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Some Do/Some Don't Ecumenical Golf Scramble announced

If you are looking for a different type of golf event then sign up for the Some Do/Some Don't Ecumenical golf scramble to be held on Oct. 6. It's a bit different than your regular scramble. It is a quick nine-hole event but participants' scores are only counted on five of the holes. The catch is you don't know which five count until you are finished. Also, to make it even a bit more of a challenge and interesting, names will be drawn from a hat to make up the teams. Cost to enter is \$15 per person. There will be a putting

contest also, with the winner getting half the pot of money. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. with tee off at 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by Valby Lutheran Church of Ione, Hope Lutheran Church of Heppner and All Saints Episcopal Church of Heppner.

Winners will be announced and a potluck dinner open to everyone will start at about 3:30 p.m. The event and potluck are open to everyone. Any proceeds that are raised will go to the three churches high school youth group, which is open to anyone in grades 9-12.

BMCC offers classes in Heppner

Fall classes are underway at Blue Mountain Community College, including a selection of classes being offered in the Heppner area.

Beginning Golf is scheduled to begin this Thursday, Sept. 26, at Willow Creek Country Club starting at 6 p.m. The class will last for six weeks and will cover the fundamentals of the game. Cost is \$30 plus a \$20 temporary membership to WCCC for non-members.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I class started this past Tuesday, Sept. 24, but it may not be too late for interested students to join. Call 422-7040 for more information.

A Fitness Orientation is set for Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Pioneer Physical Therapy Office at Pioneer Memorial Hospital beginning at 6 p.m. This class is intended to orient students to the different fitness machines available for use at the physical therapy office and also to explain the hours and cost of the facility. All fitness levels are encouraged to attend this session. Cost is \$5 for initial orientation class.

Beginning Computers is

a three-week class starting Thursday, Oct. 3, followed by a two-week course, Internet for Beginners. Both classes will be held at Ione High School from 4-6 p.m.

Small Business Counseling is set for Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Morrow County School District Office in Lexington. Students interested in starting their own business are offered the chance to meet individually with a Small Business Development Center Counselor at no cost.

Later in the term, a 55 Alive Class and a Christmas Wreath class will be offered.

For more information or to register for a class, contact BMCC coordinator for South Morrow County, Anne Morter, at 422-7040.

Birth announcement

Haylee Dawn Schneider - a daughter, Haylee Dawn Schneider, was born Sept. 11, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, to Kristina Jo Janssen and Christopher Scott Schneider of Irrigon.

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. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

Support for Betty Gray

To the Editor:
We are writing a letter of support for Betty Gray.

Betty has been and continues to be, a very positive force in our Morrow County communities. She has unselfishly given of her time and energy for the good of all of us, even those who can only point out the negative.

Betty has served as Ione's mayor. She has been an active force in the areas of tourism and economic development, a member of the

Topic Club, the Ione Booster Club, and the United Church of Christ as a moderator and a Christian educator. She has also been a teacher in our Morrow County schools. The list could go on and on.

The point is that Betty has done and continues to do a lot of good for all of us. Let's give her our encouragement and support.

(s) Pat Edmundson and
Suzanne Jepsen
Heppner

2002 General Election candidates in

The general election will be held on Nov. 5. Morrow County ballot boxes will be located at the following sites: Heppner, at the Morrow County Court House Clerk's Office; Ione, at the Bank of Eastern Oregon; Lexington, at the Public Works Building; Irrigon, at the Justice Court lobby; and Boardman, at the Behavioral Health Building. All box locations will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day, except for Bank of Eastern Oregon, which will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Morrow County Court House Clerk's Office, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Candidates this year will be:

United States Senator: Lon Mabon (Constitution), Bill Bradbury (D), Gordon H. Smith (R), and Dan Fitzgerald (Libertarian).

United States Representative in Congress, 2nd Congressional District: Mike Wood (Libertarian), Greg Walden (R), and Peter Buckley (D).

Oregon Governor: Kevin L. Mannix (R), Tom Cox (Libertarian), and Ted Kulongoski (D).

State Representative, 57th District: Greg Smith (R) and Elizabeth Scheeler (D).

Morrow County Commissioner, Position No. 2: Ray Grace (R) and Barbara B. Bloodworth (D).

Judge of the Oregon Tax Court: Henry C. Brethaupt (D)

Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Director: Zone 1: Pat Suter and Joe Taylor; **Zone 4:** Brian Doherty; and **Zone 5:** Judy Barber.

City of Heppner: Mayor: Bob Jepsen; City Councilor, Position No. 1: Cynthia R. Doherty; City Councilor, Position No. 2: Marian F. Murchison; City Councilor, Position No. 4: Tim VanCleave; City Councilor, Position No. 5: Thomas F. Wolff; and City Councilor, Position No. 6: No candidate filed.

City of Lexington: Mayor: Ron G. McDowell; City Councilor, Position No. 3: Jim Nelson and Marcia Kemp; and City Councilor, Position No. 4: Jean M. Brazell.

City of Ione: Mayor: Betty L. Gray and Gayle Eynetch; City Councilor, Position No. 3: Richard L. Graham; City Councilor, Position No. 4: Mark Bruno and Samuel A. Backman; City Councilor,

Position No. 5: Dennis Stefani; and **City Councilor, Position No. 6:** Cathy Gates and James L. Swanson.

City of Boardman: City Councilor: Ed Glenn, Curtis J. Mosman, Pam Neal, William (Bill) C. Brown, T. Michael Tallman, Gene Allen, and Don Vandeventer.

City of Irrigon: City Councilor: John Swanson, Arnold Joseph Theisen, Donald W. Hurd, and Robert Flournoy.

Also on the ballot this year will be the following measures:

- 14- removal of historical racial references in obsolete sections of the Oregon constitution;
- 15- authorizes state to issue general obligation bonds for seismic rehabilitation of public education buildings;
- 16- authorizes state to issue general obligation bonds for seismic rehabilitation of emergency services buildings;
- 17- reduces minimum age requirement to serve as state legislator from 21 years to 18 years;
- 18- allows certain tax districts to establish permanent property tax rates and divide into tax zones;
- 21- revises procedure for filing judicial vacancies, electing judges and allows vote for "none of the above";
- 22- requires Oregon Supreme Court judges to be elected by district;
- 23- creates health care finance plan for medically necessary services, creates additional income and payroll taxes;
- 24- allows licensed denturists to install partial dentures (replacement teeth) and authorizes cooperative dentist-denturist business ventures;
- 25- increases Oregon minimum wage to \$6.90 in 2003 and increases for inflation in future years;
- 26- prohibits payment, receipt of payment based on the number of initiative, referendum petition signatures obtained;
- 27- requires label of genetically-engineered foods (as defined) sold or distributed in or from Oregon; and
- 25-41- elimination of electoral zones for recreation district.

Public hearing canceled

The Morrow County Planning Commission public hearing scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m., at the Morrow County School District Building in Lexington, has been canceled.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Morrow County Planning Commission is Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Irrigon.

For more information call the Planning Department office at 922-4624 or 676-9061 ext. 5503.

Marriage Licenses

Aug. 6: Joshua Glen Vandecar, 20, Umatilla and Amie Marie Swanson, 19, Umatilla.

Aug. 12: Mervin Orvial Hussey, 27, Irrigon and Crystal Faith Dumler, 23, Irrigon.

Aug. 16: Kent Michael Jones, 21, Keizer and Jody Ann McDaniel, 19, Rexburg, Idaho; Modesto Calderone Ortiz, 22, Hermiston and Roberta Carol Flores, 39, Hermiston.

Aug. 23: Leland "Blair" Purcell, 44, Boardman and Shirley Gwen Parker, 45, Umatilla.

Aug. 26: Colin Anderson, 24, Lexington and Erin Marie Melton, 23, Lexington.

Aug. 30: Richard Lee Smith, 39, Umatilla and Crystal Anne Fierce, 30, Umatilla; Salas Nunes Reyes, 49, Umatilla and Elma Salas Rafael, 35, Umatilla; Marcelino Martinez, 23, Umatilla and Silvia Nava, 24, Hermiston.

Sept. 3: Joseph Aaron Steinbruck, 21, Hermiston and Jennifer Marie Eidem, 23, Hermiston.

Sept. 5: Alvaro Eloy Ramirez, 25, Hermiston and Amy Danell Montoya, 28, Hermiston.

Sept. 10: Chester D. Brooks, 47, Irrigon and Sharen Jean Hinz, 54, Irrigon.

Sept. 12: Welson Eduuiges Sandoval, 23 and Laura Celia Rodriguez, 21; Kyle Lindley Killingbeck, 23, Prineville and Anne Carissa Tretheway, 25, Prineville.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business:

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse has released the following report:

- Farias Noe Godinez, 18, Grandview, WA, VBR 83/55 and driving uninsured, \$264 fine.
- Christopher J. Defrancesco, 24, Firebaugh, CA, VBR 60/45, \$77 fine and VBR 89/55, \$242 fine.
- Henry Alonzo Childers, 79, Ione, VBR 77/55, \$77 fine.
- Georgia Carlleena Rathbun, 56, Heppner, VBR 76/55, \$132 fine.
- Juan A. Lemus, 22, Irrigon, VBR 74/55 and failure to carry vehicle registration, \$136 fine.
- Phillip Lawyer, Sr., 64, Lapwai, ID, no operators license, \$202 fine.
- John Patrick Torgeson, 55, Canby, truck speed 69/55, \$77 fine.
- Naomi Ruth Donohoe, 72, Heppner, failure to stop at stop sign, \$132 fine.

WVSC October schedule listed

Speakers Victor VanderDoes and Steve Rhea, and club business are on the agendas of the Willow Valley Service Club meetings in October at John's Other Place in Heppner. Meeting times are 12 noon-1 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 3, the business meeting includes decisions regarding the Artifactory preparation for Nov. 23.

On Thursday, Oct. 10, Victor VanderDoes, Morrow County Health District administrator, will give the club an update of the health district. VanderDoes, a native of Michigan, came to Heppner three years ago to assume his current position. He and his wife, Nancy, have two grown daughters. His interests include woodworking, travel and sailing.

On Thursday, Oct. 17, Heppner native Steve Rhea will speak on "Life as a Volunteer Firefighter." He and his wife, Molly, have two children, Macy and Trevor. Rhea has been a volunteer firefighter for 13 years and holds the rank of captain. He is an insurance agent with Wheatland Insurance and names his hobbies as fishing and hunting.

Any interested person may attend these no-host lunch meetings.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes,
Chamber Executive Director

There was a story about a teacher who asked her class, "If all the bad children were colored red, and all the good children were colored green, what color would you be?" "Striped," answered one wise child. And aren't we all becoming more striped with each day that passes, not necessarily because we are bad and good because that's in the eye of the beholder, but due more to our diversity of ideas!

There's a nursery rhyme too, that goes, "when she was good, she was very, very good, and when she was bad, she was horrid." Then there's yet another story about warm fuzzies and cold pricklies. Regardless, the bottom line is Heppner is composed of a wonderful variety of individuals, all of whom want the best for the community but are not necessarily in agreement as to what that might be. As an example, our legislators have received almost an equal number of calls from Heppner saying, "don't raise taxes" to calls saying, "you must raise taxes." Do we have a definite color here, or are we striped? We can look back at decisions that had a gigantic impact on the future of Heppner and we would have to conclude that we are indeed a community of great diversity and individualism.

Given that quality, how do we as individuals come together to bring business to Heppner? What is our competition for shopping locally? What is our competition for tourism? How do we find something uniquely ours to share with others? What can our businesses do to bring in customers? How do we instill pride in Main Street Heppner? The feeling of a community is exemplified in many ways, from sportsmanship at games, to customer service, to how we speak of our hometown. What is it you like best about your town and have you thought about what we as individuals can do to keep good things going here?

Remember, \$1 spent locally means it turns over seven times before it leaves town. That means it keeps paychecks coming, pays taxes, supports schools, contributes to organizations and churches, and the list goes on. Personally, I want that to happen in my own hometown, the address on my return envelope, the place where my friends run businesses, teach kids, farm, practice the religion of their choice. It's home! It's where there are a lot of great looking striped people and we want to keep it that way, with a warm fuzzies attitude and a plan to move forward.

Next time you drive into Heppner, please look at it through the eyes of a visitor, or pretend you are selling it to a prospective business or someone who wants to move here. What would you say, what would you do? Share your ideas. Together we can make a difference. Just look around at all the things we zebras, tigers, cats, etc. have accomplished even with our diversity. Let's get going with a positive attitude and Heppner will continue to be alive and vibrant. Celebrate our many successes and "keep on trucking."

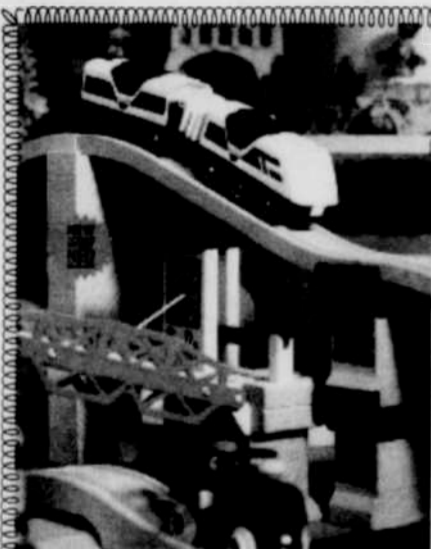
4-H News

The Bakery Boys 4-H Club

By Eric Jepsen, Reporter

The Bakery Boys 4-H Club recently held their last two meetings of the 4-H year. On Friday, Sept. 6, the Bakery Boys met at the First Christian Church in Heppner. Leader Nancy Jepsen handed out record book materials and members discussed how to do record books.

On Friday, Sept. 20, the Bakery Boys met at the All Saints Episcopal Church. Members talked about getting record books turned in on time and what to do next year in the club. All members -which include Alex Carson, Drew Johnson, Matt and Bryan Holland, and Eric Jepsen- took home a questionnaire sheet to complete to help plan next year's activities.



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September 26th ~ Thursday HUNTERS NIGHT. Barbecue Ribs with all the fixings. There will be a drawing for a 270 Savage Rifle with Scope, plus many more prizes. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., Lodge starts at 8 p.m. This year's Hunters Night will be dedicated to the memory of Jerry Dougherty, a 43-year member of Heppner Elks. Members and out-of-town guests only.
HUNTERS: save your deer hides!
Barrels will be located in Heppner, Lexington and Ione.

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