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### Jack and Jill tourney set

The Willow Creek Country Club golfers will have a Jack and Jill mini-tournament on Friday, June 29, at 6 p.m.

The activity will involve male and female couples playing in a nine-hole modified couples type of play with the format determined by the committee in charge.

Prizes will be awarded for low

scores and special events.

The charge will be \$3 per couple for members and \$10 per couple for non-members.

Light snacks will be provided by the committee in charge.

Hosts are Dave and Deborah Kendrick, Mike and Barb Orwick and Loren and Della Heideman.

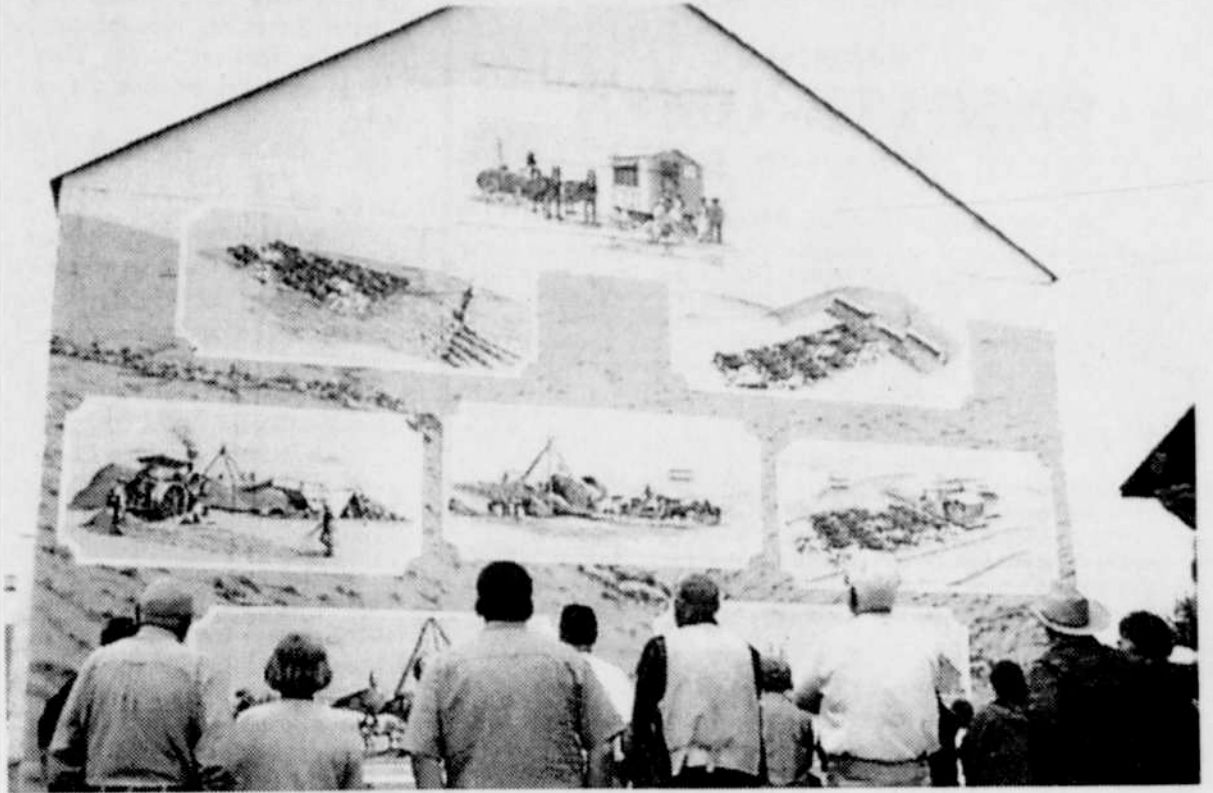
### News deadline moved up for Fourth

The news deadline for the July 3 Gazette-Times will be this Friday, June 30, at 5 p.m.

The advertising deadline will be Monday, July 2, at noon.

The G-T staff wishes everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July holiday.

### Agricultural Museum and mural dedicated



Scenes of the mural at the Agricultural Museum depict farming in early Morrow County. The mural was painted by artist Robert Thomas with the assistance of his daughters.



Donors funding the mural at the new Agricultural Museum in Heppner were honored in a dedication ceremony at the museum Tuesday. Pictured are (left to right): back-Dick Wilkinson, Ken Turner, Cliff Green, Millie Rauch, Irv Rauch, Ken Grieb, Bill Jepsen, representing the Doby's family, Bob Harrison, Carlisle Harrison and Lawrence Harrison; and front-Virginia Wilkinson, Jean Ann Turner, Virginia Grieb, Carrie Grieb, holding baby Claire, Geri Grieb and Al and Bev Wright. The Wilkinson, Turner, Green, Rauch, Doby's, Harrison, Grieb and Wright families, all prominent in the county's farming heritage, each donated \$3,000 to fund painting of a section of the mural.

### Judge rules against Lewis and Lindsay

An Oregon judge has ruled in favor of the Morrow County School District versus two school board members whose residency has come into question.

Senior Judge Warner V. Wasley ruled June 26 that board members Barney Lindsay and Keith Lewis did not reside in the school district zones from which they were elected. His action came after a hearing requested by the board on June 19.

Judge Wasley said that the school board did not have the authority to declare an election invalid, but added that the "Morrow County School Board has no choice but to declare their (Lindsay's and Lewis') offices vacant."

Lindsay and Lewis' attorneys said at the June 19 hearing that they would not abide by the judge's decision and planned to take the issue to circuit court.

In a statement to the Gazette on Tuesday, Lindsay commented, "We are disappointed by the action of the board hearings officer. We expected both to follow the law and to prevent the majority from removing their dissenting colleagues from office. We did, and do, not believe that this power exists for the Board. We will take all appropriate actions to reverse this action and give the voters of Morrow County the Board members they elected."

School Superintendent Bruce Anderson declined to comment on the issue, and Lewis could not be reached for comment.

The board could choose to declare the two positions vacant at their next meeting this Thursday, June 28, or could defer the matter.

Judge Wasley said that although there was "room for improvement in the language" describing Zone 4, from which Lewis was elected, it was clear that Lewis' residence at 440 Terrace Drive in Heppner was

outside Zone 4.

Judge Wasley said that Lindsay, who lives in the Lexington area, is a resident of Zone 2 and not Zone 6 from which he was elected and now serves.

In his decision concerning Lindsay, Judge Wasley stated, "Actions often speak louder than words. In this case, Mr. Lindsay has lived too long in Zone 2 for that location not to be considered his legal residence. He has lived at his grandmother's former residence since 1997. It is critical that he has done extensive remodeling of that residence, and he has advanced the costs of that remodeling. It is hard to believe that he, his wife and two children would return to a manufactured home on Lindsay Feedlot Lane, which now is occupied by another person. If Mr. Lindsay were allowed to continue to represent Zone 6 on the School Board, it would be a mockery of the zoning system established years ago by the District. It would also disrupt the pattern of representation and be unfair to the citizens of Zone 6 who would not have a representative on the board from that zone."

The residency issue came under review by the district when it received an anonymous letter charging that Lindsay did not live within Zone 6, but actually resided within Zone 2.

Upon investigation of residences of the remaining board members, the district discovered that Lewis did not live in Zone 4, but actually Zone 6.

Lindsay has served on the board for six years and Lewis, two. An earlier investigation determined that Lindsay lived in Zone 6.

Recall petitions for three other board members, Gary Frederickson, Boardman, Pat McNamee, Irrigon, and John Rietmann, Lone, were initiated by Mike Armato, Heppner, and Marcia Kemp, Lexington, following the board's decision to

seek an independent judge's decision concerning the matter. With the term of long-time board member Dwayne Carroll, Irrigon area, concluding June 30, only one member of the current board remains unchallenged. Board member Julie Weikel, Boardman, is legally protected from recall, since she has not yet served six months on the board.

John Renfro, Lexington, defeated Carroll in the last election and will assume a position on the board in July.

While the board decries the "north-south" issue, people in the south Morrow County community have speculated that Renfro may tip the board toward a more sympathetic view of South Morrow County.

Armato told the Gazette earlier that while the residency issue precipitated the recall effort, dissatisfaction with the board and Superintendent Bruce Anderson began after the board voted to cut teachers, mainly from south-end schools, to balance the district's budget. Schools in Heppner and Lone have shown a downward trend in student population, while the student population in north end schools in Irrigon and Boardman have shown general growth.

A review of superintendent Bruce Anderson's performance began in executive session at Monday's board meeting at Riverside High School in Boardman. The board took no action concerning Anderson, however, and continued his review until July 9. By that time, Carroll will have left the board and Renfro will have assumed office.

The board also did not conclude their regular meeting Monday and will continue that meeting to this Thursday, June 28, at 7 p.m. at Riverside High School.

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>** Let Us Stand Proudly

## June 4th of July and Blues Festival

"BIG-TIME MUSIC, SMALL-TOWN HOSPITALITY"

Honoring Our World War II Veterans

### Schedule of Events:

#### TUESDAY, JULY 3rd

- 9:30 a.m. Annual 4th of July Golf Tournament at the Willow Creek County Club \$30 per golfer. Contact Jim Swanson, 422-7410.
- 8:00 p.m. Music in the Lone City Park: "WOOD" featuring Dustin Padberg, Jeff Enyetich and Dave Anderson. Plus, sample different treats from the food vendors at the park.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th

- 7:00 a.m. DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT FUN RUN starting at the Lone School Contact Dale Holland, 676-5034.
- 7:30 a.m. Muffins and Coffee in the park, sponsored by ICABO
- 10:00 a.m. Horseshoe Tournament Contact Monty Crum, 422-7286.
- 11:00 a.m. 4th of July PARADE: "Big-Time Music, Small-Town Hospitality" Grand Marshals: World War II Veterans The Blues Cruise Classic Car Show Contact Chuck Nelson, 989-8148.
- 12 noon ALL DAY EVENTS plus food vendors in the park Pie and Coffee in the Fire Hall, sponsored by the Catholic Ladies, Children's Games, Frog Jumping, Straw Money Pile (ages 3-8) Dunk Tank from noon to 2 p.m. (Contact Theresa Hams, 422-7038), Tricycle Races (Contact Terry Mewhinney, 422-7259), and Bingo (Contact Harold Rietmann, 422-7472)
- 2:00 p.m. Swimming at the Lone Pool (there is a charge)
- 2:00 p.m. Blues Music in the Park featuring... TOO LOOSE, ROBBIE LAWS, TOO SLIM & THE TAILDRAGGERS, and featuring SONNY RHODES
- Dusk Fireworks! Music will stop prior to the fireworks PLEASE NO DOGS! and PLEASE NO FIREWORKS IN THE PARK!

Blues Music Sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District

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