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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.

**A little history on the mini-park tree**

Dear Editor:  
Just a little history about the spruce tree recently removed from the downtown mini-park and written about in June 14, 2017 Gazette-Times.

For many years in the past, the crew of Columbia Electric Basin Co-op would erect an evergreen tree that local citizens needed removed and would donate to be used as Heppner's Christmas tree downtown in that same spot.

Concerns about not having a donated tree every year and the expectations of using CBEC crews resulted in CBEC very generously donating the recently removed beautiful spruce and planting it in 1998. The tree was purchased through the Helfrecht's at Green Feed & Seed.

While a beautiful tree, spruces can cause problems in tight spaces and with sidewalks. If an evergreen is decided for the community's Christmas tree, perhaps it should be planted in a larger park. There is already a nice spruce that Rev. Keith Brudevold donated several years ago in Heritage Park that is growing and healthy and might fit the need.

Perhaps the mini-park should be kept free from trees since there are others nearby.

CBEC provided 19 years' worth of enjoyment from the donation of a beautiful spruce. I appreciate your community mindedness.

(s) Kay Proctor, Heppner

**MCGG MANAGER**

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"It's a lot to learn. It's kind of like drinking from a fire hose," Gray quips, though he adds that "the hose was a four-inch and now it's a three-inch."  
Still, he says he's glad to be exactly where he is. "Morrow County has just got such a strong history of growth and customer loyalty. That was another draw to me," says Gray. "I just feel really honored to be in this position and pick up where John left off and continue leading the company forward."

*The View from the Green*

**WCCC hosts 'partners in crime' fun night**



Fourteen members attended the WCCC "Partners in Crime" fun night last week. Top (L-R): Dennis and Debbie Peck, Roger Ehrmantraut, Lorrene Montgomery, Anita and Dave Pranger, Ralph Walker. Bottom (L-R): Loren and Della Heideman, Tony and Tiffany Clement, Blake Greenup, Barry Munkers, Pat Edmundson. -Contributed photo

Willow Creek Country Club hosted a two-person fun night with the theme of "Partners in Crime" on Friday, June 16.

"We had 14 in attendance and when you get Bonnie and Clyde (Dennis and Debbie Peck) out on the course, a shoot-out is going to happen," said one event organizer.

The winner was Blake Greenup with a KP of 2 feet, 2 inches longest putt. There also were a couple of steals, some lie detector tests and a spike strip to slow the criminals down.

Winners of the evening were Della and Loren Heideman, first place; Dave and Anita Pranger, second

place; and a three-way tie for third—Blake Greenup and Barry Munkers, Roger Ehrmentrout and Lorrene Montgomery, and Pat Edmundson and Ralph Walker.

WCCC members say they look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming "Glow Ball" tournament planned for July 22.

**Over the Tee Cup**

It was a windy and cool day for the 14 women who teed off at Willow Creek Country Club's ladies play day last Tuesday, June 13. Low gross of the field went to Virginia Grant, while Judy Harris and Pat Dougherty tied for low net of the field. Betty Burns had least putts of the field.

For flight A, Pat Edmundson had low gross, while Karen Thompson had low net and the long drive.

For flight B, Karen Haguewood had first low gross, and Della Heideman had second low gross and the long drive.

For flight C, Lorrene Montgomery had low gross and the long drive, while Kris Lindner had first low net, Nancy Arnson had second low net and Josie Kidsfather had least putts.

Virginia Grant had a chip-in and a birdie, both on #13.

The WCCC Ladies Nine-Hole Invitational was June 20.

**WCCC men's play results**

Twenty golfers participated in men's play on Sunday, June 18, at Willow Creek Country Club. The results were as follows:

Gross—1<sup>st</sup>, Charlie Ferguson, 65; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ron Bowman, 69; and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tim Wright, 71.

Net—1<sup>st</sup>, Roger Ehrmantraut, 58; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bale Boyd, 59; and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Delbert Binschus, 60.

The next weekend brings the annual Men's Invitational. The next regular Sunday men's play will be on Sunday, July 2. Hosts are Tom Shear, Roger Ehrmantraut and Dale Holland.

**Columbia-Blue seniors results for Boardman**

Thirty-one Willow Creek Country Club senior golfers played in the monthly Columbia-Blue Senior Golf Association Tournament at the par-62 Willow Run Golf Course in Boardman on June 12. Players reported that Rod and Kenna Punches, the course owners, did an outstanding job of hosting the activity.

Results for the Willow

Creek golfers were as follows:

**Columbia Division (Handicap 13 and Below)**

Gross: 5. (tie) Ron Bowman and Tom Bedortha - 73, 7. Scott Burright - 74, 9. Barry Munkers 76.

Net: 6. Rick Johnston - 63, 8. Dave Pranger - 64.

**Blue Division (Handicap 14 - 19)**

Net: 4. Bob Nairns - 61.

**Senior Division (Handicap 20 and Above)**

Gross: 5. Ralph Walker - 84, 7. Bill Morris - 86, 8. Roger Ehrmantraut - 88.

Net: 4. Dave Creswick - 63, 10. Mike Sweek - 66.

The next Columbia-Blue tournaments will be on June 26 at Arlington and on July 10 at Goldendale with 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. tee-off times.

**Currin, Hughes receive Northwest FCS scholarships**

SPOKANE, WA— Northwest Farm Credit Services has awarded 84 students from its five-state territory a total of \$168,000 in scholarships. The 2017 Scholarship Program winners from Heppner, who will each receive a \$2,000 college scholarship, are Colby Cur-



Colby Currin

rin and Makenzi Hughes. Currin is the son of Stephen and Lisanne Currin. He graduated from Heppner Jr./Sr. High School and plans to further his education at Blue Mountain Community College.

Makenzi Hughes is the daughter of Kevin and

Angie Hughes. She will attend Eastern Oregon University in the fall.

Northwest FCS is an \$11 billion financial cooperative providing financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, commercial fishermen, tim-



Makenzi Hughes

ber producers, rural homeowners and crop insurance customers in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Northwest FCS is a member of the nationwide Farm Credit System. For more information, go to northwestfcs.com.

**FFA members raise money for DC trip**

Four local FFA students are among those who will attend the Washington Leadership Conference this summer in Washington, D.C. The four students that have been chosen to go are Cami VanArsdale, Keegan Gibbs, Tresslyn McCurry and Tyler Carter.

The purpose of this conference is to teach students to become better leaders in their school and within their community as they grow. While they are there, they will have the opportunity to tour historical D.C. sites in addition to learning about themselves, giving

back to their community, leadership, teamwork and making a positive impact on the world.

The students are looking for opportunities to earn money to assist them

on the journey. Anyone who has odd jobs they can do to earn a little money to help afford the trip, please contact Beth Dickenson at 541-980-8677.

**Community lunch menu**

Willow Creek Baptist Church volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, June 28, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Lunch will include a baked ham and cheese ring, baked jo-joes, seven-layer salad, sliced tomatoes, garlic bread and strawberry shortcake.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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