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~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT 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 \$10.

Tea Party round tables a success

Letter to the Editor:
Over the past few months the Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots have had the privilege of hosting round table forums with three elected members of our Morrow County Staff.

Sherif Ken Matlack, District Attorney Justin Nelson and Judge Terry Tallman accepted our invitation to speak to current concerns and interests of our membership.

All three gentlemen approached our queries with forthright candor that led us into open discussion. Sherif Matlack addressed our concerns in regards to "Emigration laws, drug issues such as the growing of marijuana in our national forests, the secure residential treatment facility, concealed gun permits and Marijuana growers." Members asked, "How can we help?" The sheriff said, "Be our eyes and ears." The sheriff said to report anything that looks suspicious. He said ordinary citizens have every right to be vigilant.

District Attorney Justin Nelson directed his talk to questions from the Tea Party members' concerns, such as jury rights and how much our judicial system has been given away. We also discussed plea bargaining, felonies versus misdemeanors, the probation system being a powerful tool, and laws made and implemented by our legislature.

Judge Terry Tallman joined us around the table this past week for a very forthright discussion of Boardman Bombing Range issues and its future in Morrow County. We also discussed the PGE coal fired plant's future and what led up to its coming demise, and the proposed Carty 1 and 2 facilities and what's at stake at these facilities and how it impacts taxes, employees' lives and their future employment in Morrow County.

The judge further reviewed the windmill projects in Morrow County, what the county has learned in dealings with wind tower entities and what the future footprints look like. Wind power energy is not going to be cheap at current rates of \$.18 per kwh versus \$.065 per kwh for hydropower in Portland.

We also looked at county budgetary challenges that we all will be facing in the near future as tax revenues are diminished and cost of materials, the pressure of employee wage packages and citizen demands for services are met.

The Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots, in accordance with our beliefs of limited government, freedom of opportunity, fiscal responsibility and freedom of enterprise, will continue our pursuit of bringing issues and information to our fellow citizens in our steps to create a fair and balanced governmental system.

We encourage you to visit our website at willowcreekteaparty.org to find links to current and past events and issue that are taking place in our state and federal legislatures and agencies. If you wish to communicate with us, see wcteaparty@gmail.com or PO Box 114, Heppner, OR 97836.

Our caps are off to our county elected officials and the creation of an open dialog with the Willow Creek Tea Party Patriot citizens of Morrow County.

Dick Sargent, Chairman
Heppner

Death Notice

Mary Anne Barclay, 82, formerly of Heppner, died in her home in Walla Walla on Thursday, May 12, 2011.

Mary Anne was the wife of Max Barclay. Funeral arrangements are pending at Herring Groseclose Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Ruth Helen Parm

Ruth H. Parm, 82, councilor at Loma Linda University Campus, La Sierra, CA. After her retirement, she and her husband purchased a home in Lexington, where she lived with her husband of 43 years until his death in 1991. Ruth continued to live in their home in Lexington until 2005, when she moved to Wildflower Lodge in La Grande.

Ruth loved horses and English horseback riding. Survivors include: her son, Mark Parm and his wife Bonnie of Pendleton; grandchildren, William Parm of College Place, WA, Rose Parm McLaren of Ione and Rachel Parm of Pendleton; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Parm.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Seventh Day Adventist Church, PO Box 1126, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth worked most of her life as a school secretary. At one point she opened her own bakery, which specialized in decorating wedding cakes. Her bakery business was a huge success but she found she missed her job as secretary and working with kids. She retired in 1983 from her job as secretary and student

William Lee (B.J.) McMahon, Jr.

William L. (B.J.) McMahon, Jr. of McMinnville died May 13, 2011. Memorial services will be held at the Chapel of Macy & Son, McMinnville on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 2 p.m.



William Lee (B.J.) McMahon, Jr.

Our beloved son, brother and friend was born in Umatilla on February 12, 1981 to William Lee Sr. and Cynthia Rae (Sowell) McMahon.

He moved to Carlton with his family in 1988, where he attended Carlton Grade School. BJ received his GED and was attending class at PCC, where he was studying auto mechanics. He loved to work on cars and motorcycles. He also loved being a father and was so proud of his sons. He was looking forward to his oldest son starting kindergarten. The loss of this great man is devastating to those who loved him; our sunshine is gone. BJ was the funniest person we knew and we all loved him so much. He was a great friend and adored by many.

B.J. is survived by: his sons, Hayden Daniel and Landon Theodore McMahon; their mother, Melissa McDonald and her

son, Ethan Barnes of McMinnville; father and step-mother, Bill Sr. and Beverly McMahon of Carlton; mother and stepfather, Cynthia Sowell-Garcia and Rudy Garcia of Heppner; sisters Angie (Sam) Martin of Lexington, Kimberlee (Juan) Lara of Lafayette, Karissa (Ellieser) McMahon Angel of Newberg, Afton Clark of Tigard, Jasmine Garcia of Heppner, Chelsea Clark of Carlton and Jennifer (Loren) McLaughlin of Silverton; brothers Daniel McMahon of McMinnville, Christopher Avlonitis of Lexington, Coleman Clark of Yamhill, Christopher Clark of Keizer, Ray (Cristi) Garcia of McMinnville and Brandon Garcia of Arizona; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins; grandparents Robert and Violet Yingst of Brier, WA and Ray and Linda Sowell of Milton-Freewater, OR; Carla McMahon, Hermiston, OR; Helmer and Avis Naslund, Willamina, OR.

The family asks that donations be made to the B.J. McMahon Memorial Fund at First Federal Savings and Loan in lieu of flowers. To leave private online condolences, please visit www.macyandson.com.

Macy & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Over the Tee Cup

Pat Edmundson again walked away with the low gross of the field at Willow Creek Country Club on May 10. Low net was taken by Karen Thompson, and Jan Paustion had the least putts.

For Flight A, Nancy Prophet had the low gross, Virginia Grant the low net and Nancy Prophet the long drive. Lynnea Sargent carried the long putt.

On Flight B, Burul DeBoer held low gross, Lynnea Sargent had low net and Karen Thompson had the long drive.

For Flight C, Jackie Allstott carried low gross and Bev Steagall had low net. Suzanne Jepsen had the least putts and Betty Carlson held the long drive.

Rescue teams search for missing boat

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office continues the search for a boat reported lost on the Columbia River last Sunday.

On May 15 at 7:09 p.m. the MCSO received a transferred 911 call from Umatilla County advising of a boat that had capsized on the Columbia River near river mile marker 279.4.

It was reported that a Tidewater Barge tugboat crew had witnessed the boat sink at 6:45 p.m. and that they had found two life jackets floating in the water.

At 7:12 p.m. the Morrow County Marine Patrol was activated. Benton County advised that they were available to send their Columbia dive rescue team and their marine boat to the location for assistance. Umatilla County sent their marine boat into Morrow County to assist, so Benton County's boat stood down.

At 8:18 p.m. the Morrow and Umatilla county marine patrols and Columbia dive rescue team were in the water attempting to find the boat. Darkness forced the teams to call off the search at 9:09 p.m. Rescuers continued the search first thing May 16.

Morrow/Gilliam County wheat growers benefit golf scramble set

Morrow County president Shannon Rust and Gilliam County president Jack Osterlund of the Oregon Wheat Growers League announce the Morrow/Gilliam Wheat Growers Benefit Golf Scramble. The fund-raising event will be held on Wednesday, June 8 at the Willow Creek Golf Course in Heppner. Proceeds will benefit area wheat growers' activities in the two counties.

Registration opens at 8:30 am and play begins with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. Foursomes and individual players are welcome. There will be awards for teams and individuals; a putting contest and more. Registration includes golf and food/beverages for the day. Golfers are asked to reserve their carts directly from WCCC at least one week in advance.

Sponsorships are available by calling the OWGL office for details.

For information or to register, call the OWGL office at 541-276-7330, or visit www.owgl.org for a printable registration form.

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Nicole Wilson & Justin Miller
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| Monday, June 20 | - Irrigon Marina Park | - Bluezettes |
| Monday, June 27 | - Boardman Marina Park | - Bram Brata - "Honor our Veterans" |
| Monday, July 11 | - Irrigon Marina Park | - 98% Angels - "Honor our Veterans" |
| Monday, July 18 | - Boardman Marina Park | - Skweez the Weezel & An Daire Irish Dancers |
| Monday, July 25 | - Irrigon Marina Park | - Missy G |
| Monday, August 1 | - Boardman Marina Park | - Barbara Nelson & Dance Unlimited |
| Monday, August 8 | - Irrigon Marina Park | - Buttercreek Boys |
| Monday, August 15 | - Boardman Marina Park | - Rolling Hills Chorus (Sweet Adelines) |
| Monday, August 28 | - Irrigon Marina Park | - Sidewalk Stompers |

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