

## Over the Tee Cup BMCC to award scholarships

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies held their final fall play day of the year on Sept. 27. Fifteen ladies came out to participate in a cross-country scramble activity, followed by a salad luncheon and business meeting.

New officers for 2006 were elected and are as follows: President, Pat Edmundson, Vice-President, Eva Kilkenny, Secretary-Treasurer, Virginia Grant, Board Members, Pat Dougherty, Suzanne Jepsen and Corol Mitchell.

Awards for the year were given out to Pat Edmundson, Club Champion, and Virginia Grant, Eddi Skow Champion.

The Eclectic Most Improved Award went to Pat Dougherty, with Janice Paustian, second, and Luvilla Sonstegard, Virginia Grant, and Lorrene Montgomery tied for third. Eva Kilkenny and Janice Paustian tied for most birdies for the year with Virginia Grant, second.

Most chip-ins was Pat Edmundson, first, and Virginia Grant, second.

A very successful cross-country scramble was won by the team of Luvilla Sonstegard, Virginia Grant and Karen Bishop.

There was a three-way tie for second, with the teams of Lorrene Montgomery, Janice Paustian, Lynnea Sargent/Pat Dougherty, Sandi Hanna, Loa Henderson/Pat Edmundson, Suzanne Jepsen and Sherree Mahoney.

The team of Corol Mitchell, Linda Riney, and Bernice Lott came in third.

Special events were: K.P. #1, Lorrene Montgomery; K.P. #7, Lorrene Montgomery, Janice Paustian and Lynnea Sargent, Longest Putt #4, Luvilla Sonstegard.

It was decided to meet each Tuesday in October at 10 a.m. for an informal game of golf, weather permitting.

The first day of organized play in 2006 will be on Tuesday, April 4.

## Cake solves green tomato surplus

Blue Mountain Community College Foundation awarded over \$81,000 in scholarship to 39 BMCC students for the 2005-06 academic year.

According to BMCC Foundation director Karen Hill, the scholarships were funded by private gifts, endowment earnings, foundation grants, and proceeds from the foundation's annual golf tournament.

Shawn Dirksen, Boardman, was selected as the recipient of the Bob Rietmann Scholarship for \$1,000 and a \$500 Ron & Eileen Daniels Scholarship. Dirksen graduated from Riverside High School and is enrolled in the associate of arts Oregon transfer degree program at BMCC. Dirksen is also a member of the BMCC Timberwolves' baseball team.

The foundation expects to award over \$115,000 in scholarships this year. Hill noted that two Bi-Mart Retail Management scholarships will be awarded winter term, along with additional scholarships for agriculture students, a PHS woman athlete and other general scholarships for full-time students. A grant from Oregon Community Foundation for \$15,000 will also fund \$100 scholarships for working students who are attending BMCC full or part-time. The application deadline is October.

Students interested in applying can find applications on the BMCC website [www.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu). For more information, Karen Hill can be reached at 278-5775.

With the weather turning and gardens caught in the transition, people may be left with a few green tomatoes.

Floss Watkins of Heppner has the perfect solution, "Green Tomato Cake." Following is Floss' recipe:

### Green Tomato Cake

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 cups grated green tomatoes

Sift all dry ingredients together. Add oil and eggs. Mix well. Stir in grated tomatoes. Bake in a well-greased 9x13 pan or bundt pan at 350 degrees for one hour.

### Frosting

- 1/2 stick margarine or butter
- 1 8-ounce package softened cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1-1/2 cups (about) powdered sugar

Cream margarine and cream cheese. Add vanilla and mix. Beat in powdered sugar, adding enough so that frosting is a nice spreading consistency.

## Ione K-3 family swim night a big hit



Kindergartners get ready to show off skills while parents look on.



Hannah Flynn hitches a ride from teacher, Melissa LaRue.

Ione first grader, Hannah Padberg, floats for fun.

Students in kindergarten through third grade showed off their diving, floating and other swimming skills to their families at the Ione Community School pool on Sept. 22.

Students in all grades receive swim instruction during physical education for one hour a day during the first month of school. Swimming is taught by the classroom or PE teacher and the students are treated to pool temperatures of 75-85 degrees for an hour of fun with their classmates.

Some tasks in the pool include the deep water swim test, jumping or diving off the diving board and side of the pool, sitting on the bottom of the pool, floating on your back, and swimming across the pool using proper technique. Over 30 parents watched students display their mastered skills and then everyone, including siblings, were able to join in the fun.

## Forestry Dept. ends some fire restrictions

The fire restrictions imposed by regulated use closure issued for Northeast Oregon District of the Oregon Department of Forestry was terminated due to the normal fall weather patterns and the recent rainfall, as of noon Friday, September 30.

The termination of the closure applies to private, state, county, municipal, and tribal lands within the Northeast Oregon Fire Protection District in all of Union, Baker, Wallowa, and Umatilla counties, and portions of Malheur, Grant, and Morrow counties.

With the termination of regulated use closure, restrictions on activities such as woodcutting and campfires have been lifted.

The cooler, wetter weather is a factor, but the trend does not eliminate the fire danger for the remainder of the fall, said the release.

The rainfall received over the weekend has lowered the fire danger

rating, however, fire season restrictions are still in place and need to be heeded.

"It is important to use caution in all aspects of forest activity, no matter what time of year it is. During fire season, leaving a campfire unattended or not extinguished is against the law. Campfires need to be completely out before leaving them," stated Mitch Williams, Oregon Department of Forestry Protection Unit forester.

As a reminder, burning permits are required on all private forest and range lands for slash or debris burns. Logging and other industrial fire operations must meet requirements for fire prevention, such as fire tools, water supply and watchman service.

Campfires must be DEAD OUT and not left unattended; get permission from the private landowner before starting a campfire as some private lands open to the public may have different restrictions in place.

Check on restrictions of the different lands before your planned activity.

For further information, contact Oregon Department of Forestry at these local offices: La Grande Unit (541) 963-3168; Baker City Sub-Unit (541) 523-5831; Wallowa Unit, (541) 886-2881; Pendleton Unit (541) 276-3491.

To report a fire, contact: Northeast Oregon Dispatch, (541) 963-7171; Pendleton Interagency Coordination Center, (541) 278-3732; or, call 9-1-1.

## Think tank to focus on rural Oregon issues

The libertarian Cascade Policy Institute has launched a new project to advance freedom in rural America, according to a Cascade Policy Institute news release.

The Rural Oregon Freedom Project is directed by Angela Eckhardt from her home in Lostine, Oregon (population 230).

"This project looks at freedom-related issues that are of specific interest to rural Oregonians," said Eckhardt. "We'll cover agriculture issues, public lands, local control, property rights, educational freedom, gun rights and more."

"The desire for freedom is already very strong in rural areas. We'll be tapping into this and building on it," said Eckhardt.

"We'd like to see rural Oregon communities recapture their pioneering spirit of independence, and really stand as beacons of hope and freedom to the rest of the state," she said.

Eckhardt worked at Cascade from 1998 to 2002, when she relocated from Portland to Wallowa County in Northeast Oregon. Her family raises poultry and livestock guardian dogs.

Eckhardt, in addition to her Cascade work, writes a regular column for the small acreage page of the agricultural newspaper Capital Press.

Rural Oregonians are invited to contact Eckhardt with their biggest freedom-related policy concerns. She may be reached at P.O. Box 94, Lostine, Oregon, 97857; 541-569-2012; [angela@cascadepolicy.org](mailto:angela@cascadepolicy.org).

The Cascade Policy Institute is based in Portland and specializes in free-market policy analysis. It is a nonprofit research and educational organization.

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