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*The View from the Green*

**Over the Tee Cup**

Despite the hot weather, 15 players showed up for the Willow Creek Country Club ladies' play day last Tuesday, July 29. Nancy Prophet walked away with the low gross of the field, while Virginia Grant took low net. Sharon Harrison had the least putts.

For flight A, Corol Mitchell had low gross, Loa Heideman low net, and Virginia Grant the long drive.

For flight B, Sara

Rucker took low gross and long drive.

For flight C, Judy Harris took low gross, Betty Burns held low net and Pat Dougherty had least putts. Long drive was a tie between Lorrene Montgomery and Pat Dougherty.

Virginia Grant had a chip-in on #16.

In other events, Sara Rucker had a long putt of 17', 7" on #15.

**Golf benefit planned this weekend**

A golf tournament sponsored by the men of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner and St. William's Catholic Church in Ione will be held this Saturday, Aug. 9, beginning at 9 a.m. at Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner.

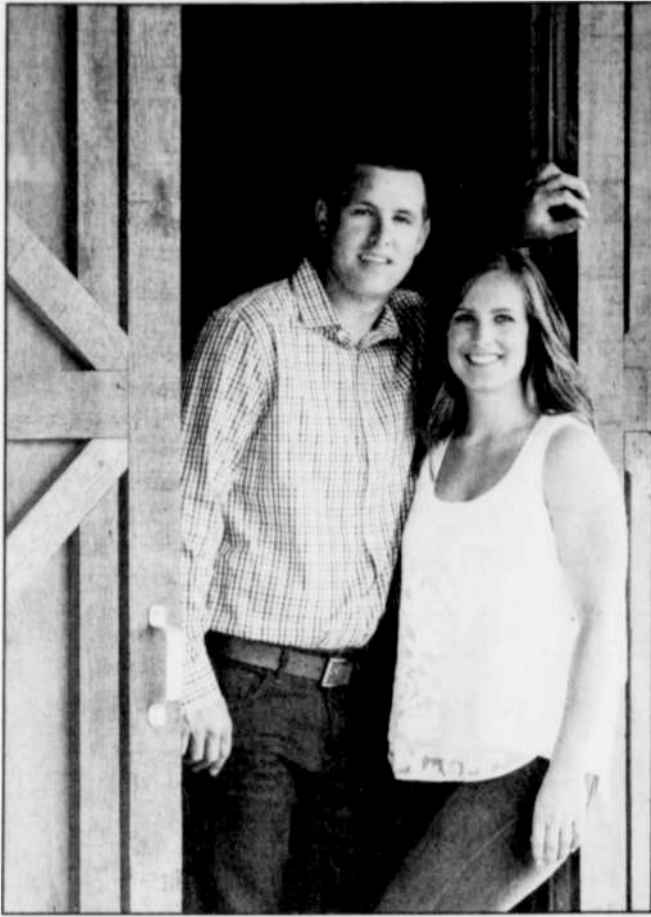
Cost for the golf scramble is \$30 per person, which includes brunch prepared by the women of St. Patrick's Altar Society. Proceeds will be used for youth scholarships. For more information, contact Kathy Fullmer, 541-980-2352.

**Correction**

In last week's story, "Lightning strike ends in friendship, not tears," the Gazette-Times inadvertently altered a local family tree. Miranda and Emily Taylor are the daughters of Joe and Cheryl Taylor, not Joe and Glenda Taylor.

The Gazette-Times editor apologizes for the error.

**Rietmann, Hawman announce engagement**



Emily Rietmann and Alexander Hawman.

Joe and Donna Rietmann of Ione and Mike and Diane Hawman of Hermiston are pleased to announce the engagement of Emily Katherine Rietmann and Alexander Michael Hawman.

Emily graduated from Ione High School in 2008, Washington State University in 2012 and will graduate from Lewis and Clark Law School in 2015.

Alex is a 2007 graduate of Hermiston High School and a 2011 graduate of Oregon State University. He is employed with Hawman Farms.

The couple will be married January 3, 2015.

**Donations being collected for Gould family**

The father of local woman Ashli Gould was recently in a head-on collision in Silverton, OR and is currently being treated at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center.

Family members continue to travel back and forth to the hospital; a jar for donations is available at Murray's Drug to help the family with expenses.

**ISU nurse residency program helps rural hospitals retain nurses**

Reprinted from ISU Headlines, a publication of Idaho State University, www.isu.edu, July 30, 2014.

When 29-year-old Rachel Schonbachler landed her first nursing job at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, Oregon last September,

she was thrilled. She was working in her hometown and doing what she loved.

"I like rural health care. Every day is different," said Schonbachler, a registered nurse. One day she might treat a child with a cold, the next an elderly patient with a breathing issue or a gunshot victim in the emergency room.

But here's the rub. Many small critical-access hospitals have a problem retaining nurses. Some leave because of burnout, others seek jobs in urban hospitals where they can specialize in a particular field. The turnover in rural hospitals can strain existing staff and affect the quality of patient care.

So in 2008, Idaho State University's Department of Nursing—with a \$1.3 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration—created the Northwest Rural Nurse Residency.

The goal was to help rural hospitals—those with 25 beds or less—retain their nursing staffs by bridging the gap between transition and practice, said Dr. Beverly Hewett, grant project director and a retired ISU clinical assistant

nursing professor.

"In a rural hospital, you do it all. You're the OB labor nurse, the ER nurse, the medical surgical nurse and the pediatric nurse," said Hewett.

The yearlong residency was free to hospitals and nurses and consisted of more than 30 interactive classes delivered to the workplace via video technology.

Instructors included ISU faculty and national nurse practice experts. Topics ranged from the care of a patient with a severe allergic reaction or childhood illness to the treatment of a gunshot wound, crisis management and leadership training.

Many of the medical lessons were taught using human patient simulation—the use of high-tech mannequins to simulate real-world medical scenarios. Simulation gave the nurses the opportunity to practice decision making in a controlled setting, boosting their confidence levels and fine-tuning the skills needed in a rural setting.

"Participants had the opportunity to collaborate with other rural nurse participants, to share experiences and ideas, and

to learn from each other," said Dr. Kathleen Olsen, a retired nursing clinical instructor who taught the simulation sessions.

The residency program, which ended June 30, enrolled 323 registered nurses from 106 rural hospitals in 23 states. The initial goal was to have 85 percent of the nurses who completed the program stay on the job for one year.

"We exceeded that goal with an 88 percent retention rate—284 nurses stayed at least one year," said Hewett.

As for Schonbachler, she says the residency was well worth her time, especially the session on treating gunshot wounds. "We live in a hunting community," she said.

Schonbachler also made copies of the classroom lessons to share with her nursing colleagues.

Hewett says the success of the ISU Northwest Rural Nurse Residency demonstrates a need for nurse residencies, and she's looking for ways to sustain the program now that the funding has ended.

"It proves there is a need for transition to practice for any health care provider. They do residencies for physicians, so why not nurses?" she said.



Rachel Schonbachler

**Murray's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer & Wine Tasting**

Thursday, August 14, 2014  
6:00 - 10:30 PM  
Morrow County Fairgrounds  
Fair admission required

Price \$10.00 Starter Pack  
2 drink tickets & take home glass  
Additional tickets \$5.00 each

Pizza and Salad dinner catered by "Howe's About Pizza"  
Non alcoholic drinks available—  
Something for everyone!

Join us for our OSU theme and meet BENNY THE BEAVER!  
Coming to us all the way from Corvallis to visit Morrow County Fair!

**Award Winning Local & Special Italian Wines Featured!**  
Pizza by the slice \$2.00 (large slice).  
Pizza & Salad dinner \$8.00

**Wear Orange! or Green - Duck fans also welcome!**  
**Be sure to bring lawn chairs!**

**Live Entertainment:**  
Jet Teas for the kids  
Joe Lindsay Family/Friends: 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
John Wambke & Eric Jepsen: 7:30 - 8:30 PM  
Luke Basile with Jamie Nasario Band: 8:30 - 10:30 PM

*Take Home with Jamie Nasario Band!*  
*Live @ Murray's Wine Tasting*  
*Aug 14th, Morrow County Fairgrounds*

**ESPRESSO FAIR BOOTH SCHEDULE**  
(Inside Fair Annex Kitchen)

Tuesday 9-4:30  
Wednesday 7:30-4:30  
Thursday 7:30-4:00  
Friday 7:30-4:30  
Saturday 1-5:30

Fair Menu includes breakfast items, gourmet espresso drinks, salads, pulled pork & BBQ beef sandwiches!

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**PLEASE KEEP JOHN AND ASHLI GOULD AND THEIR FAMILY IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Ashli's father was in a head on collision in Silverton, OR and is at Legacy Emanuel Hospital. Ashli's family members are traveling back and forth to the hospital and we would like to let people know that there is a jar for any donations you may care to donate for them at Murray Drugs, Inc.

Thank you and God bless.  
Friends of The Gould family.

**ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.**

~ 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.

**Just spittin' and whistlin'**

With the lazy-daisy-days of summer upon us and with harvest about over and school about to begin its annual door opening, strange thoughts pass through my mind. Our kids have graduated from the various high schools, on to college and leaving our small community forever... this after their families have invested life savings to pay for mind-boggling tuition fees to four-year colleges. Just doesn't seem right, somehow.

In some ways, this is a good thing for those who can afford it, but for those who cannot afford it, it rapidly becomes a gigantic problem. I am pretty sure that sending our kids to a college or university is a top priority in most family want lists. So how can families solve the high cost of college tuition?

I got to thinking about the answer to this question. One answer lies in our own backyard. It is called Blue Mountain Community College, a two-year institution for an associate degree or two years of basic instruction to carry on to any four-year college or university.

Think of it. Two years of college at BMCC at literally half the cost of any four-year institution. Further, specialty departments within BMCC are tailored to our very own communities for job growth.

Another thought I had was how to develop jobs for our graduating seniors and keep them in our own communities. Take, for instance, the Port of Morrow. This Port district has brought into our area world-class industry and commerce second only to the Portland area. These companies and institutions such as ConAgra and Tillamook Cheese and Food Processing right now are recruiting young, eager students who have good work ethics. BMCC in our own backyard has the capability of working closely with these companies to tailor classes that meet the needs of these companies.

So, after thinking of this, it came to me that we can "have our cake and eat it, too." Simple—the combination of Blue Mountain Community College, a "good old country work force" and the tremendous industry job recruitment in process at the Port of Morrow offers a no-brainer solution to jobs, affordable education and stabilizing our communities. What do you think about this?

Just spittin' and whistlin' for something to do.  
(s) Louie Carlson, Heppner