

Volunteer maintains Waterland Field



Dave Zachry

With a little help from the abundant spring rains and a lot of help from volunteer Dave Zachry, the George Waterland Little League Field is beginning to take the shape of a miniature major league baseball ballpark.

"Zachry, a Forest Service retiree, donates countless hours each week mowing and maintaining the field so the players have a terrific place to practice and

play their games," said a Little League spokesperson. "Given the excellent condition of the field, it's apparent he takes a lot of pride in his work."

When asked if he's enjoying retirement, Zachry commented jovially, "It's not too bad, it's just that I never get a day off. This is the third year Zachry has taken care of the field. He begins mowing in March and continues through October.

Park District Funding Helps With Ione Pool



Anne Morter, Ione School Board member accepts a check for \$5000 from Skip Matthews, Willow Creek Park District Board President. Photo by Lorrie Fox.

The Willow Creek Park District has entered into an agreement with the Ione School District to help fund the Ione Pool. "When the Ione Pool was in financial difficulty under the old unified school district, the park district was able to step up and assist financially," said Skip Matthews, WCPD Board president. "The Park District was approached by the Ione School District to again assist with funding for the pool and we are glad to be in a position to do that," Matthews said.

The WCPD Board voted to enter into a three year agreement to assist with up to \$10,000 per year with pool operations in Ione. "The Ione Pool, although not technically under the management of the Park District is an important part of the district's community," said Matthews.

"The Ione School District inherited the pool from the old school district and has made the commitment to continue its operation," said Bryn Browning, Ione School District superintendent. "As resources for the educational goals of the school district are foremost on our agenda we are grateful for the park district's commitment to us for recreational activities."

"Both pools are up and running now that the weather is turning out," said Matthews. "The park district is proud to be a part of that."

Births

Narin Shane Stone-A son, Narin Shane, was born to Daye and Michelle Stone, Heppner, on May 29, 2006, at Kadlec Medical Center, Richland, WA. The baby weighed 7 lbs. and measured 19-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Larry and Cindy Stone, Days Creek, OR, and Conrad and Nancy Gunderson, Choteau, MT. He joins sisters Nalani, six, and Naleah, five, and brother, Noah, two.

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Salem Boys Choir to sing in Ione July 2



The Salem Boys Choir will sing during the Ione Fourth of July Celebration on Sunday, July 2, at 7 p.m. at the Ione Community Church.

Founded in 1986 by current Artistic Director Darrell James, the choir includes boys around the Willamette Valley in Oregon. They perform for local, regional, national and international events and are finishing their 20th season.

The choir has hosted five boy choir festivals in Salem; staged their own full production of the musical "Oliver"; performed in New York in the Broadway touring production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"; sung many times with the Portland Opera, recently in "Pagliaggi", "Carmina Burana" and "Tosca", participated in the prestigious Oregon Bach Festival in Britten's "War Requiem" and Bach's "Saint Matthew Passion."

The choir has toured throughout the United States, Canada, Austria, Czech Republic, England, and Wales, visiting choirs and participating in festivals. Ten years ago the

choir visited Prague and Hradec Kralove, spending time with the "Jitro Children's Choir" in their summer camp. Having attended AmericaFest twice in Minnesota, the Salem Boys Choir was proud to again be a part of AmericaFest 2004 in the Czech Republic. Touring in Austria before going to the festival, they spent time with the Vienna Choir Boys at their camp. In turn, they welcomed the Vienna boys to their community in March 2005.

Darrell James, founder and artistic director of the Salem Boys Choir, serves as Northwest Chair of the American Choral Directors Association's Boychoir Committee, past national chair, and coordinator for the first National Honors Boychoir in 1995 in Washington, D.C. Prior to founding the choir, James taught music in public schools for over 20 years. He holds BA and MA degrees in music education and is a retired diaconal minister of music in the United Methodist Church. He is married to Anna Lee who assists with the choir and they are the proud grandparents of seven.

Obituaries

Donald Eugene Bennett

Donald Eugene Bennett, Lt Cdr. USN, Ret., 83, died Sunday, June 25, 2006, in Pensacola, Florida.

A visitation will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, June 30, 2006, at Harper Morris Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Barrancas National Cemetery, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.

Mr. Bennett grew up in Heppner, and attended the University of Oregon before joining the Navy. He started his naval career in the V-12 Program in the 1940s. He attended specialized training in Oakland, California, at Harvard University in Boston and the Naval War College in New Port, Rhode Island. He served four years from 1964-1968 in Japan. Other duty stations were Alaska, the Philippines, Nevada, and Washington, D.C. His last duty station was Whiting Field, Milton, Florida. After retiring from the Navy in 1969, he worked for Escambia County School system at Washington High School for 18 years.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Mildred

McCaskill Bennett; his son, Billy Glenn Suttle and daughter-in-law, Ann Love Suttle; grandchildren, Ashton Bennett Suttle of Charleston, South Carolina, Elizabeth Ruby Suttle of Auburn, Alabama, and Joseph Eugene Suttle and his wife, Dana Mast Suttle of Denver, Colorado. He also is survived by two great-grandsons, Cody Edward-Rio Suttle of Auburn, Carson Joseph Suttle of Denver; and a brother, Robert A. Bennett of Portland. He was preceded in death by parents Lola May Matteson and Edgar Allen Bennett.

Local students named to UI dean's list

The University of Idaho has named 2,221 students to the spring 2006 dean's list. To be eligible for this honor, undergraduate students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better in 12 or more graded credit hours during one semester. Law students must earn a 3.0 gpa in 10 or more graded credit hours.

Local students who have received this honor include: Madison Shay Bailey, Heppner; and Jamie Elizabeth Vanden Brink, Ione.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes June 25, 2006

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. Yes, I am retiring. You read it in the Gazette some months ago, maybe even years, as I started thinking along these lines in 2002. Notice I use the word retiring rather than resigning. In my mind, resigning means one is fed up with the job or has been asked to leave.

Retiring means that you suddenly realized that your body and life's milestones are reminding you that you aren't getting any younger even though you don't always act your age. Retiring means that you are fully aware that it's time for new ideas, new energy, and new ways of doing things in your occupation. It's time for a new face at the helm. People around 60 tend to get set in their ways. Don't put us out to pasture, though, because I see many really hard working age 60-80-plus still volunteering, working, and making a huge difference in our community every day.

Retiring means that I will have no good reasons not to clean my closets, sort my bags, write that book, go back to sewing, spend time with my 87-year-old mother, have more giggles with my grandchildren and spend more time with my independent husband having some new adventures. Retiring means that I can volunteer to read to children at the school, help out here and there, garden, go to events and sit back and enjoy them instead of stressing that I forgot to do something. Retiring means I can sit at the other end of the Chamber luncheon table and try to keep quiet.

Retiring means that maybe I'll be less likely to forget where I parked my car or think someone ripped off my computer cartridges while they were in my computer.

Retiring means I will volunteer more, as I have asked others to do over the years. It's get even time for them. Retiring means finishing up Cycle Oregon and working with the St. Pat's Board of Directors toward the 25th celebration. Retiring means I can speak up with an opinion, write to the newspaper, and go to Salem, as an individual rather than for the Heppner Chamber. I will speak for myself ("as if she didn't already, you may be thinking"). Hopefully, it was in line with the thinking of Chamber members also. I have always believed that one should not be two different people at their job and away from their job. We are who we are with the blessing of having great learning opportunities from others if we remember to listen. (Some of us are just born more vocal than others.) Retiring means I'm going to try to be a better listener. Remind me.

Retiring means I will miss the diversity of a great job which allowed me to get to know new and different personalities of locals and visitors alike. Don't let me get set in my ways. Remind me to leave the ranch and come to town periodically. Remind me that staying involved keeps one "young at heart" and connected. Remind me to pitch in and help the Chamber continue to be a vital part of Heppner, "a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a positive environment where business, community, and people thrive."

Thank you for a wonderful, humorous, sometimes stressful, and always rewarding 20 years. Thank you to my family and to my friends and all the terrific volunteers. Thank you for helping me grow to love Heppner, its people and its amenities. I will continue to do so and I hope to see some parts change and some stay the same. Most of all I hope that more and more folks will be open to weighing both sides of issues, to accepting new ideas, to welcoming visitors, to shopping locally, to working with my replacement, and to making the most of this wonderful community in the heart of Morrow County. Onward and upward.

Thought for life: Remember: "just as long as it gets done."

Over the Tee Cup

The Willow Creek Country Club Ladies held a play day on June 13. Lorrene Montgomery took low gross of the field. Joanne Barbee was low net and Bev Steagall, least putts of the field.

In Flight A, Betty Christman was low gross, Virginia Grant, low net, and Jackie Allstott, least putts.

In Flight B, Pat Dougherty was low gross, Melissa Coiner, low net, Petra Payne, least putts, and Virginia Grant, long drive.

In Flight C, Joann Barbee had long putt. Petra Payne had a chip in.

On June 20, Lorrene Montgomery had low gross of the field, Pat Dougherty had low net of the field and Betty Christman had least putts of the field.

In Flight A, Eva Kilkenny had low gross, Carol Mitchell, low net, Karen Thompson, least putts and Eva Kilkenny, KP.

In Flight B, Virginia Grant had low gross, Jan Paustian, low net, Luvilla Sonstegard, least putts, Virginia Grant, long drive and Jan Paustian, KP.

In Flight C, Bernice Lott had low gross, Barbara Gilbert, low net, Joanne Barbee, least putts, Lorrene Montgomery, long drive and Pat Dougherty, KP.

Betty Christman had a chip in on #18, Virginia Grant had one on #12 and Carol Mitchell had one on #15.

Coming up is the nine-hold ladies visitation on June 27.

Caledonian Games July 8 & 9

City Park in Athena, Oregon

Scottish athletic events, piping, dancing, vendors, parade, pipe bands!

Benefit dinner on July 7th. Scottish menu, \$11.00. Dinner at the Catholic Church Hall on 5th St.

Check out the full schedule at www.athenacaledoniangames.org



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