

Celebrate the holiest of all days

This Easter, Christians around the world come together to celebrate the holiest of all days – the annual celebration of God’s raising Jesus Christ from the dead following His crucifixion. Easter is a perfect occasion and opportunity to consider the nature of our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Jesus was crystal-clear about the Christian Church’s purpose on earth: “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ The second

is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.” - Mark 12:29-31 (NLT)

Easter gives those of us that make up the Body of Christ an opportunity to revisit what our faith is all about, what it means to us and what we’re supposed to do with it! Easter gives those who have not yet believed in and received the saving grace of Jesus Christ an opportunity to explore the Way and the Truth and the Life of Christ. Perhaps Easter of 2019 will be the time for them to recognize the emptiness and futility of a person’s independent ef-

forts at finding purpose and meaning for their life and choose to receive the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Because of the cross and resurrection, believers in Christ are given the opportunity to live in a reality that runs counter to nearly all earthly values and desires. The Bible, God’s Word, says that “Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” -2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

For those who believe in and receive Christ as Lord and Savior, the path forward in this journey through life is better than

anything we leave behind or could do for ourselves.

At the Ione Community Church we invite others to join with us as we strive for a way of life that relates who we are to who God is as revealed in Jesus Christ. We encourage one another in opening ourselves to be shaped and transformed by God.

We seek to provide a rich sense of community for people of all ages and walks of life who care for each other, provide opportunities to learn and grow and ways to serve others. Study and fellowship offer opportunities to ask honest questions, share opinions

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and discover ways to deal with life’s difficult issues and to grow in faith.

We recognize that Jesus took all His power, authority, strength and love and poured it into His early disciples, and today we believe that followers of Christ are called into the noblest, most important of tasks – sharing the hope, peace, love and joy of Jesus Christ with the world.

This Easter our prayer for all those who make up the Body of Christ in the Willow Creek Canyon Communities is that:

-God grants us the ability to lean upon His wisdom, strength and understanding to love Him,

by loving people, amid the many conflicting interests and issues of our times;

-We pray that He gives us a growing sense of the welfare and true needs of the people of our communities; and

-We pray that he gives us a keen thirst for justice and rightness, and confidence in what is good and fitting, and the aptitude to work together in harmony, and peace, hope, joy and love in our lives at a level that is only possible through Him.

Blessings to you and yours from the Ione Community Church.

Jeff Clabaugh, Minister

~ 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.

Vote Murray for Port Commissioner

To the editor:
I would like to share some information about myself and why I’d like to serve as your next commissioner for the Port of Morrow.

I am a lifelong resident of Morrow County, born in Heppner, educated in Morrow County and Ione Community Schools and trained as a pharmacist at Oregon State University. Ann (my wife of 34 years who is also a pharmacist) and I own and operate Murray’s Drug, a 60-year-old community pharmacy business with stores in Heppner, Condon and our newly opened Boardman Pharmacy. I am the proud father of five successful children and three granddaughters. In my free time I enjoy spending time with family, gardening, snowmobiling, bowhunting, and traveling.

As a healthcare professional working in a family business, not only with my wife but also daughter Laurie and son Sean, alongside great employees, serving our customers brings me joy that only time with my grandkids rival. I am a person of faith and try to practice it each day with joy and hope and I look to the future with optimism.

I am running for the position opened by the retirement of my father-in-law, Larry Lindsay. His 52 years on the Port of Morrow is an unprecedented achievement as an elected official. He saw the development of the Port of Morrow and helped make it the phenomenal success it is today. I would like to carry on where he left off with gratitude for this amazing asset in Morrow County.

I was raised by my parents, Rod and Meg Murray, to give back to the communities in which I live and work, and to that end I have served on local, city and county committees, service organizations, boards and school groups. I have been involved with Heppner city planning commission, local baseball league leadership and Heppner beautification committee. I am currently serving as board chair of the Morrow County Health District. I have enjoyed being a part of my community’s vitality and believe a person has a responsibility to participate in making their community better.

I’m confident that my life experiences, training and passion for service will serve as assets to be a good commissioner. Operating a prosperous private business, I realize the require-

ments needed to be successful. I will be an advocate for the businesses at the Port, as I know the challenges they face as they work to remain viable and relevant in our ever-changing local, state and global economies. “Cap and Trade” will likely be one of the biggest issues we will face in the near future. With the current super-majority in state government, it will very likely be here this year regardless of our personal beliefs. Communicating our concerns to help shape the coming legislation with determination and respect should be a top priority. Testifying at the legislature and working with our state and federal legislators would not be a new experience for me. Ann and I received the Oregon State Pharmacist of the Year award for our work at the legislature on pharmacy issues such as pharmacy insurance transparency and patients’ access to services. We have worked with Rep. Smith, Senator Hansell, Rep. Walden and Senator Wyden on various issues through the years.

As a port commissioner, I understand that we, as a commission, have only one employee and that our job will be to work with him to guide the Port toward continued success while being fiscally responsible with its resources. My role will not be to micro-manage staff or advocate for favoritism based on location within the county. Having a business in both ends of the county and serving on the county-wide Morrow County Health District Board are wonderful reminders to me of what we can accomplish when we work together. Divisive thinking and territorialism have no place in a successful community, city or county. As your port commissioner I pledge to work for the betterment of Morrow County and to care for the valuable asset we have in our Port of Morrow.

Writing this letter now reminded me of reading “Jack and the Beanstalk” to my granddaughter Olivia recently. We truly have a “goose that lays golden eggs.” The Port is the envy throughout the state, thanks to the hard work and dedication of many people over the decades. As your commissioner I will strive to make a positive contribution to the Port and work towards its continued success.

Your vote would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
John Murray

Radie has the ability and skills

To the editor:
Debbie Radie is currently in the running for Morrow County Port Commissioner. She has the ability, desire and leadership skills to fill the position with excellence.

As a businesswoman, she has successfully managed Boardman Foods, Inc. for 27 years. Under her guidance the company has grown. She not only provides employment but is a caring employer. She is involved in many projects that benefit not only BFI employees but the communities in Morrow County. I was very proud to be part of the Christmas box delivery this year.

Support John Murray

To the editor:
I am writing to endorse John Murray for election to the board of commissioners for the Port of Morrow.

Murray is clear thinking and analytical and he has a deep commitment to Morrow County as a lifetime resident.

Murray owns successful pharmacy businesses in

Join us in supporting John Murray for Port of Morrow Commissioner

To the editor:
We are writing in support of John Murray for Port of Morrow Commissioner. John Murray is a hardworking, respected, ethical leader in our community who we trust will make great contributions as commissioner.

Bunco fundraiser planned

Creative Care Preschool in Ione is hosting a bunco and silent auction fundraiser on Thursday, April 25 at the Ione Legion Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bunco begins at 6:30. Refreshments will be provided.

Debbie has been active with the Port of Morrow, so she brings experience in the needs of our county. She has a strong desire to build upon the progress the prior commissioners have worked so hard to accomplish.

On a personal level, Debbie can be counted upon in times of crisis as well as celebration. She is a member of several service organizations, including Kiwanis.

I am very pleased to be able to write this letter and support Debbie Radie in her campaign for Morrow County Port Commissioner.

Bonnie T. Carvajal, Irrigon

Heppner and Boardman. He is knowledgeable of all sectors of Morrow County including business, industry, medical services, education and agriculture.

I am pleased to support John Murray for election to the Port of Morrow Commission.

John Edmundson, Heppner

We believe John Murray will work for the whole county as he has businesses in both Heppner and Boardman. We encourage everyone to vote and show your support for John Murray.

Sincerely,
Erik and Lisa Patton, Heppner

A View from the Green

Senior golfers play at The Dalles

Twenty senior golfers from Willow Creek Country Club played in the April 8 tournament at the par 71 The Dalles Country Club course. Conditions were varied with lots of rain for the morning play and only a little rain and even some sunshine and blue sky for the afternoon play.

Winners from Willow Creek in the Columbia Division (handicap 18 and below) gross category were Barry Munkers in second place with 82, Ron Bowman in fourth with 84 and Tom Shear in sixth with 86.

Blue Division (handicap 19 to 24) winners were

Delbert Binshus and Rod Wilson tied for fourth in gross and Steve Marlatt in third place net with a score of 75.

In the Senior Division (handicap 25 and above) were John Kilkenny in second place gross with 97 and Roger Ehrmantraut in fifth with 109. In net Al Scott took second with 72, Jeff Cutsforth third with 73 and Steve Rhea in fifth with 77.

The next Columbia Blue Senior Golf Association tournament will be at Echo Hills Golf Course on May 13 with tee times at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Men’s group announces results

The Willow Creek Country Club Men’s club hosted a par three challenge on Sunday, April 7 with nineteen participants.

Greg Grant and Erin Mason both got KP. First place in net went to Steve Marlatt with 53. Josh Coiner and Mike Doherty tied for second with 57.

The first-place winner in gross was Erin Mason with 58. Second place resulted in a three-way tie with Charlie Ferguson, Greg Grant and Brian Falow.

Fourteen players came out on a cold Sunday to play on April 14 in the event hosted by Ron Bowman, Duane Disque and Barry Munkers.

KPhonors went to Kelly Fox with 12 feet, 11 inches and receiving KP second

shot was Delbert Binshus with 7 feet, 3 inches. Least putts for the day was Barry Munkers with 27.

Barry Munkers also took first place net with a 61. Second place was again a three-way tie between Delbert Binshus, Dave Creswick and Tim Wright.

Charlie Ferguson placed first in gross with 69, Ron Bowman was second with 71 and Dave Pranger placed third with a score of 72.

There will be no play on April 21 in observance of Easter and the Mustang Scramble will take place on April 28. The next men’s play will be a shoot-out tournament on May 5 hosted by Dave Allstott, Garv Watkins and Dave Gundersen. The tournament will be a two-man team event.

Library plans events

The Oregon Trail Library in Heppner has hired Kathy Cutsforth to head up events at the library. The library will host a children’s story time on Fridays. Teen nights will be held the second and fourth Thursdays and adult crafts will be held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Children’s’ story time will be held every Friday at 2 p.m. at the Heppner Library beginning on May 3.

The teen night that begins May 9 at 6:30 p.m. will

have the teens creating a 3D project and an origami project on May 23. The project will teach teens about origami and Japanese culture. Snacks are provided and there is no charge for teens only to attend.

Adult crafts will begin May 15 and will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, with the first project being hoop embroidery.

For additional information contact the Heppner Library at 541-676-9964.

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