as Christians. We need to evangelize and witness to people around us. But effective evangelization and witnessing has less to do with how fluently we speak and more to do with how faithfully we live. In the evangelization of Asia and Africa, many missionary groups came early and focused on making converts. Others came later but focused on service to the people, providing needed medical care and integral education. These latter groups succeeded where the former groups failed. The great Mahatma Gandhi was asked about his view of Christianity. What he said could show us what probably is keeping two-thirds of the world away from the Good News of Christianity:

"I have a great respect for Christianity. I often read the Sermon on the Mount and have gained much from it. I know of no one who has done more for humanity than Jesus. In fact, there is nothing wrong with Christianity, but the trouble is with you Christians. You do not begin to live up to your own teachings."

The readings of the day invite us to live through our lifestyle the faith we have received.

Wranglers play day results for May 11

Young riders competed in barrels, poles, scurry and stick-horse races during the Wranglers Play Day on May 11, showcasing local talent and horsemanship. Results are as follows:

Stick-Horse Race 3 & Under:

- 1st) Dawsyn Knowles,
- 2nd) Klancy Fennern,
- 3rd) Brantlie Blair,
- 4th) Karter Mae Evans

4- & 5- Year-olds:

- 1st) Sheldon Milligan,
- 2nd) Sawyer Ham,
- 3rd) Ada Osborn/Trell Knowles,
- 4th) Maverick Rhea

6- & 7-Year-olds:

- 1st) Blaney Milligan,
- 2nd) Oakley Bergstrom,
- 3rd) Griff Mullins,
- 4th) Lotus Armstrong

Barrels

Lead-line:

- 1st) Iris Armstrong 31.293,
- 2nd) Lotus Armstrong 34.575,
- 3rd) Ada Osborn 38.067,
- 4th) Maverick Rhea 40.502

Peewee Wranglers:

- 1st) Price Hines 27.130,
- 2nd) Roane Bailey 38.346

Lil Wranglers 8-11 Yr. Olds:

- 1st) Lydia Knowles 19.653,
- 2nd) EllieGene Fennern 20.276,
- 3rd) Kathryn Knowles 22.344,
- 4th) Jaylee Schlaich 23.085

Junior Wranglers 12-15-Year-olds:

- 1st) KC Anderson 19.429,
- 2nd) Brooklyn Hendricks 20.864,
- 3rd) Morgan Milligan 29.250,
- 4th) Abby Luttrell 42.485

Senior Wranglers 16+:

- 1st) Olivia Humphreys 20.502,
- 2nd) Saige Jensen 21.000

Poles

Lead-line:

- 1st) Iris Armstrong 45.664,
- 2nd) Ada Osborn 50.515,
- 3rd) Maverick Rhea 51.359,
- 4th) Lotus Armstrong 53.982

2nd) Lydia Knowles 23.241,

3rd) EllieGene Fennern 23.780,

4th) Kathryn Knowles 27.166

Junior Wranglers 12-15-Year-olds:

- 1st) KC Anderson 21.655,
- 2nd) Ashlee Knutz 26.568,
- 3rd) Brooklyn Hendricks 30.345,
- 4th) Morgan Milligan 32.138

Senior Wranglers:

- 1st) Olivia Humphreys 27.235,
- 2nd) Saige Jensen 34.163

Scurry Race

Lead-line:

- 1st) Maverick Rhea 30.590,
- 2nd) Ada Osborn 30.615,
- 3rd) Lotus Armstrong 34.366,
- 4th) Iris Armstrong 37.433

Peewee Wranglers:

- 1st) Price Hines 23.161,
- 2nd) Rhemi Rey Osborn 33.347,
- 3rd) Roane Bailey 43.655

Lil Wranglers 8-11-year-olds:

- 1st) Lydia Knowles 18.181,
- 2nd) Kathryn Knowles 31.998,
- 3rd) Ella Mullins 33.373,
- 4th) Karter Jo Hines 132.242

Junior Wranglers 12-15-year-olds:

- 1st) KC Anderson 19.103,
- 2nd) Morgan Milligan 20.525,
- 3rd) Ashlee Knutz 27.524,
- 4th) Brooklyn Hendricks 31.491

Senior Wranglers:

- 1st) Saige Jensen 36.224

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