

## Three tournaments wind up golf season

Willow Creek Country Club has planned three tournaments within the next six weeks to wind up the 1986 golf season.

First on the calendar and new this year is the "Last Gasp Tournament" to be held this Sunday, September 28. In this tournament two person teams will play "best ball" on the front nine holes and "Chapman" on the back nine. Two flights are planned with placement determined by the combined team handicap. Entry fee will be \$10 per team. Lunch will be available at \$3.50 per person. Coffee at 8 a.m. will begin the day with tee off at 8:30 a.m.

An "International" Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5. On this final Sunday of men's play, players will be given a chance to try out the Stableford System of scoring which has been used for the first time this year by the P.G.A. at the International Tournament held at Castle

Pines Golf Course in Colorado.

Stableford scoring awards five points for an eagle, three points for a birdie, one point for a par, 0 points for a bogey, -1 point for a double bogey and -3 for anything over a double bogey. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 8:30, and a short instruction period will precede the 9 a.m. shotgun tee off. The tournament committee requests those intending to participate in the "International" to contact the club so plenty of coffee and doughnuts can be ordered.

Last tournament of the season is the annual Cross Country Tournament Sunday, Oct. 26. Entry fee for this event is \$3 per person, coffee

and doughnuts will be available at 8:30 a.m. and tee off will be at 9 a.m.

In the "Cross Country" a different course layout is used with a par of 34, given the altered course. A cross country map is available to players when they pre-register.

A general membership meeting will be Wednesday, October 15, between hunting seasons and before vacationers head south. On the agenda will be nominations for officers to be elected in January at the annual meeting, and discussion of the club's long range plans. All members or prospective members are urged to attend October 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Columbia Basin Conference Room.

## School Lunch Menu

**Heppner Elementary School**  
Monday, Sept. 29 - pizza, corn, relish plate, fruit and milk.  
Tuesday, Sept. 30 - September birthday special.

**Heppner High School**  
Monday, Sept. 29  
cheeseburgers, tater tots, vegetable sticks, dessert and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 30 - cook's choice.  
Wednesday, Oct. 1 - turkey and noodles, peas, muffin, fruit and milk; or salad bar and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 2 - fried chicken, baked potatoes, vegetable salad and milk.

Friday, Oct. 3 - hunter's breakfast.

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## Studded tire season begins Oct. 25

The Oregon Transportation Commission has approved State Highway Engineer Larry Rulien's recommendation that this year's studded tire season begin October 25 rather than November 1. Officials are asking motorists, however, not to use studded tires unless absolutely necessary because of the damage they cause.

Rulien explained that the earlier date will permit studded tire use by elk hunters if weather conditions warrant. Normally, studded tires must be removed by April 30. State law gives the commission authority to shorten or lengthen the season.

## A different solution offered to productivity problem

In most of the counties in Eastern Oregon, one of the fastest growing occupations is machine operative, says a news release from the Oregon Department of Human Resources. The goal continues to be to make the product or deliver the service with as few inputs as possible.

Maybe the opposite approach deserves exploration, suggests the department, at least in term of human activity. Perhaps what is really inefficient is the use of a mind capable of producing poetry or a new invention simply to push a button.

Those in search of a solution to the productivity problem plaguing the U.S. economy may wish to attempt to design an industrial model that can capture the energy of the Walter Mitty in us all instead of condemning too many to a life of work where self expression is limited to dreams of what is rather than what could be. After all, how many times can one win Le Tour?

One of the difficulties of public sector intervention into the private sector is that unintended market reactions occasionally occur, the office points out. A good example is the current agricultural program to help struggling farmers. The program, which offers an economic incentive to take land out of production, has the unintended side effect of reducing demand for various production support products such as seed, fertilizer, fuel, harvesting labor, and equipment repair.

As a result, some farmers are spared the disastrous consequences of foreclosure or bankruptcy while community support structures are undermined, the department says.

One estimate in Morrow County was that half of the farmers facing bankruptcy have been saved by the federal farm program but that the community was facing sizeable income loss the department says. In some instances the income loss was so severe as to result in the deterioration of farm infrastructure. If the local implement dealer is lost or the local seed provider goes out of business, the costs of production for all who remain will increase.

What seems required, the Department of Human Resources recommends is to have a farm policy based on the needs of entire rural communities instead of narrowly focusing simply on one portion of a problem. This seldom occurs since, for a government attempting to be run like a business, the cost-benefit ratio is difficult to measure and the payoff is indirect. So, instead of comprehensive long term solutions, the department says, those in crisis face a series of stopgap band-aid measures, each one simply shifting the problems to a different portion of the community.

Temporary annual repairs and clean-up at area processors, pushed up the county unemployment rate in July. This will probably drop for August as seasonal operations resume. The stability of the local economy is demonstrated by total employment, which was the same for both this July and last.



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