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Golf at WCCC

Over the Tee Cup

Eleven ladies attended the Willow Creek Country Club for a hot and breezy ladies play day on Tuesday, June 10.

Karen Thompson had low gross of the field. Tiffany Clement had low net of the field. Carol Mitchell had least putts.

For flight A, Pat Dougherty had low gross.

For flight B, Shirley Martin had low gross, Sharon Harrison low net and Karen Smith-Griffith least putts.

Carol Mitchell had a chip-in on #13.

Other events: Colleen Neubert, Pat Dougherty and Karen Thompson.

Willow Creek Sunday men’s play

Seventeen participated in men’s play on Sunday, June 15, at Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

KP #4-13, Charlie Ferguson 3’8”.

KP 2nd shot #6-15, Jeff Watkins 2’6”.

Net—1st, Tom Shear, 57; 2nd/3rd (tie), Tim Hedman-Gary Watkins, 60.

Gross—1st, Dennis Peck, 64; 2nd, Charlie Ferguson, 66; 3rd, Jeff Watkins, 67.

There will be no Sunday play the next two weeks.

Next Sunday is the Jo Pettyjohn Tournament, and the following weekend is the Men’s Invitational Tournament.

The next men’s play will be on July 6. Hosting the event will be John Bowles and Duane Disque.

Cemetery district to meet

The Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 26, at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will be held via phone.

Agenda items include minutes of previous meeting, review of treasurer’s report, adoption of the 2025-2026 budget, making appropriations, and imposing and categorizing tax.

Meetings of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District are open to the public according to ORS 192.640(1).

With questions or to attend by phone, please contact Amy Kollman at 541-377-1055.

Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph



Jesus calls us to be bread for others

This Sunday, the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Corpus Christi, the “Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.”

The 20th and 21st centuries are known for people making souvenirs of their memorable events of life. But Jesus thought of it two thousand years ago. We can see it in the Gospel of John (13:1): “Jesus, knowing that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father,” He called His disciples together to celebrate. The Holy Eucharist is the parting gift of the Lord Jesus to us before His departure to the Father.

Food is a main factor in human lives. Families work hard to satisfy their stomachs as well as those of others who depend on them. Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Bethlehem means the place of bread, place of meat. Jesus was born to become bread for everyone and to quench the spiritual and physical hunger of everyone. Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist as the memorial of His presence with us.

Is Jesus really present in the Holy Eucharist? Every day and at every Eucharistic celebration, the real presence of the Lord takes place. Every Mass involves a true Eucharistic miracle in which the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Our Lord. The real presence of the Lord is felt in the Eucharistic bread that is kept in the tabernacle. Eucharistic miracles take place every day on every continent. A story from the life of St. Antony of Padua (1195-1231), whose feast was last Friday, is one testament to this as he engaged in conversation with a particularly stubborn heretic in a city called Rimini.

What are you hungering for? Jesus satisfies the physical hunger of humans before the spiritual one. The Eucharistic discourse of Jesus in the Gospel of John begins with the miracle of loaves. He fulfills the natural hunger of everyone before He begins the spiritual discourse. The temptation of the Lord in the desert begins with the tempter asking Jesus to change the stones into bread since the Lord was hungry. In the last judgment scene, too, we read that to the people on the right He says, “Come you that are blessed by my Father! I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink” (Mathew 25: 34-35). From these examples, we need to assume that Jesus addresses the basic needs of human life first. The Lord is always available to satisfy the hunger and thirst of humans.

What does the Feast of Corpus Christi teach us to do? Do we approach Him for physical food or spiritual food? As humans we cannot live on bread alone. We need more than food to live. In the Gospel of John, when he speaks about the vine and branches and in the Eucharistic discourse, too, Jesus reminds us that without Him, we cannot live.

“I tell you solemnly, if you do not eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you will not have life in you. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him anyone who eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:53-54).

On the feast of Corpus Christi, Jesus offers various kinds of ‘bread’ to the faithful to gratify their many hungers. To people who followed Him into the desert, and who were starving, He offered ordinary bread and so satisfied their physical hunger. To the person with leprosy whose body was falling apart, He offered the only bread that mattered—the bread of physical healing. To the lonely woman at Jacob’s well, He offered the bread of human kindness and acceptance. To sinners He offered the bread of forgiveness. To the rejects and outcasts, by mixing with them, He offered the bread of empathy and companionship. To the widow of Nain, and Martha and Mary, who had lost someone dear to them, He offered the bread of compassion. To the thief who died by His side, He offered the bread of repentance and reconciliation with God.

As Jesus has become bread and gratified the human deprivation, it is our time to satisfy human needs of people around us. Is there anyone hungry around me? How do I approach such situations and become bread for someone in need? What bread are we looking for? Only Jesus can offer us that bread, because “He is the Bread of life.”

Death Notice

Dorothy M. Green—Dorothy M. Green, 101, of Lexington, OR passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2025. A graveside service will be announced later. Sweeney Payton Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements (sweeneypaytonmortuary.com).

DONUT DAY

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of service-minded people.”

The doughnuts provided by the Neighborhood Center were made by Kevin and Nita Reser at the Hermiston Donut Shop and purchased by The Neighborhood Center with funds from the AWS ChangeX Grant and the Salvation Army.

Clark says the doughnuts were intended to express gratitude to those traditionally honored on Donut Day but also to those who serve the community in small ways every day—those who say hello and thank you, hold doors, turn in lost cell phones, carry heavy loads and offer cold drinks of water on a hot day.

“The people traditionally being recognized share with us their stories and experiences, and we all learn to serve one another beautifully from them, so thank you for your service to one another, our country and this community that so many call home,” says Clark.

“I hope a donut found its way to you and, if not, know that we are grateful to you still.”

Seniors Matter June Menu

June 3 - Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad, Dessert

June 10 - Breakfast Casserole, Coffee Cake, Peaches

June 17 - Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo, Garden Salad Dessert

June 24 - Sloppy Joes, Chips, Pickle Spears, Dessert

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Lunch & Dinner Menu

6/19 - 6/25

Thursday - Hot roast beef dip with macaroni salad

Friday - Grilled Buffalo chicken blue cheeseburger with grapes & coleslaw

Dessert option - Bucknums strawberry shortcake a la mode \$4

Ruckus Music fest 5pm fairgrounds

Saturday - Bratwurst with sauerkraut, chips, and watermelon

Ruckus Music fest 4pm fairgrounds

Sunday - Closed

Monday - 1/2 order biscuits and gravy, 2 eggs and hashbrown pattys

Tuesday - Pastrami Reuben with deep fried zucchini

Tuesday Night 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos

Wednesday - Teriyaki chicken rice bowl

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- Riverside Avenue
- Barratt Boulevard
- SE Court Street
- SE Chase Street
- Bruce Kelly Way
- Water Street
- Quaid Street
- Elder Street
- Center Street

On-street parking on affected streets will be unavailable during construction.

Notifications have been sent to affected properties.

Please contact City Hall with questions.
Thank you