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Local reception planned for newlyweds

A local reception for newlyweds Trevir and Mindy (Wenberg) Faley is planned for Sunday, May 3, from 3-5 p.m. at Heppner City Park. Rain location will be in the Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church gymnasium. Friends and relatives are invited to the casual meet-and-greet event; light refreshments will be served.

The couple is registered at REI; Bed, Bath and Beyond; Macy's; and Williams-Sonoma.

Kinzua Lunch Group

The Kinzua Lunch Group met April 17 at Service Creek. Those attending were John and Midge Geer, Rolene Allen, Marilyn Garcia, Fossil; Charm Bogle, Prineville; Windy Liptak, Condon; James Craig, Stanfield; Dixie and Bruce Holomon, Hermiston; Pete and Jackie Hester, Redmond; and OL Adams and Bob Kilkenny, Heppner.

Group members said they really enjoyed the visit, great food and the sunshine. The next lunch will be May 15 at 11:30 a.m. There will not be a lunch in June, as the annual Kinzua Reunion will be in Fossil June 20.

Area residents invited to Hermiston prayer event

Residents from area counties are invited to the greater Hermiston area National Day of Prayer event on May 7 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Hermiston High School gym.

Community lunch menu

Amazing Grace Fellowship members will serve lunch on Wednesday, April 29, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include scrambled eggs and ham, bacon or sausage; hash browns; sliced tomatoes; Waldorf salad; biscuits and gravy; and spiced pears.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal.

Menu is subject to change.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report on Thursday, May 7, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Howe's About Pizza will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Tuesday before to guarantee a lunch.

Why I Pray In Tongues

Well, I don't make it a practice to pray in tongues in public. "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God." (I Corinthians 14:2) But in my private prayers, I often pray in tongues. In Romans 8:26 it says, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought." Many times I don't know what the will of God is and I don't know what the proper solution would be. On those occasions I pray according to the instructions given in I Corinthians 14:15 and pray in English what I know, and let the Spirit (tongues, according to verse 14) pray through me on a level that surpasses my intellect. Sometimes, when I am in private, I worship in tongues because I don't have the vocabulary to give adequate expression to the adoration that wells up in my heart. I want to enter into a spiritual realm that supersedes my intellectual abilities and give full vent to my feelings.

Hey, if you find that your prayer life is hindered by the inability to fully give expression to the burden of your heart, I heartily recommend praying and worshipping in tongues.

Pastor David Jenkins

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9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
6:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer

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HOSPICE VOLUNTEER RETIRES

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came a full-time chaplain at the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast (now Suncoast Hospice) in Clearwater, FL. While on a home visiting team, through daily contact, she says she came to value hospice care even more as a medical choice for everyone from babies up to 100-year-olds.

In 1998, Willey took early retirement in order to move to Heppner to be with her ailing mother, Lynn Bibby. Eventually, they entered the Pioneer Memorial Home Health program, where Willey says they received care and support through her mother's peaceful home death. No local hospice existed at the time. However, Willey said the home health staff gave "personal, caring, loving, expert care" to both her and her mother.

In fact, she says, the entire community was welcoming.

"I've been very blessed by the people in this community," she says. "They've been very welcoming to me as to my mother."

In 2002, the local health care provided by home health expanded to include hospice, becoming Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice. Willey says Molly Rhea and Robinai Disque "reeled" her in to help organize in the areas of volunteers, chaplain and counselor. However, Rhea, now director of nursing at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, says Willey was "instrumental" in the hospice start-up.

"She offered to help us with the leg work, including meeting the requirement of having hospice-trained volunteers available throughout our service area of Morrow and Gilliam counties," says Rhea.

For her efforts, Willey was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2003 by the Oregon Association for Home Care, presented at Otter Crest.

After the hospice accreditation was complete, Willey served as a volun-

teer staff chaplain for three years, including two years as a counselor and one year as volunteer coordinator. After that time, employed staff filled the roles of chaplain and counselor; Cyde Estes, as a trained volunteer, became volunteer coordinator. Willey continued to work with Estes as a volunteer until her recent retirement.

Willey says she is stepping down from her position as volunteer because, quite simply, it's time.

"I have come to the place that I feel it's time for me to step aside," she says.

She also says that, while she's retiring from several other things, she isn't retiring from life; she will continue to be active in the community and to reach out when she sees a need.

"I'm doing what I still feel called to do but in a different way," she says.

At the same time, Willey says it's time for more freedom and less structure.

"To just have a few years to do nothing," she says. "Just letting it unfold, being grateful for the blessings I have in this wonderful, God-created world."

At the same time, she says she considers hospice care an important medical option and urges others to learn more about the local hospice program so they can discover the same value she did.

"Whether listening to a client or a caregiver or a family member's hopes, fears, joys, life stories; holding a hand; laughing together; sharing prayers, blessings, communion; going on a drive; doing errands; conducting the client/family planned funeral or memorial; consoling a companion pet; or following the family during the year of bereavement—all these and more enriched my life because the client and the hospice team taught me how to live, laugh, forgive and love in a deeper, more inclusive way every day of my life until my last breath."

County 4-H hosts urban/rural exchange

The week of April 9-13, the Morrow County 4-H



One of the urban students, Peter, holds a piglet during a visit to an area farm during the 4-H exchange program. *-Contributed photo*

program participated in the 4-H Urban/Rural Exchange Program.

Three host families from Morrow County hosted participants and chaperones this year...the Gibbs and Wolff families of Heppner and the Heideman family of Ione.

The weekend was kicked off with a meet and greet potluck for all of the participants to get to know one another. The rest of the weekend was spent attending numerous activities experiencing different ways of life across Morrow County.

Urban participants toured the SAGE Center in Boardman, Shepherd Flat Wind Farm, local brandings, went to local schools with their host siblings, learned about the rural way of life first-hand with their

The View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

It was a cold and windy Tuesday morning on April 14 when 13 women turned out for their play day at Willow Creek Country Club. Low Gross of the field went to Karen Thompson (44), low net to Betty Burns (27) and least putts to Corol Mitchell (13).

For flight A, low gross went to Pat Edmundson and low net to Eva Kilkenny.

For flight B, low gross was a tie between Sarah Rucker and Emily Thompson.

On flight C, low gross was a tie between Lorene Montgomery and pat Dougherty. Low net went to Jackie Allstott, and Judy Harris had least putts.

Long putt went to Sarah Rucker and Karen Thompson. Corol Mitchell had KP.

WCCC Sunday men's play

Men's play on Sunday, April 19, had another hole-in-one, shot by Mike Doherty during this week's par-three challenge, playing from the number 9 tee to number 4 green. Twenty-five men played in this week's event.

Results are as follows:

Gross—1st (tie), Ron Bowman/Derek Gundersen, 64; 3rd, Duane Disque, 66.

Net—1st, Mike Doherty, 48; 2nd, Roger Mortimore, 52; 3rd (tie), Delbert Bin-

schus/Dave Gunderson, 54.

Special Events—KP 5/16, Duane Disque, 5'2"; KP 9/18, Rick Britt, 4'5".

Next Sunday is the annual Mustang Scramble. This is a three-player scramble open to the first 27 teams. Contact Greg Grant or Matt Scrivner for more information.

The next regularly-scheduled men's play will be Sunday, May 3. Charlie Ferguson, Larry Runyon and Stacy Wilson are hosts.

Columbia-Blue results for The Dalles

Thirty-five senior golfers from Willow Creek Country Club played golf in the CBSGA Tournament at The Dalles Country Club (par 71) on May 13.

The weather was extremely cold and windy, but the golfers said they had a great time.

Results for WCCC were as follows:

Columbia Division (Handicap 0 to 17)

Gross: 4. John Boyer – 81, 9. Ron Bowman – 88.

Net: 8. Duane Disque – 74.

Blue Division (Handicap 18 to 25)

Gross: 3. Jim Swanson – 90, 5. Tom Shear – 92.

Net: 9. Dave Gundersen and Tim Hedman – 78.

Senior Division (Handicap 26 and over)

Gross: 6. Steve Marlatt – 105, 8. Bill Morris – 108, 10. Earl Fishburn – 110.

Net: 3. John Kilkenny – 72, 7. Alan Scott – 75.

The next Columbia-Blue Senior Tournament will be at Echo Hills Golf Course on May 11.

Old Time Fiddlers at Stokes Landing

Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers will be at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon on April 25 starting at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$5. Food will be available at 5 p.m.

host families, and experienced many more activities during this jam-packed weekend.

"This was the second year Morrow County participated in the program, and it turned out to be a fantastic learning opportunity for both the urban students and the rural host families," said Morrow County 4-H

Agent Ashley Jones.

Anyone who has questions or is interested in learning more about the local 4-H program, contact the office at 541-676-9642, visit the web at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/morrow/welcome-morrow-county-4-h>, or follow them on Facebook at "Morrow County 4-H Oregon."

Wheat Commission to hold special board meeting

The Oregon Wheat Commission will hold a special board meeting on Thursday, April 30, at the Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided to all attendees.

Anyone with questions should contact the Oregon Wheat Commission office at 503-467-2161.

Commission meetings are open to the public.



Did You Know...

There are 6,854 bridges owned by public agencies in Oregon. County road departments maintain 3,421 of these bridges, 50% of the statewide system.

Morrow County School District is creating a long term investment plan for each of our school buildings. We are working with a consultant to assess our buildings from the viewpoints of both physical condition and functionality. We have a community group in place that is reviewing this data and generating recommendations on what to do with each of our facilities, including whether to repair, replace, or consolidate schools. We would also like the input of our wider community base and to share with you the progress of these discussions. We will be conducting three community-wide meetings at the following locations and times:

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH – HEPPNER COMMUNITY,
Heppner Elementary cafeteria @ 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH – BOARDMAN COMMUNITY,
Riverside High School auditorium @ 6:30 p.m.

We welcome your input. Only together can we make informed decisions that positively impact our students and your children. Please attend one of these informational meetings and exchange with us your ideas.