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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.

RE: Blue Mountain Century Scenic Bikeway Annual Ride

What an amazing event!

I have done quite a few organized rides and can tell you that your ride was just outstanding. The Gold Star. Specifically I walked away thinking that Heppner has to be the friendliest place on the planet, everyone was so nice to us. A few details that I really loved:

-The signs that welcomed us to stores.

-The dinner with the slideshow. (best ribs ever!)

-Showers after the ride for the folks who went back to Heppner

-Ability to ride from one town to another.

-Route was super fun and had a lot of variety and animals.

-Impressive that Sheryll knew everyone. And she was never tired of answering questions.

-Welcome package.
-Massages, Arrangements for Specialty Coffee --- very smart to help people spend money and get services that they want.

-Having a football game (or other town event) tied to the Friday night.

-Ability of Sheryll to look out for us while we were figuring out the logistics.

Submitted by Linda English, Bend Oregon

Goat head invasion

Morrow SWCD has received calls concerning punctevine or goat head plants invading neighbors or city streets. Please be a good neighbor and pull and bag plants including seeds. Since they have gone to seed it's too late to spray. Look for new plants from June-September next year and control them. For questions call the district at 541-676-5452.

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include ground pork egg cups, hash browns, green beans, sliced tomatoes,

hot rolls and peanut butter chocolate chip cheesecake for dessert.

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

Ione Music in the Park FRIDAY

September 22nd
6:00-8:00pm



Music by **Countryfied**

Come enjoy last show of the Ione 2017 Music in the Park Series

High energy country rock based variety band

Tacos HomeTown will be providing concessions starting at 5pm

Sponsored by Morrow County Unified Recreation District & Ione Library Board

Obituaries

Susan Gail (Starks) Johnston

Susan Gail (Starks) Johnston, 67, of Heppner, passed away on Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 at her home surrounded by her family. A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner, with concluding service and burial to follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.



Susan Gail (Starks) Johnston

She was born Nov. 30, 1949 at Vancouver, WA to Charles and Gene Wilson Starks. Susan was raised in Camas, WA until her family moved to Heppner when she was in the sixth grade. She graduated from Heppner High School in 1968.

On Nov. 27, 1968 she married Rick Johnston in Portland, Oregon. The couple welcomed a daughter, Jacque, in 1970 and a son, Scott in 1973. The family remained in Portland until 1974 when Rick and Susan decided to move back home to Heppner to raise their children. Susan was very involved in supporting her children in their activities.

She enjoyed golfing, bowling, crafting and antique collecting. She especially enjoyed these activities with her longtime friend Trish Toll. Susan had a love of reading throughout her life and this provided a great comfort when her illness did not allow her to be as active. Despite the complications of multiple sclerosis, Susan was always upbeat with a positive outlook.

While being home for her children was her most important job, Susan did hold several part-time jobs. She enjoyed bookkeeping for Cal's Service Center owned by Cal and Beverly Sherman.

Susan was a supporter of Heppner athletics throughout her life. She was active in the Heppner High Booster Club for many years. She enjoyed watching her children, grandchildren and all the children of the community in their sporting events. She was

especially supportive of the baseball teams her husband coached. In addition to regularly attending the games, she provided him assistance with many of the off field responsibilities. She was known to close family friends as "Mrs. Coach" as she sent game summaries to them.

Survivors include her husband of nearly 49 years; Rick, daughter, Jacque Wilson and her husband Dale of Heppner, son, Scott of Salem; grandchildren; Chelsey, Jared and his wife Latosha, Colby and Caden, 2 great-grandchildren; Braxton and Brailynn, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Linda.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Elementary School Library Book Fund, PO Box 367, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

A View from the Green

WC senior golfers play in the Columbia-Blue Senior tournament

Thirteen Willow Creek senior golfers enjoyed excellent weather as they played at the country club in The Dalles on Sept. 11. Results for the Willow Creek players at The Dalles are the following:

-Columbia Division (Handicap 0 to 16):

Net: 2, Barry Munkers-64, 5, Tom Shear-68.

-Senior Division

(Handicap 23 and over):

Gross: 4, Ralph Walker-95, Net: 2, Roger Ehrmantraut-64.

The Columbia-Blue Senior Golf Association annual meeting will be on Nov. 6 at the China Creek Golf Course in Arlington. The schedule for 2018 and other business will be discussed. Suggestions for the senior golf program

should be directed to John Edmundson, Willow Creek local director.

The Columbia-Blue Senior Golf Association welcomes new members. The membership requirements are membership in the Men's Club of a participating golf course, age 50 and above in 2018, and a USGA-OGA Ghin System handicap. Membership in-

quiries should be directed to John Edmundson, 541-676-5177.

The next senior golf tournament will be at Milton-Freewater on Oct. 9 with 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. tee off times. Lunch will be available at the golf course restaurant between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Over the Tee Cup

Fourteen ladies enjoyed the warm, sunny day on Sept. 12 at Willow Creek Country Club for the ladies' play day. Low gross of the field went to Nancy Prophet; low net was Pat Edmundson. Karen Thompson and Sue Edson

had least putts of the field.

Long drive and KP for Flight A went to Nancy Prophet.

Judy Harris and Pat Dougherty tied for low gross for Flight B and Betty Burns had low net. Long drive for Flight B went to

Betty Burns and KP to Judy Harris.

For Flight C, Karen Haguwood had low gross and Kris Linder had low net. Lorene Montgomery had the least putts. Long drive went to Jeanne Creswick and KP to Lorene

Montgomery.

Karen Thompson and Lorene Montgomery had a chip-ins. Nancy Prophet got birdies on #13 and #18.

There will be a Fun Day on Sept. 28 along with the bi-annual meeting and a hosted lunch.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be at noon on Thursday, Sept. 21, in Heppner City Hall conference room. Larry Lutchter will be giving an update on the Morrow County Agricultural Program.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Tacos Hometown will cater, serving chicken or beef burritos, chips and salsa and a

cookie. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.

Chamber Chatter

Friday, Sept. 22, 7:15 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 23, 2:15 p.m. - Showing of Captain Underpants, the First Epic Movie at the SAGE Center. Come on over to the SAGE Center and enjoy the movie. Admission is \$3 per person and includes a free bag of popcorn. Bottled water and concessions available for cash purchase. Check out www.visitsage.com.

Sunday, Sept. 24, Ione's Music in the Park, 6

p.m. in the Ione City Park: The entertainment will be Countryfied. Concessions will be available through Tacos Hometown at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Morrow County Harvest Festival at the SAGE Center: There will be local craft vendors, mule-drawn wagon rides, photo booth, beer & wine tasting, kids' corner and more. Come out and spend the day with us and do some early Christmas shopping. For more information, go to www.visitsage.com.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 6 p.m. - Heppner High School Booster Club Annual Dinner and Auction at Heppner Elks Lodge. Come out and enjoy a great community event and support HHS. There will be food, raffle, and silent and live auction items. More information to follow.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 13th annual Soup Bowl Supper and Silent Auction sponsored by Domestic Violence Services, Inc.: This event will be held at Sisters Café, 308 N. Main Street, Pendleton. Call 541-276-3322 or visit our website to register.

Please join us for
IONE EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S 15TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION
Saturday, September 23, 2017
Ione American Legion Hall
Social Hour 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00 PM
Prime rib and salmon dinner
Live auction, silent auction & Raffles
Tickets available at Ione branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon or at the door
\$25 adults / \$10 ages 7-12 / free under 6
Thank you to our dinner sponsors: Bank of Eastern Oregon, ICABO, MCGG, Mid Columbia Producers and Wheatland Insurance

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