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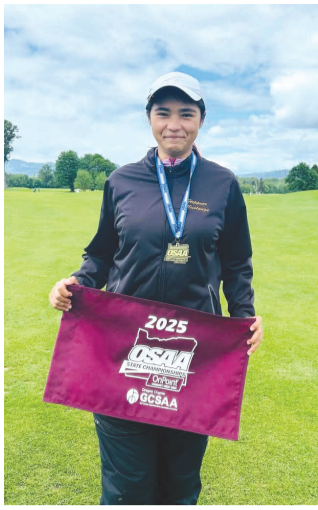
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Propheter takes ninth at state



Heppner's Naomi Propheter placed in the top 10 at the state golf tournament last week. -Contributed photo

Heppner High School freshman Naomi Propheter took ninth place at the OSAA 1A/2A/3A/4A Golf State Championships in Corvallis May 19. Propheter earned her place in the

state tournament by placing second individually in the 4A/3A/2A/1A-SD6 Special District 6 tournament May 13.

The Heppner High School golf team has been full of new faces the past couple of years, which offers hope for the future of Heppner's golf program, but not a lot of veteran experience on the green.

While the Mustangs didn't make it to state as a team, golf coach Donald Matthews wrote in a Facebook post that he was proud of all the members of team for the hard work they put in this year.

"Proud of all the kids on a great season and Naomi for placing in the top 10 at the state tournament as a freshman!" he wrote. "It was really fun to watch."

Hisler signs to run track with EOU



Heppner senior Hallee Hisler signed her letter of intent to run for EOU last week. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

Heppner graduating senior Hallee Hisler has signed with Eastern Oregon University to run with the Mountaineers.

Hisler officially signed her letter of intent to compete for the Mountaineers in both indoor and outdoor track in a ceremony Wednesday, May 21, at Heppner High School.

The Heppner senior has been making her mark in sprints and mid-distance running throughout her high school career, even

breaking school records that have stood for years.

Heading into the 2A track and field state championship this week, she is ranked fourth in the state in the 100 meter, second in the 200 meter and third in the 400 meter—all three of which she will compete in at the state meet after she qualified for them at the district meet last week.

Hisler plans to attend EOU to become a dental hygienist.

MCSD awaits election outcome

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Cole and MCSD Superintendent Matt Combe acknowledged that passing the bond was more than a year-long effort and they appreciate the work of the Community Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC), school board members, district administrators, members of the district facility and business departments, teachers, school staffs, Wenaha Group and InterMountain ESD Communications for all their work.

"It has truly been a huge team effort across our district to evaluate facilities, develop projects and inform our community about the need for this bond. We appreciate everyone who worked on it," Combe said.

The bond would raise \$204.4 million, and the district would receive a \$6 million matching grant from the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching

Morrow SWCD to meet

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, June 3rd 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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5/29 - 6/4

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Friday - BLT with watermelon salad
Saturday - Chicken bacon avocado wrap with cottage cheese
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Tuesday Night - 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday - Turkey cucumber salad with garlic bread

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Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph



Ascension: An invitation to mount the throne of God

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord. While preparing, I remembered a story:

An extremely poor family, the Carpenters, lived in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The oldest boy was given education in the city, with the help of some family friends who generously financed his studies when they realized he wanted to become a doctor. Carpenter graduated with honors but declined all job offers to practice medicine in the city. He decided to go back to the mountains, where there were many sick people and few doctors. For many years he ministered to the sick. Some paid, most couldn't. He gave his absolute best and helped everyone he could. In his old age he was in broken health himself and almost penniless. Two small rooms above the town grocery store were his home and office. At the foot of the creaky stairs leading up to his office was a sign: "Dr. Carpenter is upstairs." One morning someone climbed those stairs and found their devoted doctor dead. The entire community was plunged into grief. They wanted to erect some kind of monument for him, but they decided to simply write these words on a large tombstone: "Dr. Carpenter is upstairs."

What is the Ascension of Jesus? Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, He ascended into Heaven, a moment of prodigious celebration. All the angels gathered around Him and asked about His life and mission on Earth. Jesus was glad to share His wonderful experience of living with mankind: His life struggle with priests and rulers on Earth and how they condemned Him to death on a cross because He stood for the cause of the subalterns and the marginalized of the society; how He failed to impart the love of the Father to the priestly clan, their refusal to believe in God, and finally His dying on the cross for their salvation. The Lord has already built a bridge between Heaven and Earth. He has come and lived with us and set connectivity between God and human beings.

Why did Jesus Ascend to the father? In Paul's letter to Philippians he wrote, "Our Lord Jesus Christ ascended to receive the glory due to Him as the victor over sin and death" (2:8-9). Jesus in the Gospel of John states several times that He needs to ascend to the Father in order for the Advocate to come to us, and He reminds us that He ascended to the Father to prepare rooms for us, to welcome us all back to Heaven (14:2).

How to make Ascension possible in our life? Paul's letter to Colossians gives us this intact message: "So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." This reminds believers that ascension is possible for everyone. He suggests three ways to ascend to the father:

1) Material Ascension: With the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are being led to material freedom. Poverty is converted to riches, scarcity to abundance. The works of our hands are blessed (Deut. 28:12; Psalm 90:17). When we look at the lives of most saints, we see exceptionally good examples of material ascension in their lives—Saints like Francis of Assisi, who was born into a noble business family, but who became poor and chaste because his love of Christ made him leave aside everything and follow Christ.

2) Mind Ascension: There is an old proverb: "A sound mind dwells in a sound body." When our minds are engaged in material things and things of this world, we can say that we are in a mental slavery, which leads to acute depression, worry, anxiety, fear. Mostly the "haves" are more involved in things of this world and attached to things of this place.

3) Sensual Ascension: There is a tendency in the present world to waste so much time with social media, to take pleasure in that which feeds our sense organs. Our eyes and ears need to be controlled to ascend above this world of sensual pleasures.

On this Ascension Day, we remember: "Dr Carpenter is upstairs!" But unlike the doctor boy who died, Jesus—the Divine Doctor of our souls—is alive and continues to heal people and bring salvation to all people! The Lord invites everyone on this day to ascend from our present style of life to Him.

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Seniors Matter May/June Menu

May 27 - BBQ Beef Sandwich, Jojo potatoes, Coleslaw and Dessert

June 3 - Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad, Dessert

June 10 - Breakfast Casserole, Coffee Cake, Peaches

June 17 - Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo, Garden Salad Dessert

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