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## Clough-Jones engagement



Lindsey Clough and Cody Jones.

The parents of Lindsey Clough and Cody Jones have announced their engagement to be married.

Lindsey is the daughter of Karen Clough, Heppner, and Randy Clough, Okanogan, WA.

Cody is the son of Deanna Thomas, Pendleton, and Ron Jones, Lewiston, ID.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Heppner High School. She attended Blue Mountain Community

College and Eastern Oregon University. She is employed with Glendale Pediatrics in Glendale, CA.

The groom-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Pendleton High School. He graduated from the University of Oregon, Eugene, in 2005. He is employed as a business analyst in Los Angeles, CA.

The couple plans a September 29, 2012, wedding at Mill Creek Garden, Walla Walla, WA.

## ~ 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.

## The importance of words

Once again we are in the throes of an election year, and it won't be long until the Oregon Secretary of State publishes a voter pamphlet that outlines all of the issues. You would think that this pamphlet would make the ballot measures crystal clear and that you would have no trouble understanding a measure and, thereby, be able to make an intelligent decision as to how you will vote. Should be simple enough. Either yes or no.

If only it were that simple. Alas, the legalese in the wording makes it extremely difficult to know whether a yes is really a yes...or is it a no? And vice versa. If you are prone to wait until the last minute to review the issues, you might find it very difficult to devote the time it takes to understand exactly whether you should vote yes or no.

With that in mind, we have decided to review the ballot measures well in advance and to break them down into what we consider to be layman's terms that any non-Philadelphia lawyer can understand. We will also do our very best to determine exactly what a yes or no vote will really mean. Hopefully, this will give every reader a chance to get a head start on the issues.

Please stay tuned on a weekly basis. In the next issue, we will discuss the "Death Tax." why it is important to be informed about this burdensome tax and what a yes or no vote will really mean.

Jack Meligan, Heppner  
For the Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots

## Good help to be found in Heppner

To the Editor:

Maybe "Good help is hard to find," but maybe not always in Heppner. I wish to publicly pay tribute to the business employees who do a good job of making me feel welcome in their businesses and acting eager to assist me. A thank you, also, for treating my visitors in the same way.

Surely, any of us who have worked with the public know challenges can arise, sometimes simply because we are having a "bad day." That makes me even more appreciative of the employees who maintain a proper demeanor even under pressure. Any of us who are shoppers appreciate the employees with ready smiles instead of grim looks or frowns, the employees who seem pleased, or at least content, to be at work. If I have a question, I appreciate the employee who wants to know if I have a question and then has an answer or finds the answer for me.

Maybe even more important to our local businesses, and certainly important to visitors in Heppner, are the employees who greet and assist them with ready smiles and eager demeanor. These employees obviously realize how discouraging and off-putting being ignored is, especially for someone who is a stranger to a business and community.

Thank you, every one of you who treat me like an important customer and treat strangers the way you treat familiar faces. I hope you can inspire and help fellow employees who are not acting like "good help."

Doris Brosnan, Heppner

## Don't quibble over water for hunters

Dear Editor and Heppner City Council:

I read with interest the Heppner Gazette-Times front page article dealing with free water for hunters being provided by the City of Heppner. It seems that this service provided by the city is not looked at favorably by some. As a taxpayer and water system rate payer, I feel compelled to let the community know my thoughts on the subject.

Water, even at the highest rate paid by the rate payers of Heppner, is still cheaper than dirt. For \$19.90 per month customers get up to 1000 gallons of water. That is a cost of less than \$0.0095 per gallon. The hunter who filled the 300 gallon tank of water used about \$2.85 worth of water at the maximum retail rate. (The cost for each gallon of water decreases rapidly once customers use over the minimum.) The water in the tank was divided between several hunting parties. To my mind, this is a small amount for the city to at it in good will to encourage hunters to come into town. Hopefully, they will have a good impression of the community and will want to return in the future.

Please don't quibble about a few dollars worth of water being used by the hunters who help sustain the local economy. Perhaps the pleasant experience of a town that welcomes visitors and tries to make their time in Heppner enjoyable will encourage people to stop and shop and perhaps even move there one day. Does it really hurt the rate payers to part with a few gallons of water? I doubt that charging hunters for the water provided would actually lower my water bill. However, if the hunters come and shop and use local services, maybe that will help keep the stores open and providing services for the people who call Heppner home as well as those who come to visit.

Gerald Breazeale, Irrigon

**If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.**

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 @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175  
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161  
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

## Sandfords sponsor queen's crown



Maggie Collins, Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen (center), stands with Sylvia and Rick Sandford of Willow Creek Storage, LLC. The Sandfords and Willow Creek Storage sponsored the queen's official crown. Queen Maggie gets to keep the Montana Silver Crown as a keepsake of her reign. Willow Creek Storage will be sponsoring the 2013-14 Morrow County Fair and OTRP Queen's crown, as well. Applications for fair and rodeo queen can be obtained from the fair office during weekly business hours. -Contributed photo

## Ione Auxiliary to hold holiday bazaar

The Ione Legion Auxiliary will hold its annual holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ione American Legion Hall. A lunch of soup, roll and dessert will be available for \$5.

Tables are still available for vendors; cost per table is \$10. Set-up for vendors is Friday, Nov. 16, at 6-9 p.m. and Saturday morning at 8 a.m. To reserve a table, contact Becky Rietmann at 541-422-7230 or 541-702-2040, or Sharon Rietmann at 541-422-7437 or 541-571-0738.

## Car wash, bake sale planned

A car wash and bake sale are planned for Sept. 21 from 1-5 p.m. in the Ione Community School parking lot.

Ione school teachers and staff are raising funds to help with medical expenses for Michelle Alldritt-Holtz, daughter of the school's cook, Kay Alldritt. Everyone is encouraged to attend and help Michelle and her family.

## Over the Tee Cup

Nine ladies showed up for a sunny day of play on Sept. 11 at Willow Creek Country Club.

Pat Edmundson took low gross of the field with 38. Low net of the field went to Darcee Mitchell with 26. Sarah Rucker had least putts of the field with 15.

For flight A, Virginia Grant had low gross and long drive, while Laura Rogers had K.P.

For flight B, Carri Grieb took low gross. On flight C, Lorrene Montgomery had low gross, Laura Rogers had low net and Jackie Allstott had least putts.

## WCCC men's club results

Willow Creek Country Club Men's Club results for Sunday, Sept. 16 are as follows:

Gross: 1, Charlie Ferguson, 65; 2, Don Eaves, 69; 3, Dave Allstott, 73.

Net: 1, Stacy Wilson, 55; 2, Bob MacDonald, 57; 3 (tie), Ralph Walker and Gene Sonstegard, 58.

Special Events: Walker, Wilson and MacDonald.

Next Sunday will be the Men's Club Annual Cross Country Tournament.

## NEOJGA ends season

The Northeast Oregon Junior Golf Association (NEOJGA) announced it's 2012 season points champions at its final tournament of the year at Buffalo Peaks golf course in Union on Aug. 7. Several local golfers were awarded medals.

Placing first in the Pee-Wee Girls division was Nicole Propher. First place in the PeeWee Boys division was Kellen Grant. Finishing second for the season in the Intermediate Girls division was Sophie Grant, and Logan Grieb took first place in the Intermediate Boys. Austin Gutierrez

finished third in the Junior Boys age group.

Fifty-eight golfers, ages 8-18, participated in the eight NEOJGA tournaments during the 2012 tour. The NEOJGA board of directors is already planning next year's season. An additional tournament has been added, and they are discussing other ways to make the season more enjoyable and educational for the junior golfers in our area.

For more information and a full list of season results, visit www.neogja.com.

## Historical society to meet

The Morrow County Historical Society annual meeting will be held at the Stokes Landing Senior Center, 190 Opal Place, Irrigon, OR on Sunday, Oct. 7. A potluck dinner will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the business meeting to follow.

For more information, contact Don Eppenbach at 541-922-3197.

## Ione Library District to meet

The Ione Library District will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m. at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. Main Street in Ione. The public is invited to attend.

*Heppner and Ione Homecoming*  
*Friday, October 5-*

*Don't forget to come pick out your corsages*

**Come try out our Frozen Yogurt!!!**

Come check out our Christmas sidewalk sale-Friday October 5th 9 am-?

**We have fall plants & flowers!!!**

DRINK SPECIALS- S'Mores Mocha 3.25  
Chocolate Peanut Butter Frappe \$3.25

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