

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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Blessed to have known Bob Jepsen

To the Editor:

Julie and I were unable to attend Bob Jepsen's funeral service, so I wish to take this opportunity to share a testimony of Bob and Suzanne's impact on our life. In the beginning of our ministry in Eastern Oregon over three decades ago, we were living in our mountain cabin—no electricity or running water. With three kids, and Julie ready to return to Australia, Bob and Suzanne arrived with a generator. We hardly knew them. They were the first to encourage and support us on our first ministry trip across America in 1986.

It is rare to say that a man, in this case a man of God, died too soon at 86. Julie and I are grateful to have known and been blessed by Bob and Suzanne Jepsen. May his memory and heritage inspire others to know and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

(s) Stuart and Julie Dick, Irrigon

The View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

The 16 ladies who teed off at Willow Creek Country Club July 26 deemed the day "hot but nice," with the course in beautiful condition.

Low gross of the field went to Nancy Propheer, with low net of the field to Karen Haguewood and least putts of the field to Loa Heideman.

For Flight A, Karen Thompson had low gross.

For Flight B, Judy Harris had low gross, with low net going to Shirley Martin and Pat Dougherty. Betty

Burns had least putts.

For Flight C, Lorene Montgomery had low gross, Sue Edson low net and Kris Lindner least putts.

Chip-ins were: Loa Heideman #2, Karen Haguewood #3 and #5, Karen Thompson #3, Kathy Martin #8, and Nancy Propheer #3.

In other events, Kris Lindner and Sue Edson were named most improved.

For coming events, the ladies are reminded of the invitational at Walla Walla County Club.

WCCC Sunday men's play results

Twenty-three participated in Sunday men's play at Willow Creek Country Club on July 31. Prizes were awarded based on net score only. The results are as follows:

Net—1st, Greg Grant, 52; 2nd, Stacy Wilson, 53; 3rd, John Edmundson, 57; and 4th, Duane Disque, Ralph Walker, Bob MacDonald and Ron Bowman, 58.

In other events, KP9/18

went to Derek Gunderson at 10', while Greg Grant had least putts at 22.

In a correction from last week, Bob MacDonald won third net. There will be no men's play on Aug. 7 because of the couples' tournament.

The next men's play will be Aug. 14 with Tim Hedman, Rod Wilson and Tim Wright hosting. Aug. 21 is the shootout, which is a two-man event.

Local athletes gear up for East-West Shrine game

Morrow County football players are already in Baker City, OR, gearing up for Oregon's 64th annual East West Shrine All-Star Football Game.

The annual game features senior football players from 1A to 4A high schools, who play to benefit the Portland Shriners Hospital for Children.

Representing Morrow County on the East team this Saturday, Aug. 6, will be CJ Kindle and Patrick Collins of Heppner and Fredy Vera of Irrigon.

Selected as alternates for the team were Weston Putman and Kaden Clark from Heppner and Cougar Kroske from Irrigon. Kellen Grant of Heppner also was selected as a student manager for the East team.

The players will practice all week for Saturday's game at Bull Dog Stadium in Baker City.



L-R: CJ Kindle of Heppner, Fredy Vera of Irrigon and Patrick Collins of Heppner will all represent Morrow County at the East West Shrine All-Star Football Game in Baker City this Saturday. -Contributed photo

Festivities will include a parade at 11 a.m. on game day, with kick-off at 7 p.m.

The game will be aired on ROOT Sports Network (channel 426 for DISH

subscribers). Check local listings for availability.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Although no Willow Creek Terrace Residents journeyed to Ione for its Independence-Day celebration, they were treated to a view of many of that day's Cruise-In entries. The drivers from Hermiston offered a "heads up" the day before and then—en route to Ione on the Fourth—came as a group to parade past the Residents who watched from their lawn chairs and from their apartment windows.

Waiting for winds to subside, the Community on the Hill chose the following Monday for watching their private fireworks show while enjoying their ice cream treats. Thanks to the largesse of the Lions Club, the budgeted funds for purchasing fireworks went much further than expected, and the long show was totally satisfactory.

July held a good number of days dedicated to special persons, places, and things that have won spots on the national register of celebrations. Everyone could remember the "Lawrence Welk Show," which started in 1955 and ran

for 27-1/2 years; Cracker Jacks, which hit the markets in 1893 and added a prize inside in 1912 (yes, still available); and the "Newlywed Game Show," 1966-1974 (a new version now shows). National Fried Chicken Day is always a hit (July 6); Macaroni Day was agreeable (14th); Gummy Worm Day was sweet (15th); National Ice Cream Day is a favorite (17th); Junk Food Day stimulated some talk about preferences (21st); Ice Cream Cone Day was delicious (23rd), as was Chocolate Milkshake Day (26th); and Lasagne Day was "delizioso!" (29th). Morning conversations also focused on Telling the Truth (the seventh); the Major League Baseball All-Star Game (12th); what happens when the Moon Is Full (19th); Hammocks (22nd); Gorgeous Grandmas (23rd); Aunties, and Telling Jokes (24th); Acting Like a Caveman (25th); Fathers-in-Law (30th); and Mutts (31st).

Some "civilized, good conversations," says Manager George Nairns, also resulted in July from the Residents' following of the national "Campaign 2016"

coverage on the news. Two characteristics of this generation are general interest in the political climate and the belief that "It's okay to disagree."

A sad loss for the Terrace in July was a happy gain for Ed Struthers, for he and wife, Marie, moved to Pendleton. They gained a closer proximity to their Pendleton children. The Terrace lost its devoted volunteer who brought a variety of library books to the avid readers on the Hill. Wishing Ed well, the Residents also wish for a replacement who will continue this wonderful service.

Three especially special days in July were those celebrating Terrace birthdays: Donna Bergstrom was a year older on the eighth. Meg Murray celebrated her birthday on the 12th. And Velma Wight was only 99 years old on the 30th!

The Community will have no birthdays to celebrate in August but will have other dates to look forward to.

Some Residents attended Music in the Park last month and will return

for the August concert. On the 11th, Kelly Weaver of Irrigon will entertain with an accordion concert. They will also take in the entertainment and the entries in the Morrow County Fair on the 17th.

August began with conversation about Girlfriends (the first) and Smile Week (first through seventh). The Olympics will begin this weekend, and the Terrace's version of their own Olympic games will bring out competitors through next week. On the fifth, Staff may have some surprises for the Residents on Twins Day, and Sisters will be the topic for morning conversation on the seventh. Prime rib will be a tasty feature of the 13th, and Residents will dine on the patio as August ends with Eat Outside Day.

But what Residents view as especially special this month is that it also began with the moving-in of a new neighbor but familiar face. They are so pleased that Gladys Van Winkle has returned to Heppner after a few years in Salem and will add her warm heart and sense of humor to the Terrace Community.

CREZ MAY EXPAND

-Continued from PAGE ONE of Morrow and Morrow County Court, all members of the CREZ.

The maximum size an enterprise zone can be is 15 square miles, so the CREZ is considering adding other areas also, and expanding to the maximum.

The board also dis-

cussed taking some areas out of the CREZ that have not been producing new businesses.

The purpose of the CREZ, as with the other enterprise zones around the state of Oregon, is to offer reduced or no property taxes for a number of years as an incentive to locate there.

A public hearing will be held later before the expansion is completed.

In other business at the CREZ meeting last week, the board heard that the sawmill located in the poplar tree farm near Boardman, which is shutting down, will have to pay back the exempted property taxes it received while in operation.

The entire poplar farm is being shut down and converted back to agriculture use, so the sawmill will no longer have trees to cut.

When established, the mill had received tax exemption from the CREZ. The amount of back taxes

to be paid back was not disclosed at the meeting. Morrow County Assessor Mike Gorman said he had not calculated an exact figure yet.

The board also heard that an auditor from the state had been asking questions about CREZ operations.

CREZ administrator Carla McLane said there weren't any problems, she just felt the state was just trying to get an understanding how the enterprise zones were working, and that CREZ is one of the more active ones in Oregon, so it made sense for them to call.

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