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No 4-H camp without counselors



There would be no Tri-County 4-H camp without the counselors who take time out of their busy summer work and play schedule to volunteer, guiding campers through a jam-packed camp week. Seated L-R: Macy Gibbs, Lilly Sandford, Jenna Taylor, Morgan Haselbusch, Willy Helms, Ian Meakins, Dima Anglin, Stacey Halverson, Ann Rietmann, Maddie Lindsay, Makenzi Hughes, Emily Rea, Paige Grieb and Garrett Robinson. Not Pictured: Mitchell Hassing, Bob Reser, Abel Rodelo and Brittany Lesperance. —Contributed photo

Over the Tee Cup

Twelve ladies turned out for a "very nice" day of play Tuesday, July 10, at Willow Creek Country Club.

Low gross of the field was taken by Nancy Prophet. Ann Elgin had low net and Lorraine Montgomery had least putts.

For flight A, Karen Thompson had low gross, Eva Kilkenny had low net, Corol Mitchell had least putts, Karen Thompson had

the long drive and Nancy Prophet had K.P.

On flight B, Sara Rucker had low gross, and Pat Dougherty took low net and long drive.

For flight C, Lorraine Montgomery took low gross, Betty Carlson took low net, Suzanne Jepsen had least putts and Anne Elgin had the long drive.

Birdies were taken by Lorraine Montgomery, #4 and Nancy Prophet, #8.

Thibodeaux to be at Music in the Parks

Kelly Thibodeaux will perform for Music in the Parks July 23 at 7 p.m. at the Irrigon Marina Park.

Thibodeaux is a professional fiddle player from Louisiana and is the founder and front man for the band Etouffee. For the past 25 years, he has performed throughout the U.S. and Canada and has written, recorded and published five CDs of original songs. His composition "Cassine Swamp" was included on the 20th Oregon Governor's Art CD "Cascadia," and two of his other compositions were included in a 2003 PBS broadcast program. Kelly has conducted over 50 residencies, workshops and after-school programs for youth in Oregon, Washington, Texas and Canada.

As a musician, Thibodeaux says he has gone from mere appreciation of music and all of its sounds to a "much more complex realization of music as a powerful testimony in the human spirit and the wonders of the creative energies that it possesses."

"It is the nature of the gift that I possess that not only requires me to share this with anyone and everyone, but also to pass it on, as it is truly a wonderful thing," says Thibodeaux.



Kelly Thibodeaux

Obituaries

Lillian R. Sweek

Lillian R. Sweek, 87, of Heppner, died Saturday, July 14, 2012 in La Grande, OR. A graveside service will be held Saturday, July 21, at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born May 29, 1925 in Kimberly, OR, the daughter of Joseph and Daisy Stage Simas. She was raised and attended school in Monument, where she graduated high school. On July 11, 1946 she married Ned Dale Sweek in Monument, OR. The couple made their home in Heppner, where he worked for Kinzua Corporation and she was a stay-at-home mom raising two sons. Ned preceded her in death in September of 1984.

Survivors include: sons, Michael Sweek of Lake Oswego and Greg Sweek of Heppner; sister, Joava Bjornberg of John Day, OR; brother, Joseph Simas of Roseburg, OR; grandchildren, Ian Sweek, Talia Spencer and Brenden Sweek; and great-grandchild, Ethan Asher Spencer.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by her sisters, Jean and Jane.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Elks 358 Foundation, PO Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Students receive U of I scholarships

Five local students were among nine Morrow County students to receive University of Idaho scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year, the university announced last week.

Local students are Bryan Patrick Holland, Heppner; Joseph Lee Pranger, Heppner; Brett Ryan Harrison, Lexington; Justin Lee Archer, Ione; and Stefanie Rae Archer, Ione.

Also awarded U of I scholarships were Irrigon students Andrew Aaron Wilson, Joel Orozco, Molly Beth Creason and Natasha

Lynn Van Fossen. More than 5,400 students were awarded nearly \$30 million in scholarship support from the University of Idaho for the 2011-2012 academic year.

"We understand the family financial challenges in the current environment," said Dan Davenport, director of Student Financial Aid Services at the university. "We are committed to a strong scholarship program that provides access and will continue bringing the best and brightest to the University of Idaho."

WCCC Men's Club news

On July 15, 34 men played a team net-score competition. Teams were randomly drawn.

Results were: 1st, Kelly Fox, Dave Allstott, John McCabe and Gary Prophet; 2nd, Ralph Walker, Matt Scrivner, Gene Orwick and Roger Ehrmantraut; and 3rd, John Edmundson, Charles Ferguson, Tom Bedortha

and Greg Grant. Hosts were Don Eaves, Tom Shear and Ed Struthers.

The Men's Club Championship will be played next weekend, July 21-22, with a 5 p.m. start-time on Saturday and an 8 a.m. start-time on Sunday. Greg Grant and Matt Scrivner are co-chairmen of the tournament.

No chamber lunch this week

There will be no Heppner Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting Thursday, July 19; the next meeting will be Thursday, July 26, with the Morrow County Commissioners giving a county update. Look for more information next week.

Community lunch menu

Elohim Covenant Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, July 25, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include baked fish with parmesan topping, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls and ice cream. Milk is served at each meal.

Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court Report.

-Tanner Reitmann, 19, of Ione was found guilty of Violating the Basic Rule by driving 100 mph in a 55

mph zone. His license was suspended and he was fined \$1,150.

-Stefani M. Workman, 29, was found guilty of Violating the Basic Rule by driving 76 mph in a 55 mph zone. She was fined \$260.

~ 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.

Windmills not for the common good

To the Editor,

Thank you, Patricia Maben. We can't thank you enough for making the people of Heppner realize that the Heppner Wind Project is not a good thing. Some of us at Blake Ranch are very upset about it.

When our properties were purchased, it was in our minds that we would have the serenity of the mountains to enjoy. Over the years, we have been able to watch the deer, elk, bald and golden eagles, the great horned owls and all of the other birds, including the bats, which eat the insects, including the mosquitoes. We have had the pleasure of using the recreational area to enjoy both in the summer and winter. Many of you who live in the area have also enjoyed using this area for pleasure, as well as for hunting the deer and elk. You can be sure that the pleasure of seeing the animals and playing with the ATVs and snowmobiles will not be so much fun if this wind project is allowed.

It is very hard to believe that this project will not even supply the energy for this area, yet they will destroy this area. When will it stop? Does the State of Oregon have to provide energy for other states that are smart enough to see the damage that they do and not allow them to put these wind towers in their state, or are the powers that be being paid off? Are they working for the common person in our town? It sure doesn't appear like it.

Let us get the word out that this is not what is for the good of us but, instead, for the ranchers and farmers who will be making a bundle of money. The farmers and ranchers (let me state for the record that we do know who they are, since it is public knowledge that can be found at the courthouse) certainly want to fill their pockets without concern for their neighbors. I can almost guarantee that they wouldn't want these in their back yards.

Mitzi Hess

Landowner at Blake Ranch

All not equal under PERS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the East Oregonian for their recent editorial concerning the Public Employee Retirement program. It's long overdue that this issue be brought to the citizens of Oregon, rather than keeping a blind eye to an issue that is jeopardizing the viability of the public employees and the Oregon Taxpayer (the employer). The continuation of not addressing this runaway program's cost and unrealistic promises to all parties is disingenuous to say the least. I hope that the East Oregonian staff will continue to keep the public in touch and informed to the ramifications of such a misaligned program.

The Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots of Heppner will be hosting a community forum in September on this very issue. Attorney Daniel Re of Bend will address this very serious problem of the make-up the program, its history, its membership of legislators, and the governor and judges who are all PERS member, resulting in a situation where all Oregonians are not treated fairly. The effort of the open-to-all town hall forum will be to enlighten all parties concerned.

Dick Sargent
Hermiston, OR

License plates, please

Dear Editor,

The Accelerated Reader theme at Heppner Elementary School for the coming year is "Reading Road Trip." The basis of the program is that students will move a paper vehicle across the U.S. as they read books and take comprehension quizzes. Hopefully, their U.S. geography skills will sharpen across the miles, too. Our school goal is to collect and display license plates from all fifty states, and that's where we need help. If you have license plates, old or new, that you would be willing to donate to HES, contact me at 541-422-7563. We appreciate your help.

Jannie Allen

Boardman places bounty on weeds

Boardman will again spend \$300 on a program aimed at controlling puncturevine within the city. The city has run the program for the last three years with success.

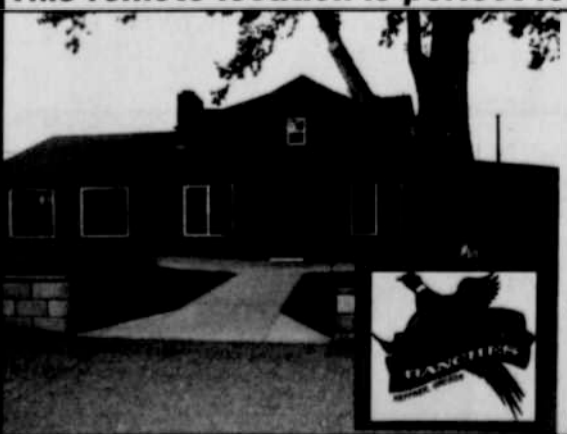
The city plans to pay for collection of the weed through the month of August or until the entire \$300

has been paid. The puncturevine and seed pods need to be collected in bags provided by the city and returned to City Hall to receive the \$1-per-bag bounty.

"This is a great opportunity for local youth to raise money for their organizations and do something good for their community," said Code Compliance Official Keri Jarmer.

Areas of the most concern are bike/pedestrian paths and residential areas. Bags can be picked up at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning August 1. For more information, contact City Hall at 541-481-9252.

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If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment. If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk: Bobby Harris @ 541-678-9925 or 541-256-0175 Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161 OR 1-877-695-4646 (1-888-MYLIMIT)