

The Landing Lodge institutes 'Mustang Monday'



L-R: The Landing Lodge operators John Harris and Barbara Harris with son Jake Richmond and co-worker Tina Corbin. The Landing Lodge is thanking the community by giving a portion of every Monday's proceeds to the Mustang Booster Club. -Contributed photo

The Landing Lodge at the Morrow County OHV Park on Hwy. 207 will be giving back to the community by celebrating "Mustang Monday" every week

at the Lodge.

Beginning July 24, every Monday one dollar from every burger and basket purchased at the Lodge will be donated to the Heppner Jr./Sr. High School Booster Club.

"This is our third year of operating The Landing Lodge at the OHV park," said co-operator Barbara Richmond-Harris. "We chose to do Mustang Monday to thank the community for their continued support."

The Harrises invite the community to "come up, have some good food and help support your local Heppner Mustangs sports and academic programs."

WALTON RETIRES

-Continued from PAGE ONE on the Walton Ranch, where they raised four children. Two of their children were born at PMH, two born in John Day after the Pioneer Memorial obstetrics department closed—Jimmy Walton being one of the last babies born in Heppner aside from a few emergency deliveries in recent years.

"Funny how I was one of first and my son was one of the last," Walton reflects. "(Our children) are married now and we have seven grandchildren."

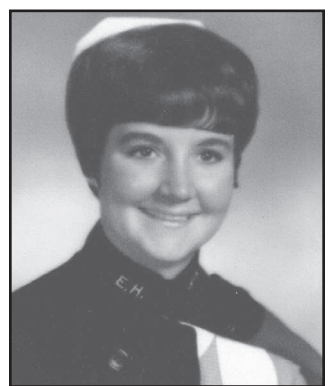
Sue Walton commuted, over the next 40 years, to Heppner to work. She stayed with family while working her shifts, as it was 174 miles round trip.

After 45 years, Walton has plenty of memories. She recalls "giving a big dog an anti-venom shot in the ER parking lot in the back of a pickup," as well as getting off work in her all-white uniform with her nursing cap on and getting to the ranch just in time to pull a calf, with neighbors going by and honking.

"It has been a wonderful journey, many miles traveled with lots of new friends. PMH has become such a major part of my life, my second family," she says. "From laughter and joy with the delivery of a new baby to sadness and tears with the loss of a patient or loved one. The ER traumas of friends, family and strangers will forever be with me."

Her duties over the years included labor and delivery—her favorite—surgery, the emergency room, and tending to patients the full length of the hall and a full nursing

home in the basement. For a time, with cutbacks, she did housekeeping, stocking and laundry with her nurs-



Sue (Greenup) Walton as a young nurse.

ing assistants. She recalls working in the pack room, sterilizing instruments and doing packs before the switch to disposable packs.

"So many changes from hand-written charts with hours of charting—thus my arthritic right hand—to the electronic medical records," she says, adding that arthritis makes it a real challenge to type with crooked fingers, "always hitting two keys at once."

Walton says people ask her how she could work in one place for 45 years.

"I was born and raised in Heppner and I love the people and the community," she says. "It's the only place I wanted to work. I had no desire to work anywhere else. It's gonna be hard. I've spent way over half my life there."

"They're my second family."

Even though she says retirement is one of the most difficult things she's ever done, she says "when it's time, it's time."

"I've worked at the hospital for 45 years. My family thinks it's time—especially my daughters, so I'd have more time to spend with grandkids," says Walton.

Walton says nursing has been rewarding with

the smiles, thank yous and appreciation from patients and their families, and she thanks Morrow County Health District and the community for the opportunity to serve and give back. She admits that's she's tried before to retire, but a shortage of nurses has kept her filling in. A staff barbecue July 19 celebrated her retirement, but she refers to herself as "officially/unofficially retired."

"Now I have to decide if I need to keep filling in or if there's light at the end of the tunnel. I don't want to leave them without nurses, because I care about the community," Walton says. However, she says the transition has been made easier by the hiring of some new, young and eager nurses.

"We're getting a lot of young nurses, with a lot of new ideas, and that's a good thing," she says. "I know I will be leaving my community, patients and co-workers in good hands."

Meanwhile, Walton says she does look forward to having more time to do the things she loves to do.

"I've got grandkids in Heppner, Walla Walla and Salmon, ID. Camping—I love to camp. I've been riding horses more. Getting more involved in the ranch again. Gardening. I've been doing a lot of that again. And finding my house! I've got some big cleaning that needs to be done."

Other interests include hunting, hiking, reading and sewing.

"I have unfinished projects that I would love to get back to. There is a lot of deep cleaning and getting rid of years of accumulation that needs to be done. No, I will not be bored," Walton says.

"And who knows, I may even unpack my suitcase."

The View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

It was a beautiful and sunny but hot day for the 15 ladies who teed off at Willow Creek Country Club Tuesday, July 18.

Low gross of the field went to Nancy Prophet-er, with low net going to Shirley Martin, and Karen Haguewood taking least putts.

For Flight A, Virginia Grant had low gross and KP, Corol Mitchell low net and Pat Edmundson least putts.

For Flight B, Judy Har-

ris had low gross, Tiffany Clement low net, Della Heideman least putts and Shirley Martin the long drive.

For Flight C, Lorrene Montgomery had low gross, Sharon Harrison low net, Mary Riggs least putts and Nancy Arnson the long drive.

Chip-ins were Karen Haguewood on #2 and #4, Judy Harris on #8 and Nancy Prophet-er on #9.

Nancy Prophet-er had a birdie on #9.

Leebrick regales Ione youth with masterful storytelling



The Ione Public Library hosted professional storyteller Christopher Leebrick on July 18 at the American Legion Hall as part of the Ione Summer Reading Program. The program was sponsored by the Oregon College Savings Plan. There were 41 children signed up for the Summer Reading Program, and 23 of them completed their reading logs. This year's program was coordinated by Misty Sorte. -Contributed photo

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Community lunch menu

Christian Life Center volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, wilted spinach salad, cucumbers and onions, rolls, and cherry parfait for dessert.

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

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