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*A View from the Green*

## Senior golfers hold annual meeting

The Columbia Blue Senior Golf Association annual meeting was held at China Creek GC in Arlington on Nov. 5. Election of officers and the tournament schedule for 2019 were some of the items on the agenda.

Officers elected for 2019 were Tom Hoskot, Arlington as president; Rich Hess, The Dalles as vice-president; Dave Messenger, Condon as past president; Doug Wilson, Condon, secretary; Mike Kyles, Milton-Freewater, treasurer; Wayne Kostur, Milton-Freewater as handicap chairman and Al Scott, Heppner as results chairman.

Tournaments sched-

uled for 2019 will be Apr. 8 at The Dalles, May 13 in Echo, June 10 at Willow Run in Boardman, July 8 at Goldendale, Aug. 12 at Big River in Umatilla, Sept. 9 at China Creek in Arlington and Oct. 14 at Milton-Freewater. The tee times for the tournaments will be printed in the annual directory.

Senior golfers who are age 50 or over, a member of Willow Creek Country Club and have a USGA GHIN system handicap are eligible to become a member of the Columbia Blue Senior Golf Association. Those interested in joining should contact John Edmundson, local director, at 541-676-5177.

## Community lunch menu

United Methodist volunteers will serve a Thanksgiving lunch on Wednesday, November 21 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls and pumpkin pie for dessert.

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

## Churches provide food boxes

Community members in need of help keeping food on the table are invited to pick up a box loaded with fresh and canned foods along with hygiene products this Sunday, Nov. 18. This gift, provided by several area churches, will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. (or while supplies last) at the back entrance of All Saints Parish Hall on the corner of Church and Gale

in Heppner.

The food and hygiene product boxes are provided with no strings attached and no questions asked. Home delivery can be arranged for those without transportation by calling the Hopeful Saints Ministry office at 541-676-9970. Callers are asked to leave a detailed message with name, address and phone number.

## Obituaries

### John William Jepsen

John William Jepsen, 87, passed away on Nov. 6 at his home in Ione. Jepsen, born in Heppner on Mar. 21, 1931, was the son of Walter and Matilda (Burns) Jepsen, the fourth child in a family of nine children. He attended and graduated from Ione High School in 1949. According to a family member, he was mischievous and sometimes led a few students on escapades.

He worked for farmers in the area for a short time after he graduated and was inducted into the US Army on Jan. 7, 1953. He completed his basic training in San Luis Obispo, CA, then requested over-seas duty, being stationed in Germany for two years. While in Germany he traveled as much as he could and on his leave time he visited his father's family in Denmark. He loved the Army and had thoughts about an extension, but decided to come home and go to school on the G.I. Bill, choosing to be discharged on Dec. 15, 1954.

John attended Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls, OR, taking refrigeration classes for two years. After graduation he came back home and worked for the local farmers. When he couldn't find refrigeration work, he went to work for Harold Dobyns, who owned Dobyns Pest Control. After one year of training Dobyns offered to sell John the business, which he bought. He also had hopes to purchase the house on the property and he finally did in 1961.

In 1961 he met (Betty) Jean Gray, a hairdresser who worked for Lois Win-

chester in Heppner. They were married in 1962 in Ione. In April of 1964, they welcomed James (Jim) into their family. In 1970 they adopted Judy Marie to complete their family. John was supportive of the kid's involvement in school, 4-H, and church activities. After the kids were grown, he decided to sell the business and the home to his son Jim and his wife Gina. John and Jean then purchased a smaller house and moved a little closer to Ione.

Jepsen was a charter member of the Ione Lions Club, Ione American Legion Post #95, the Ione Community Church and was also a member of the Pacific Northwest and Oregon Pest Control Associations. He served as a deacon for over 30 years and enjoyed doing upkeep and grounds maintenance at the local churches, as well as the Legion Hall.

In the past several years he loved spending time with his grandchildren, traveling with his wife and assisting anyone in town that ever needed a little extra help.

John is survived by his wife, Jean; his children, Jim and Judy; his grandchildren, David and Heather, great-grandson, Kian and his siblings, Betty Newton, Anna Larson, Frank Jepsen and Evelyn Elder.

A memorial service was held Nov. 13 at the Ione Community Church. Burial with military honors followed at High View Cemetery in Ione.

The online condolence book is available at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).



John William Jepsen

## GILLIAM-BISBEE

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bring the total of 19 new buildable lots to Morrow County. McLane said her department is expecting an additional application for 10 to 12 new lots

At the Sept. 19 meeting:

The Commissioners acknowledged three Morrow County Sheriff's Office personnel whose efforts were instrumental in saving the life of a woman on Sept. 10. Letters from the Board were presented to Marine Deputy Mike Cahill, Communications Lieutenant Kristen Bowles and Senior Communications Deputy Marcy Walton. The woman had apparently been intent on taking her own life on the Columbia River and was rescued by Deputy Cahill.

In other action the county approved a lease agreement with the school district for use of facilities at the fairgrounds. The lease includes use of the football field, parking areas, 4-H dormitory, sheep barn annex building and other facilities. The school uses the facilities during sporting events. There is no cash payment for the five-year lease as the district agrees to maintain the football field and take care of cleaning the grandstand area and dormitory after school use. The school also agrees to take care of routine maintenance of the structures under normal wear and tear.

In other business the commission approved a collective bargaining agreement with the Morrow County Employees Local union and the road department employees. The three-year agreement calls

for a three percent cost of living salary increase for all employees.

At the Sept. 26 meeting:

The commissioners discussed a fire that occurred on the Navy Bombing range and that the fire departments from multiple nearby entities in the county will see no reimbursement from the Navy for helping fight the fire. This refusal to pay for fire protection help when there are fires on the Bombing Range located in northern Morrow County near Boardman, has been a point of friction with fire departments and the Navy in the past. It was also noted at the meeting that the only firefighting assets the Navy keeps on the Bombing Range, a tractor and disc to build fire breaks, were burned in the most recent fire.

An agreement was reached to apply for a grant to upgrade the electrical facilities at the Off-Highway Vehicle Park the county owns and maintains in the mountains. If awarded, the grant would pay for a major effort to provide additional electrical service to 25 campsites at the park. The county looked over estimates provided by contractors and Columbia Basin Electric to do the work. The commission voted to submit a County Opportunity Grant to the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department for the \$120,000 electrical upgrade project. The county will ask for \$95,918 to pay contractors and will itself provide \$24,910 in matching in-kind work for the project.

## Ogden takes second at National FFA Convention

Grace Ogden of Ione competed in the creed speaking contest at the National FFA convention Oct. 27 in Indianapolis, where she took second place. The FFA Creed is a five paragraph poem that was written by E.M. Tiffany and was adopted by the National FFA organization in 1930. New members, or green hands, are required to recite the creed in a contest and answer questions that relate to it.

Ogden won the district competition, going on to state. There she won the opportunity to represent Oregon FFA at the national convention. Grace competed against 144,000 people



Grace Ogden at Nationals.

at the national convention, earning her second place plaque. A spokesperson said, "Grace started her journey last December and with her determination and tenacity she has shown she will go far in life."

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