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W.C.C.C. Golf

WCCC Ladies' Play Tuesday, July 25

Low gross of the field: Pat Edmundson.
Low net of the field: Mary Schoonover.
Least putts of the field: Betty Carlson.

Flight A: low gross Shari Stahl; low net Lynnea Sargent; least putts Eva Kilkenny and Carol Norris.

Flight B: low gross Della Heideman; low net Betty Christman; least putts Suzanne Jepsen.

Flight C: low gross Lorrene Montgomery; low net Jackie Allstott; least putts Loa Henderson.

Chip in: Lorrene Montgomery #1, Betty Carlson #7, Eva Kilkenny #9.
Birdie: Shari Stahl #5.

Willow Creek Country Club Jack and Jill Tournament July 28th, 2000

Twenty couples turned out to play in a four-person Jack and Jill tournament golf scramble at Willow Creek Country Club on July 28.

Results are as follows:
First place with a score of 27 - Duane and Robinai Disque, Bob and Jan McDonald; second place with a score of 28 - Lindsay Ward and Darrin Ployhar, John and Pat Edmundson; third place, a tie with a 29 - Mary Schoonover and Doug Orwick, Betty Christman and Rick Johnston, Tom and Ruby Shear and Carol and Earl Norris; fourth place, a tie with 30 - Shari Stahl and Stub Lewis, Rick and Shelli Britt, Jan and Les Paustian and Gene and Luvilla Sonstegard.

Chip-ins were awarded to Luvilla Sonstegard on #7 and to Shelli Britt on #9. Women's long drive was given to Shari Stahl, men's was given to Gene Sonstegard. K.P. on #9 was given to Doug Orwick.

VBS donates to assisted living

Children attending Bible school, jointly sponsored by All Saints Episcopal, United Methodist, Valby Lutheran and Hope Lutheran churches, collected \$105 in pop cans which they presented to Suzanne Jepsen, representing Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living.

The presentation was pictured in the July 26 G-T.

Heppner pre-school registration

Heppner preschool registration will be held at Heppner DayCare, Inc. on Tuesday, August 22 from 6-7:30 p.m.

The preschool has 20 openings for four year olds and 15 for three year olds. There is a \$10 registration fee.

Four year olds attend Mondays and Tuesdays from 8-11 a.m. Cost is \$50 a month. Three year olds attend Wednesdays from 8-11 a.m. Cost is \$25 a month.

"Come and register your child while your child eats some goodies and plays while becoming familiar with his or her surroundings," said director Merry Brannon.

Call 676-5429 to register.

Chamber teams up with ODOT for highway cleanup

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce is working with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to control litter and improve the appearance of the state highways in the City of Heppner.

The chamber is organizing the effort to pick up and remove unsightly litter and vegetation from the state highway rights-of-way through town four times a year under the ODOT Adopt a Highway Program.

Dates are as follows: August - prior to the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo; October - during the hunting seasons; March - prior to the St. Patrick's Celebration; May - prior to Memorial Day.

Their organizational plan includes: Litter bags will be provided by SOLV (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism) and an invitation to help will be distributed to all businesses and residences along the route prior to the litter pick up date.

The area to be done runs from city limit to city limit on Linden, Main, May and N. Court Streets - 1.3 miles.

Businesses and residents will be requested to deposit the white SOLV litter bags beside highway

sign posts along the route.

The Chamber of Commerce officers, board members and general members will consolidate the SOLV litter bags into the orange ODOT litter bags ready for pick up by ODOT employees the following day.

The days for litter pick up will be publicized in the Heppner Gazette-Times, on Heppner TV Channel 3 and at the Tuesday noon Chamber of Commerce meeting of the week when the litter pickup is done. The day of the week will be adjusted to community activity and work schedules and weather conditions; but generally, will be the Wednesday late afternoon of the designated week, starting at approximately 5 p.m.

Eight Chamber members will carry out the litter bag consolidations part of the project with four people working the route, two to a side, from the northwest city limit and from the east city limit, and ending at the Heppner City Park.

A hot dog/hamburger barbecue or other appropriate ending activity will be held for the chamber volunteers upon completion of the litter pickup and litter bag consolidation.

Chamber representatives will contact and recognize the businesses and residents along the route that have assisted with the effort.

The chamber members will wear orange vests provided by ODOT and will do a safety and procedure briefing before beginning litter bag pickup and consolidation.

Litter patrol signs will be placed at the two start points-by the chamber's project coordinator.

ODOT will provide flags for marking hazardous items for pick up by ODOT employees.

The Chamber litter pick: up will be coordinated with the organizations that have agreed to do Adopt a Highway segments on the highways entering Heppner as follows:

Highway 206/207 south - Central Red Apple Market; Highway 74 east - courthouse union employees; Highway 74/207 northwest- Heppner High, Heppner Elementary School staff, and Mid-Columbia Bus.

Questions may be addressed to the following project coordinators: Scott Strouse, ODOT, 676-5545, or John Edmundson, Heppner Chamber of Commerce, 676-5177.

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far as a member of the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo royalty was at Sisters. There the girls stayed in a cabin that had a hot tub and were able to go hot-tubbing after a long run-in. The cabin was ideal because it had a place right next to it for their horses.

Princess Rachel is looking forward to the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Rodeo August 16-20 where the court will show off their run-in outfits which consist of fawn-colored suede chaps featuring shimmering pink fringe and horseshoes carved on the bottom, a dusty rose long-sleeved shirt, and dark tan slacks. The outfit is

accented with a silver belt buckle, silver earrings, a silver brooch, tan gloves, a tan hat with a tiara and fawn-colored suede rough-out boots.

Princess Rachel encourages everyone to come on out to the fair to enjoy entertainers Lisa Nix and Zac Grooms and the Ed Dailey Variety Show, and especially the kickoff dance which will be held this Friday, August 4, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. The kickoff dance will feature the final appearance of local group, Final Warning, with band members, Jeff Currin, Travis Bellamy, David Bates and Meghan Bailey.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters.

Disagrees with investigative report

To the Editor:
Enclosed find a letter which I would like for you to publish in your newspaper. It is in reference to the investigative report recently completed by the Department of Justice into the activities of the past Lexington Town Council:

To the Council of the Town of Lexington, Oregon:

After reviewing the Investigative Report, I would like to have two items corrected. Since this is a public document, I would like the minutes to reflect the corrected items and also a copy sent to the Attorney General's office, Department of Justice, ATT: Bryon Chatfield, and copy of this letter placed in the permanent minutes of this meeting.

Error #1 Page 10, Paragraph 3: Sheirbon said that it was the 1996-1997 review and discussion with the CPA that caused the council to make changes to the town recorder's bookkeeping practices. Sheirbon indicated that he might have seen a draft of the letter (eventually dated June 19, 1998), from Gerald Moro, CPA, for Barnett and-Moro, or they may have discussed it prior to the town council meeting of May 12, 1998. Sheirbon stated that prior to the letter, he, John Ripple and Bob Taylor were

working with Baker to improve her bookkeeping skills.

I, Bob Taylor, was not involved with the Lexington Town Council from January 1, 1995, to December 31, 1998. I was not involved in any working with Susan Baker to improve her bookkeeping skills and I do not want my name associated with anyone who would fabricate a lie such as that.

Error #2 Document dated 12-31-94: Budget committee raised my salary to \$850.00. I will not take the raise until 1-1-95. At that time I will carryover \$375.00 per month. This I will use at a later time. I will not draw the total amount owing to me at one time or in one year. I will draw this amount out over a couple of years. -Susan L. Baker

I, Bob Taylor, was mayor of Lexington on 12-31-94, but did not attend any meeting that was held Saturday night, New Year's Eve. There was no planned or authorized meeting of the budget committee for that evening. If there was a meeting to make this decision, it was called illegally by someone else.

I am also submitting a copy of this letter to area newspapers plus sending a copy to the Department of Justice.

(s) Robert R. Taylor
Lexington

Baptist youth visit Lexington



A group of 16 youths and four adults from the First Baptist of Kennewick were in town last week helping with local projects and putting on a vacation bible school. Led by youth pastor Jeff Bennett of Kennewick, the group, along with local youth, helped clean up the yards of several elderly people in Heppner, helped stack some firewood and then cleaned up the Lexington town park. The group also put on a vacation bible school at the Lexington Baptist Church. "We find places to go and we take sixth, seventh and eighth graders out to other communities," Bennett said. He said as Christians it teaches the kids positive lessons while working in other communities.

The group stayed at the Lexington church four days, and they also held a sunset worship at the dam one evening.

OTPR seeks concessionaire

Heppner Elks BPOE will no longer be the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo concessionaire.

OTPR is looking for local groups that may be able to provide concessions. For more information, or interested parties may contact Marlene Currin at 676-9711.

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., is notifying all members that nominations are open for the following two director's positions:

For three years:

ZONE NUMBER 1: That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative lying West of the Morrow-Gilliam County line and North of the Township line dividing Townships 3 South and 4 South.

ZONE NUMBER 7: FOSSIL ZONE. That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative within the incorporated city limits of Fossil, Oregon.

The members of the nominating committee are:

ZONE NUMBER 1: Van Rietmann, Condon, Oregon (541) 384-4148

ZONE NUMBER 7: Jeanne Burch, Fossil, Oregon (541) 763-2998

The nominating committee will accept nominations up to and including the last day of August.

Nominees must be members of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. They must reside in, and receive service in the Zone in which they will be running.

August 4th - Friday
Serving Prime Rib Dinner starting at 7 p.m.

August 5th - Saturday
Special Initiation starting at 4 p.m. Candidates are: Bert Houweling, Dewayne Simmons, Brent Gunderson, Brent Wright and Rick Drake.

HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Come help us celebrate

DON GREENUP'S 76th BIRTHDAY

with a party on August 5th
from 4-9 p.m., Johnson Creek.

Bring chairs, a potluck dish and beverage.
Meat will be furnished.

For directions, call Tag at 376-8358.

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Morrow County Fair & Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo

KICK - OFF DANCE

Friday, August 4th, 7:30 p.m. until Midnight

Final Warning members (B L-R) Travis Bellamy, David Bates, Jeff Currin and Meghan Bailey (Angela Munkers not pictured)

Featuring **FINAL WARNING**
in their final performance!

Plus, enjoy a free meal before the dance, starting at 6:30 p.m.