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The View from the Green

Holy Name Men's Golf Tournament this Saturday

Avid golfers from around the region, both men and women, are reminded that the St. William's and St. Patrick's Holy Name Men's Golf Fun Day is this Saturday morning, Aug. 15.

Participants need not be accomplished golfers to take part in this fun day. Teams of four will play in a four-person scramble format; players can arrange

their own teams or will be teamed up when they arrive. Prizes will be awarded for the top team and best shots.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. with tee-off at 8:15 a.m. The church altar societies will provide lunch around 10:30 a.m.

Cost is \$30 per person. Proceeds go to the Holy Name Men's Catholic Student Scholarship Fund.

Over the Tee Cup

It was "perfect morning weather" for the 22 women who showed up for the Willow Creek Country Club ladies' play day last Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Low gross of the field was taken by Nancy Propher. Low net went to Pat Dougherty. Judy Harris and Lorrene Montgomery tied for least putts of the field.

For flight A, Corol Mitchell and Pat Edmondson tied for low gross, while Virginia Grant took low net. Karen Thompson had least putts, long drive and KP.

For flight B, Betty Burns had the low gross and KP, while Sarah Rucker

took first low net and Sharon Harrison had second low net. Emily Thompson had least putts, and Shirley Martin had the long drive.

On flight C, Jackie Allstott had the low gross. Bev Steagall and Sue Edson tied for low net, while Betty Carlson had least putts. Karen Haguewood had the long drive, and Nancy Armonson KP.

In other events, Corol Mitchell had a chip-in and a birdie on #1, and Jackie Allstott had a chip-in on #7.

For coming events, the Eddi Skow tournament is planned for Sept. 8-9.

Sunday men's play results

Eighteen men played in the regular Sunday men's play at Willow Creek Country Club on Aug. 9. The results were as follows:

Gross: 1. Greg Grant - 62, 2. Ron Bowman - 65, 3. Dave Pranger - 66.

Net: 1. Gene Orwick - 50, 2. (tie) Josh Coiner, Delbert Binschus and Dallas Harsin - 57.

The committee for the

day's play included Rod Wilson, Tim Wright and John Edmondson.

Next Sunday's activity will be the annual Shoot-out Tournament with two-man teams playing three rounds of golf in various formats. The committee for the day is Dave Allstott, Dave Gunderson and Gary Watkins.

Obituaries

Paul Garland 'Skip' Pettyjohn Jr.

Paul Garland "Skip" Pettyjohn Jr., 73, of Ione passed away May 23, 2015 in Heppner, with his wife Barbara and grandsons by his side. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held Saturday, Aug. 15, at 11 a.m. at the Ione Community Church.

Skip was born July 25, 1941 in Heppner, the son of Paul Garland and Helen Margaret Lundell Pettyjohn. He lived and grew up in a loving home with his parents and younger sister Diana, as well as a large extended family of many aunts, uncles and cousins in Ione. He graduated from Ione High School in 1959, where he participated in and excelled at many sports and also enjoyed playing the trumpet. Skip was injured in a car wreck while driving his 1957 Chevy. He told his girls and grandkids many stories of his wild and crazy youthful times with his best friend Ivan Akers and other classmates. After high school he attended Klamath Falls Community College, where he studied auto mechanics.

In 1960 he married Virginia Lee Thompson. They later divorced. To that union were born three daughters, Kimber, Kelly and Kristina. Skip was a wonderful father, raising three little girls on his own, with the

help of his parents. He was the kind of dad they could always call on when something needed fixed, from bikes to cars, he was always there for them. He worried about his girls and never let them down in times of need. He was the fun kind of dad who danced with them on his feet in grandma's kitchen, played hide and seek with them, performed amazing magic tricks, and took them to the Portland Rose Festival.

In 1961 he went to work for his father's business, Pettyjohn Oil Company, where he worked in the office selling fertilizer and fuel, driving truck delivering fuel and chemicals to local ranchers and homes in the Ione area, doing mechanics at the shop, and working on furnaces to keep families warm. He retired in 1988 when the business sold with the passing of his father.

In 1995 he married Barbara Elaine Johnson, who loved and cared for him until his passing.

He loved fast cars and taking his family to the car races. His dream car was a 1969 Mach 1 Cobra Jet Mustang he bought in 1972, which he liked to show off. His girls have

fond memories of driving to Disneyland in the back seat of his Mustang. He enjoyed listening to music and dancing, working on computers and playing computer games with his grandsons. He loved watching his girls, grandkids and great-grand-

kids at their many sporting events and activities through the years. He is remembered for his quiet and sneaky sense of humor, and loved telling jokes. He loved hanging out with his family for backyard bonfires, sharing stories and jokes with the kids.

He was a family man. His growing family was always the most important part of his life and he enjoyed going to many birthday parties and barbecues with them. Later in life he liked going to Beechers to play Texas Hold'em with the boys. He also had a soft spot for his cats and often took in stray cats that he and Barbara would take care of, nursing them back to health.

Skip was known to everyone in the community as a kind and friendly man who didn't have an enemy in the world. He showed his love by always being there in times of need. He will be greatly missed as

a husband, brother, dad, grandpa and friend, for his big heart and generosity, his sense of humor and love he gave us all.

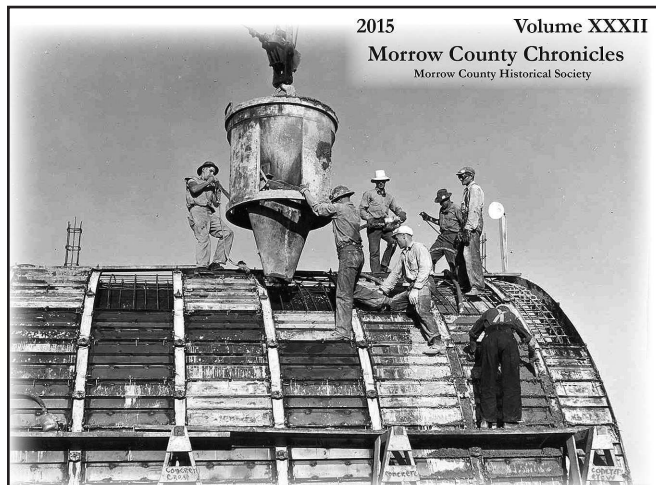
Survivors include his wife, Barbara; sister, Diana Hams and her husband Wayne; daughters, Kimber Thompson and her husband Les and their children, Jared and his wife Sheryl, Olivia Whetsler and her husband Brian, Kelly, Lacey, Seth and Katelyn Thompson; Kelly Christman and her husband Carl, their children Sheena, Nick Christman and his wife Cara; Krissie Rea and her children, Dylan Pettyjohn and his wife Dani, Koby Rea and his wife Sarah and Michaela Forrester; great-grandchildren, Garland and Atlas Whetsler, Keely and Cason Pettyjohn, Sophia, Joelle and twins Alex and Austin Christman, and Ryleigh and Brynleigh Rea; stepsons, Kevin and Clifton and their children; nephews, Jeff, Craig and Shawn Hams; niece, Deena Hansen and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Helen Pettyjohn, and niece, Leslie Kay Hams.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione Education Foundation, PO Box 4, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

2015 Chronicles available at fair



The 2015 Morrow County Chronicles will be on sale at the fair next week.

The 2015 issue of the Morrow County Chronicles will go on sale at the Morrow County Fair next week.

The publication will again cost \$7 and will be available at the Morrow County Historical Society fair booth. After fair week, the issue will, as usual, be on sale at some area businesses.

This is the 32nd volume of the collection of old, new and little-known stories of Morrow County's people, places and events. It is dedicated to Kenneth and Lucile Peck and offers a reprint of an early article by Lucile.

Other features this year include articles about Ordinance, Boardman, Hard-

man, Timber Cultures, the UPS in Morrow County, a Pruter Berry follow-up, and some personal recollections.

The Chronicles is published by the Morrow County Historical Society. It is compiled of stories submitted by individuals who share an appreciation of the history of the county and wish to share their research or personal reflections. Everyone interested in writing an article or in compiling information to be edited by another person is encouraged to let the Historical Society member at the fair booth know. That will be a perfect time to also offer topic ideas for the next Chronicles.

~ 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.

Agriculture deserves appreciation

To the Editor:

My appreciation for farmers and ranchers has resurfaced often for several months, but seldom have I voiced my gratitude to our neighbors and friends who persevere in agronomy (I like this word and don't often have opportunity to use it) and animal husbandry. That is my mistake and one that I became increasingly aware of early this year when—out-of-area—I saw signs and articles that reflect negative opinions about agricultural operations. With Fair Week just around the corner, the timing seems opportune for this public statement that I hope corrects that mistake.

The importance of agriculture has been obvious to local individuals since the first settlers in the area staked claims, and it continues to be obvious to most of us, I hope. Unfortunately, I think people dedicated to producing food on their lands are sometimes maligned by people who do not seem to realize their importance to millions of people. Sometimes individuals who claim concern for the environment do not seem to understand that these producers recognize the importance of the environment—upon which they are entirely dependent—not only to their operations but for the benefit of generations to come.

This is another challenging year for farmers and ranchers who must contend with drought and threat of fires, so I especially appreciate them and their stick-to-it attitude. I recognize their worth and importance, and I hope that other people do too or will become aware and appreciative.

Doris Brosnan, Heppner

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Chamber lunch meeting

The lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce that would normally be held on Thursday,

Aug. 20, has been cancelled to allow the community to attend the Morrow County Fair activities.

Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before.

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