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Bram Brata at Music in the Park Sunday



Bram Brata

The Tri-Cities steel drum band Bram Brata returns to Heppner this Sunday for the next concert in this summer's Music in the Park series. Concerts are held on the second Sunday of each summer month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Heppner City Park on Main Street.

Concerts are funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. The

Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church facilitates this concert series and will again offer pulled pork sandwiches and all the trimmings to raise funds for its well-drilling ministry through Living Water International.

Upcoming concerts include Elwood on Aug. 13 and Eric Jepsen and John Wambeke on Sept. 10.

Catholic men to hold first Friday meeting

The men of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Heppner and St. William's Catholic Church of Ione will hold their first Friday of the month meeting on Friday, July 7, at the parish office in Heppner. The meeting will start at 6:45 a.m. and will be followed by First Friday Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Grief support group will not meet during summer

Due to vacations and schedules, the Heppner grief support group will not meet this summer. The monthly meeting schedule will resume in October. Ideas and suggestions for upcoming meetings are welcome. Call Jean Ann Adams or Mary Ann Elguezabal with questions or ideas.

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The View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

It was sunny with a cool breeze across the course for the ladies who attended the Willow Creek Country Club ladies play day Tuesday, June 27.

Low gross of the field went to Pat Edmundson. Low net was a three-way tie among Loa Heideman, Virginia Grant and Betty Burns. Della Heideman had least putts of the field.

For flight A, Nancy Prophet had low gross and KP, and Karen Thompson had low net.

For flight B, Pat Dougherty had first low gross, Corol Mitchell second low gross, Shirley Martin low net, Judy Harris least putts and Della Heideman KP.

For flight C, Bev Steagall had low gross, Josie Kindsfather low net, Lorene Montgomery least putts and Bev Steagall KP.

Della Heideman had a chip-in.

The ladies are reminded that tee-off time in July is 8 a.m.

BMCC releases spring term 2016-17 honor roll

Pendleton—Blue Mountain Community College Spring term 2016-17 honor roll recognition went to the following full-time students:

President's List: 4.0 GPA: Marisa Aguiar, Selene Andrade, Nathaniel Arnold, Pedro Arroyo, Lynne Ashby, Mary Bagdon, Samantha Ball, Gloria Ballesteros, Anthony Barker, Jovanny Bedolla, Tiah Benedict, Omar Benitez, Laken Berlin, Robert Brandvold, Robert Brown, Russell Brown, Lexie Campbell, Brenda Campos, Nathaniel Cantowine, Nayeli Cardenas, Lucy Carlson, Daphne Castro, Emily Cecil, Guitzell Chavez, Vanessa Chavez, Isaac Collins, Mark Contreras, Silvy Cook, Aramis Corpus, Juniper Cosner, Jacee Currin, Kolby Currin, Julianne Davis, Kyrasandra Davis, Robert Debolt, Paola Delacerda, Silvia Diaz Diaz, Jonathan Diehl, Emily Dittebrandt-Haney, Ellissa Durning, Kellen Fairchild, Alyssa Finifrock, Sarah Finifrock, Estela Fuentes, Jairo Garcia, Yessenia Garcia-Sanchez, Daisy Garcilazo, Caitrin Gormley, Sophie Grant, Shelby Greb, Claire Grieb, Logan Grieb, Taylor Hamby, Keziah Hampton, Timothy Handforth, Nicole Harrison, Christopher Haselden, Felix Hernandez, Bailey Hillmick, Dylan Hodges, Jason Hogge, Garrett House, Shae Hurley, Emmaline Irvine, Jailin Jimenez, Jared Johnson, Nakiska Johnston, Ashley Jones, Kaitlyn Jones, Jessica Kempken, Brittnee Kezer-Schomberg, Brooke Kralman, Paden Lacoursiere, Brooke Lomica, Handy Lopez-Leon, Jase Madsen, Jaiden Mahoney, Andrea Maldonado, Caiden Marks, Trystan McCoy, Amanda McGloin, Sonia Medina, Daisy Mendoza, Julissa Mendoza, Tania Mendoza, Andres Mendoza Guzman, Hayden Meyers, Fabian Meza, Reed Middleton, Evan Miller, Emma Montgomery, Llesenia Morfin, Keri Morrison, Madelin Muilenburg, Zackery My-

ers, Hiritzy Najera, Lionel Navarrete, Jenna O'Brien, Arely Ortiz, Karina Ortiz, Loreli Ortiz, Jessie Patterson, Sydney Peal, Rogelio Perez, Sarah Quigg, Fernando Ramirez, Jacob Rammer, Beth Reeves, Magdalena Richardson, Gary Ringer, Sandra Robles, Ventura Rodriguez, Kirsten Saling, Rosanne Sanchez, Eric Santana Lopez, Ali Schroeder, Melanie Sederburg, Michael Shaffer, Garrett Shell, Natalee Sherbahn, Miah Slater, Riley Sorensen, Illumination Spencer, Olivia Steffey, Rachel Stone, Leslie Stroe, Doria Summerfield, Sierra Summerfield, Christina Swafford, Amy Swenson, Shelbie Taylor, Nora Tejeda, Jon Thacker Jr, Jonathan Throop, Angela Tipton, Adrie Traum, Julien Trujillo, Krystin Uhlenkott, Keegan Verdin, Sara Von Borstel, Eric Wahler, Reiah Waite, Hannah Walker, Jordawn Wambeke, Roland Wampler III, Taylor Wasserman, Allison Wedgworth, Martin Wenzel-Schenck, Deborah Wilson, Carlos Wing-Marrs, George Wishon Iv, Hannah Wolfe, Seth Wood, Malcolm Zoon.

President's List: 3.85 to 3.99: Jordan Crane, Emanuel Tejeda.

Dean's List: 3.40 to 3.84 GPA: Ruby Barrera, Joan Cardenas, Taylor Evans, Darin Hauner, Abigail Hernandez, Ethan Holiday, Anthony Landeros, Kevin Madrigal, Misael Madrigal, Scott McDaniel, Trenton Morin, Guadalupe Naranjo, Luis Olvera, Morgan Orem, Daniel Rodriguez, Brock Rosen, Rafael Salas Garcia, Andruw Sorensen, Kylar Sorensen.

Honor Roll 3.0 to 3.39 GPA: Jacob Albrecht, Heath Baldock, Cari Barton, Samson Beckman, Collette Casson, Dawn Eddy, Cindy Fuentes, Heidi Garcia, Kimberlee Gassin, Bailey Gool, Kylie Green, Megan Green, Skyler Grigg, Dylan Grogan, Celia Guilliams, Makenzi Hughes, Rylee Kollman, Sydney Maben, Johnathan Roberts.

~ 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.

Slain Rancher's Wife Speaks Out

Lavoy Finicum was murdered (shot in the back three times) in January of 2016 while traveling between the Malheur Wildlife refuge and John Day, OR. A few days ago Lavoy's widow spoke at a meeting in Bozeman, MT. She tells a heart rending story not only of her husband's murder but also about her own abuse at the hands of the same government that murdered her husband.

Whatever your opinion of the Malheur incident, murder was not necessary or justified. What was the crime? At the most it was illegal trespassing. But in addition to trespassing the participants were sending a powerful message about liberty, and liberty nowadays is a taboo subject. In fact, in Senator Wyden's opinion, the message these guys were sending was likened to a virus. And then our illustrious Gov. Kate Brown implored Loretta Lynch of DOJ (Dept. of Justice) and James Comey of the FBI to bring the whole episode to a rapid conclusion. They seemed very happy to comply. One of the FBI agents is now facing charges in this incident.

Mrs. Finicum is a danger to our society now because she is talking about LaVoy's murder. The FBI trails her to speaking engagements. We can't have someone speaking out about the Constitution, first and second Amendments and the like. Folks might start waking up to the fact that their liberty is being rapidly eroded and perhaps it is time to stand up and let their voices be heard...just like this brave widow is doing.

In addition to suddenly being thrust into full time ranch duties after LaVoy's murder she is battling the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) over grazing rights. BLM arbitrarily cancelled her grazing rights because LaVoy is no longer alive. Her attorney cites the law that clearly allows a widow to retain these rights. The BLM's objective? Well, they seem to like to bankrupt ranchers and force them out of business just like they did to the Burns ranchers who were the object of the Malheur demonstration in the first place. They are in jail and the wife and mother of the father and son is close to losing the ranch. In fact she may have already been forced to sell.

I am proud of Mrs. Finicum's willingness to stand up and speak out about this example of government overreach. I hope you are too.

(s) Jack Meligan, Heppner

ODFW plans public meeting in Heppner

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife would like to invite all interested people to attend a public meeting on Wednesday, July 12, from 6-9 p.m. at the ODFW office in Heppner. ODFW will be discussing the proposed tag numbers for the 2018 big game seasons, as well as proposed new hunts for 2019.

The ODFW office is located in the old Kinzua mill office, 54173 Hwy. 74, Heppner.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

June 29, 2017: -Debra Jo Cross, 66, of Irrigon and Paul Wayne Terry, 71, of Irrigon.

IRRIGON FIRE

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Local roads were closed to all but emergency traffic. Three sheds were lost to the fast-moving fire; however, three homes that would have been lost to the fire were saved by fire crews. The fire was called under control at 3:36 p.m. and crews moved into mop-up duties.

One citizen was transported by Irrigon Ambulance to Good Shepherd Medical Center for treatment of smoke inhalation. "Thanks to the expertise and hard work of our local and neighboring fire fighters there was no loss of life or homes due to this fast-moving fire," stated an MCSO release.

MCSO reminds citizens that all local fire de-

partments are manned with volunteer firefighters—this means that firefighters are not already waiting at the fire hall, but often have to leave their regular jobs and go to the fire hall to gear up in order to respond with fire equipment to a fire.

Residents can greatly improve the chances of saving their homes from fire by making sure they have dry grasses, weeds, pine needles and sagebrush cleared away from their homes. It is recommended everyone keep it "lean, clean and green" for 30 feet around every home.

For more information on defensible space around your home go to: [Oregon.gov/ODF/Documents/Fire/Fire Safety House.pdf](http://Oregon.gov/ODF/Documents/Fire/Fire%20Safety%20House.pdf) or contact your local fire department.

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