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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.

Vote yes on BMCC bond

As a member of the Friends of Blue Mountain Community College Bond Election Committee, I encourage the voters of Umatilla and Morrow counties to vote yes on BMCC's bond renewal, Measure 30-96, on the Nov. 5 ballot.

This \$28.1 million capital improvement bond will replace the current bond, which expires in June 2014, at the same tax rate—only \$0.31 per \$1,000 assessed property value—that voters have been paying for 14 years. BMCC plays a key role in our region's economy, workforce development, and quality of life.

With no rate increase, the new 15-year bond will serve students, taxpayers, and the region well. BMCC will construct facilities in Boardman, Hermiston and Pendleton for three exciting, new workforce-training programs requested by area employers. BMCC also will invest in capital improvements to existing college buildings that will both improve instruction and generate cost savings and operational efficiencies.

For more information, please visit our committee's website, <http://yesbluemountainccbond.com>; our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/BMCCFriends>; and the college website, <https://www.bluecc.edu>.

Please join me in voting yes on Measure 30-96.
(s) Susan E. Plass, Pendleton

Support job training through BMCC bond

To the Editor
Blue Mountain Community College is asking voters in Umatilla and Morrow Counties to approve a bond measure that will replace the current 15 year bond that expires next year. Since the new bond is essentially a renewal of the current bond, the tax rate will not change.

With the additional resources provided by this bond, Blue Mountain Community College can do so much more to provide needed workforce education and training. If approved, the bond will allow the college to provide facilities that will enhance the ability to provide education and training for additional job development in Umatilla, and Morrow counties.

The college will construct three new buildings to house new workforce training programs that local and regional employers have requested.

-An Applied Animal Science Education Center in Pendleton
-A Center for Sustainable Precision Irrigated Agriculture in Hermiston

-An Industrial Processes Workforce Center in Boardman that will allow for more advanced education in science, technology, engineering, the arts and math.

The bond will also pay for needed repairs and improvements to the Bob Clapp Theatre, the college swimming pool and other college facilities. It will allow for updated technology and computer infrastructure, and enhance instructional delivery systems at all BMCC campuses.

Please join us in voting yes for the Blue Mountain Community College Bond (Ballot #30-96) on Nov. 5, 2013.

(s) Ed and Terri Taber

Willow Creek men hold cross-country tournament

Twenty-three golfers played in the Men's Cross Country Tournament at Willow Creek Country Club on Sunday, Sept. 22. The winners were as follows:

Gross: 1. Greg Grant, 2. Dallas Harsin, 3. Charlie Ferguson.

Net: 1. Jim Martin, 2. John McCabe, 3. Dave Pranger.
Special Events: Bill Morris, Ron Bowman, Dallas Harsin, Greg Grant.

Also, Dave Gunderson was elected to the Men's Club Board, replacing Tom Shear, who was thanked for his two years of service on the board.

Obituaries

Jerald E. Rea

Jerald E. Rea, 77, member of the Heppner BPOE Lodge #358 and passed away September 19, 2013 at Ashley Manor. He enjoyed elk hunting and watching local rodeos. He and Leann enjoyed many trips locally and throughout North America, with standing ticket orders for Ellensburg, Joseph, Pendleton and Sister rodeos. They also attended rodeos in Calgary and Cheyenne, and even enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas to watch the National Finals Rodeo.



Jerald E. Rea

He was born July 1, 1936, in Ione, the son of Clell and Norma Swanson Rea. He was raised and attended school in Ione, where he graduated from Ione High School in 1955. On May 31, 1959 he married Leann Padberg in Ione. The couple enjoyed 54 years of marriage.

After graduation Jerald worked for the Caterpillar and John Deere dealership in Heppner. In 1964 he became a partner in the John Deere dealership in Condon. In 1969 Jerald and Leann homesteaded the area west of the current Finley Buttes Land Fill, raising their four children. Jerald went to work for the Port of Morrow in 1984, working as the Farm Utility Supervisor until his retirement in 2001. During those years he and Leann also worked a small farm outside of Boardman.

Jerald was a lifetime

He is survived by: his wife, Leann Padberg Rea of Heppner; daughter, Darla Wishart and husband Jim of Boardman; sons, Rick Rea and Terrell Rea, both of Boardman, and Robert "Robb" Rea and wife Crissy of Island City; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Richard Rea and wife Fern of Oregon City, Keith Rea and wife Judy of Ione, Dallas Rea of Hermiston, Francis "Frank" Rea and wife Vikki of Walla Walla, WA; and sister, Katherine Rea Martin of Lexington.

He was preceded in death by parents Clell and Norma Rea, and younger brother John Rea.

Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the Ione Education Foundation, PO Box 61, Ione, OR 97843 or the charity of choice.

Charles J. 'Swede' Ramos

Charles J. "Swede" Ramos, 80, of Echo, OR died on Friday, Sept. 20, 2013 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, OR. Recitation of the Rosary and funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Burial with Military Honors will follow at the Echo Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to a reception luncheon at the residence of Blake and Chris Bettencourt at 33788 Rieth Rd., Echo.



Charles J. 'Swede' Ramos

He was born in Echo on March 28, 1933. He attended Echo schools, graduating in 1951. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and was vice-president of Sigma Nu fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy on board the destroyer USS Hamner DD718.

Swede married Darlyne "Fritzi" Wattenburger in Pendleton, OR on Feb. 19, 1956. Swede was employed by Pendleton Grain Growers, Inc. as a branch manager in Prosser, WA until his retirement on December 31, 1975. He was a member of

Echo Booster Club; Echo Quarterback Club; Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3207 of Prosser, WA; American Legion Post #1 of Portland, OR; Stanfield Moose Lodge #920; Hermiston Eagles Lodge aerie #2909; Pendleton Elks Lodge #288; and a life member of the University of Oregon Alumni Association.

He was preceded in death by his wife Fritzi in 2011.

He is survived by his son, Joe of Echo; granddaughters, Kelsi and Carli of Kennewick, WA; brothers, John "Cowboy" Ramos of Echo and Sam "Coke" Ramos of Hereford, OR; sisters, Joanne "Sis" Harris of Echo, Jeanne "Buggs" West of Coos Bay, OR; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Echo Quarterback Club, PO Box 462, Echo, OR. 97826, or for the restoration of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Echo.

Sign the condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Funeral arrangements are in care of Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Ione church to host hunger program speaker

Angela Boss, Associate Director of Program Development for Foods Resource Bank (FRB) will be visiting Ione Community Church on Sunday, Oct. 6, for worship and a potluck following. Worship is at 11 a.m. with the potluck around 12:15 p.m. All are welcome.

FRB raises resources to support the capability and desire of small farmers in developing countries to grow lasting solutions to hunger. They have 50-60 programs at any given time, and the programs focus on developing small-holder agriculture, often in the most remote and poorest regions of the world. The organization says it sees

agriculture as the solution to hunger experienced in much of the world.

The reason FRB focuses on agriculture is that, it says, much of the world's poor are farmers or have access to land. Having enough to eat for the whole year is dependent on growing enough to last all year. Hunger is often a seasonal issue, as farmers run out of last year's food before the current year's harvest. If provided with training and basic inputs like seeds or small tools, FRB says farmers can increase their harvest and therefore their food security. FRB works to solve the problem of hunger systemically and with the help of the hungry.

Over the Tee Cup

Ten Willow Creek Country Club ladies braved the rainy weather on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Virginia Grant walked away with low gross of the field at 37. Low net of the field was a three-way tie among Pat Edmundson, Lorrene Montgomery and Pat Dougherty with a score of 31. Pat Dougherty and Pat Edmundson also tied for least putts with 14 each.

For Flight A, low gross went to Corol Mitchell, low net to Donna Bliss, and long

drive and KP to Virginia Grant.

On Flight B, Sarah Rucker took low gross, long drive and KP, while Judy Harris and Betty Burns tied for low net.

Flight C saw Bev Steagall with the low gross, while Pat Dougherty walked away with long drive and KP.

Sept. 24 was the last ladies play day for 2013 and featured a scramble with lunch after; scores to be announced.

BIKEWAY SUCCESS

-Continued from PAGE ONE course, bikeway committee members and local volunteers Dr. Betsy and John Anderson and Dale Bates (along with riders Craig and Deb Gutierrez and Jay Gibbs) helped to make the weekend a success. The committee was led by Sheryll Bates. Phil Carlson contributed the use of his bike trailer, while Ed Baker was standing by

to see if he needed to help transport the riders to Ukiah on Saturday and pick them up on Sunday.

"We'd love to have you join us next year on the third weekend in September, September 20-21, 2014," Bates said.

Call the Heppner chamber to be added to the roster and begin receiving information on next year's event.

HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

HUNTER'S NIGHT
BBQ COUNTRY RIB DINNER

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH
DINNER 6PM
LODGE 8:00 PM

DRAWINGS FOR PRIZES- INCLUDING A 7MM 08 RIFLE

For Elks members & out of town guests

Morrow County Health Department
Changing Clinic's to Wednesday

The Morrow County Health Department will now hold clinics on Wednesday
8:30 am - 12 noon
1:00 pm- 4:30 pm

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
P.O. BOX 799
120 S. MAIN
HEPPNER, OREGON 97836
541-676-5421

Death Notice

Doreen Parret—Doreen Parret, 76, of Heppner died Sunday, September 22, 2013 at Kennewick General Hospital, in Kennewick, WA. She was born January 24, 1937 in Wheeler, MT. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

It's The Tic Tac Man's Birthday Again!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ELLSI!