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Willow Creek Country Club to offer beginning golf class

Willow Creek Country Club will be offering a beginning golf class for people with limited or no prior golfing experience.

The class is limited to 12 students per session and registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. The fee is \$30 for six 1½ hour lessons. The fee includes temporary membership in WCCC for non-members and unlimited practice play for the duration of the class. The class fee will be waived for family members of WCCC. A half-price 2011 membership is available for students who were not WCCC members in 2010.

Each student must have a basic set of clubs including a putter, 5, 7, and 9 irons, and a wood. Balls and tees will be provided by the class.

The first session will be March 15, 22, and 29; April 5, 12, and 19 from 5-6:30 p.m. The second session will be April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 5:30-7 p.m. John Edmundson will be the instructor.

For more information call 541-676-5177.

Friends of the Heppner Library recognize Volunteer of the Year



At the annual "Love Your Library Celebration" on Tuesday night, February 15, Bill Kuhn, Friends of the Heppner Library Chairman, recognized Shirley Clark as this year's Outstanding Volunteer. Clark, a new member, has already put in many hours at meetings and sorting books for the annual St. Patrick's Day Friends Book Sale. Her name is engraved on a plaque on display at the Heppner Library. —Contributed Photo

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Obituaries

Velena "Maxine" Schmidt

Velena "Maxine" Schmidt, 72, of Heppner died Tuesday, February 16, 2011, at her home. No services are planned at this time.



She was born November 10, 1938 at Fossil, Oregon, the daughter of Clarence and LaRue Smith Medlock. Her family moved several times during her younger years. In 1949 she attended a one room school at Camp 5 which was owned by Kinzua Corporation. In 1955 the family moved back to Camp 5 from where she attended Wheeler County High School in Fossil, graduating in 1957.

Maxine met Richard (Dick) Schmidt of Fossil in 1958. The couple married that year in Kinzua, Oregon. In 1962 Dick was transferred from the Kinzua Pine Mill to the Heppner mill. They lived in Heppner until 1978 when they

bought and moved to their 40 acres 18 miles south of Heppner where she continued to live until her death.

She worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital for 21 years until ill health forced her to retire. Maxine enjoyed reading, camping, crossword puzzles crafts of all kinds and her grandchildren.

She is survived by: her husband Dick Schmidt of Heppner; daughter Robin Holbrook and her husband Glenn of Pendleton; son, Richard Schmidt and his wife Pam of Heppner; sisters, Pat Kidder of Dexter, Oregon, Jean Fountain of Eugene, Oregon; brother, Ron Medlock of Springfield, Oregon; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Martius "Deane" Seeger Jr.

Martius "Deane" Seeger Jr., 80, of Irrigon died Wednesday, February

9, 2011, at the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 17, at 10 a.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston.



Martius "Deane" Seeger

A celebration of life took place at the Port of Morrow building in Boardman. Mr. Seeger was born May 9, 1930, along with twin brother Hartley in Bellingham, Washington, to Emily and Martius "Deane" Seeger Sr. The Seeger family relocated to Eugene, where he graduated from Eugene High School in 1948. Enlisting in the Air Force in 1951, he served in the Korean War until his honorable discharge. He graduated from the University of Oregon.

He was the first city manager of Union City, California. He moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-

ment. In the mid 1960s he worked as general manager of Sunriver Properties in Bend. He then was assistant to the mayor of Renton, Washington.

He then became director of the Morrow County Planning Department, a position he held for 20 years. Upon retiring, he was elected commissioner for the Port of Morrow in Boardman.

He married Colleen Abrahamson and started a family in the mid 1950s. In 1973, he and his second wife, Rose Marie, married and lived mostly in Boardman and Irrigon.

Mr. Seeger is survived by: children Martius "Deane" Seeger III and Molly Seeger; stepchildren Rod, Scott and Cris Paulson; and three granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Deane and Emily Seeger; brother Hartley "Hart" Seeger; and beloved wife Rose Marie Seeger.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements. The condolence book can be signed online at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Kinzua lunch group meets

Despite the weather, a small Kinzua lunch group met at the Apple Peddler in Prineville on February 18. Those attending were Mary Bryant, OL and JeanAnn Adams, Ernie and Ada Schell, John and Midge Geer, and Tom and

Bill Ledford.

The next lunch will be March 18 at Service Creek at 11:30 a.m. The group will be meeting the third Friday of the month with the exception of June as that is the Kinzua reunion.

Ione American Legion & Auxiliary making plans for Perimeter of Flags

The Ione American Legion and Auxiliary is proceeding with plans for the Perimeter of Flags that will be displayed each Memorial Day at the Ione High View Cemetery.

The idea is to allow the families of deceased military veterans to fly the flag that was draped over the casket on every Memorial Day weekend. Those flags will be identified with the name of the veteran and the Ione Post will be entrusted with the perpetual care of maintaining and storing of those flags when not in use.

Anyone wanting to take part in this display but wishing to keep the

original flag at home, or for any reason does not have a flag, another casket flag can be purchased and flown in memory of the veteran.

A one time fee of \$50 will be requested to sponsor a pole on which to fly their flag. Any donations will be gladly accepted to be used specifically for the perimeter of flags project.

This project will be separate from the small grave marker flags that are also put out each Memorial Day. The Ione Post would appreciate any comments and questions. Contact the post commander Bob Baker at 541-422-7572 or write to: American Legion Post #95, Box 384, Ione, OR 97843.

Meet Heppner's foreign exchange students



Pictured left to right are some of the foreign exchange students who are attending Heppner High School this year. Louise Torell, 18, is from Sweden and is hosted by Teresa and Joe Vandoorn. Kata Szabo, 17, is from Hungary and is hosted by Jess and Staci Osmin. Maroucha Veerman, 17, is from The Netherlands and is hosted by Robin Cobb. Emmanuel Wolbert, 17, is from Germany and is hosted by Leah and Troy Hyatt. Yue "Megan" Zhu, 17, is from China and is hosted by Kathy and John Marick. —Contributed Photo

Rust named to EOU dean's list

Brynna Rust of Heppner has been named to Eastern Oregon University's dean's list for the fall semester of the 2010-2011 academic year. Rust is a freshman studying dental hygiene.

To qualify for the dean's list a student must achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5

or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

Rust is also a member of the EOU track team and competed in her first indoor meet last weekend at Boise State. EOU's outdoor track season opens in Nampa, Idaho March 12.

O'Connell to speak at Chamber lunch meeting

Next week's Chamber lunch meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24. The Willow Creek Country Club will be welcomed as the newest Chamber member. The guest speaker will be Andrew O'Connell with Diversified Winds.

Howe's About Pizza will be the caterer. Those planning to attend Chamber lunch meetings are asked to RSVP their attendance each week so enough food and seats can be accommodated.

UMESD Regional Migrant Parent Conference to be held in Hermiston

A Regional Parent Conference with a focus toward Spanish speaking parents will be held Saturday, February 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sandstone Middle School in Hermiston.

The topics to be covered are Employment; Drugs and Alcohol; Financial Aid & Scholarships for College; Bullying; Social Networking; Juvenile

Crime and Parental Responsibility; The Family, Our Language, and Culture in the Classroom.

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

Anyone interested in attending must register. To register please contact Aceneth Palomares at 541-96603117, or Alfredo Aceves toll free at 1-866-408-7479 ext. 5.

Umatilla-Morrow BMCC Board position on May ballot

The Blue Mountain Community College Board position for Umatilla-Morrow (Position 1) will be on the May 17 ballot. The position is currently filled by Molly Rill. One person has currently filed for the position. The deadline to file is March 17 with the Umatilla County Elections Office.

Willow Creek Park District to meet

Willow Creek Park District will hold a regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Heppner City Hall.

Heppner Family Foods congratulates The Heppner Mustangs & Ione Cardinals and wish them good luck at state!

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Smith to hold meet and greet

Representative Greg Smith will hold a meet and greet on Saturday, February 26, from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Stable of Youth in Heppner.

The meet and greet is a chance for the public to speak with Smith about the 2011 legislative session.

