

A View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

Nineteen of the Willow Creek Country Club ladies enjoyed sunny and warm weather during the playday on June 4.

Low gross on the field went to Nancy Propheter, low net to Bunnie Lindsay and least putts of the field went to Sarah Rucker.

Flight A low gross was Virginia Grant, low net was Carol Mitchell and least putts winner was Eva Kilkenny. Long drive went to Virginia Grant

Flight B low gross went

to Judy Harris and low net to Shirley Martin. Betty Burns got the least putts and Tiffany Clement managed the longest drive.

Josie Kindsfather took low gross on flight C and low net was a tie between Kris Lindner and Sue Edson. Least putts went to Lorrene Montgomery and Bunnie Lindsay got the long drive.

Judy Harris got KP and Josie Kindsfather and Sarah Rucker both had chip-ins.

Bake sale fundraiser scheduled

A bake sale to help support Suzy Cason's trip to Washington DC later this month will be held in downtown Heppner on Friday, June 14 from 10 a.m. until it sells out. She will have some delicious treats available and appreciates any support the community can offer.

Cason has been an active FFA member for the last four years and was re-

cently elected as the chapter treasurer. She said she is really excited about traveling across the country, meeting new friends and preparing a Living to Serve plan to put into place here in her community. She will be the only Heppner FFA member traveling to participate in Washington Leadership Conference, along with seven members from Irrigon this year.

Wasteland Kings to perform June 17

The Wasteland Kings will perform for the Music in the Parks outdoor summer concert series at 7 p.m. on June 17 at the Irrigon Marina Park, located off Highway 730 in Irrigon. The premier Americana sound of The Wasteland Kings is second to none. Packing venues since 2008, WLK hail from La Grande, with band members Kris Mallory, Holly Sorensen, Mike Mallory, Jerry Smith, Al "too Loud" Macleod and Mark Emerson. Influenced by the sounds of Steve Earle, The Stones, Townes Van Zant, Muddy Waters and The Pogues, WLK brings this genre with their own unique twist to give you the sound you hear today.

The Music in the Parks concert series is held each summer alternating between Boardman and Irrigon Marina Parks. The concerts are free to the public and begin at 7 p.m. on

Mondays through August 12. Visitors are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. Concessions will be available for purchase at the Boardman events, courtesy of the Boardman Little League. The Music in the Parks series is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric and sponsored by the North Morrow Community Foundation.

For more information about the Music in the Parks concert series, contact Jackie at 541-720-1289.



Crop tour and social planned

The Morrow County Wheat League and OSU Extension has scheduled their annual crop tour and social on Thursday, June 20 at 3 p.m. The event will include a two-stop crop variety tour with featured speakers Ryan Graebner (OSU Extension Cereal Specialist), Bob Zemetra (OSU Wheat Breeder) and Jay Kalous (LCS [Limagrain] Wheat Breeder).

The first stop will be at Starvation Farms at 3 p.m. From the north Lex elevator, travel for approximately one-mile S/SW on Hwy 207. Plots are on the right side of the road. From Lexington, travel approximately 10 miles N/NE on Hwy 207 and plots will be on the left side of the road.

The second stop will be above Morgan at Proudfoot Ranch at 4 p.m. From Lone travel north about three miles on Ella Road, turn left (west) on Rietmann Lane and travel 3.8 miles. Look

for the OSU signs with the plots on the left side of the road. From Morgan travel on Morgan "E" Road for about a mile, stay right at the Y and travel another mile on Rietmann Lane where the plots will be on the top of the hill on the west side of the road.

A social, dinner and music entertainment by Wambeke and Crew will begin at 6 p.m. at Heideman's. A tri-tip dinner will be hosted by Loren and Della Deacon and Erin Heideman. Everyone is asked to bring a side, salad or dessert. To get to the social location from the second site in Morgan, go to Hwy 74 and head north to Cecil (mile post 14). Turn left, cross Willow Creek and turn right. Go three miles to the top of the hill.

For additional information, contact Larry Lutzer at 541-571-4454 or Erin Heideman at 541-561-0081.

AIRPORT CAR

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Russell also said because of adverse weather conditions pilots find it necessary to make unplanned landings, and with a courtesy car they could access overnight accommodations and meals.

Sandi Pointer of the county public works department, which operates and looks after the airport, suggested maybe when one of the county departments needs a new vehicle the older car could be used as a courtesy car instead of putting it into surplus sales. She said she also has gotten inquiries asking if Lexington Airport has a car. The commission did not take any action but agreed to study it some more.

In other business at the June 5 meeting, the commissioners heard from local rancher Bob Mahoney. Mahoney said he was at the meeting to ask if there could be better communication between public works and the ranchers and farmers. "I know you guys had a tough February and March (because of the large amount of snow this year) but I think we need to work together more." One area he mentioned was asking if the county could take better care of its road right of ways, saying that there could be a better job of weed control.

Mahoney asked why Morrow County was not included last year in the list of counties impacted by drought. He said he runs cows in Wheeler County and received compensation there for drought conditions. If Morrow County had been on the list, he could have received compensation for his cows here he pointed out. Commissioner Lindsay explained that the county had been talking to state and federal officials, but that it rained two weeks too early in Morrow County for us to be designated a drought effected area. "We did everything possible," she told Mahoney. "We just got rain too soon." Commissioner Jim Doherty said the county was also late going after the designation and that may be the lesson learned, he said.

In other concerns, Mahoney wanted to know why the county spends time maintaining the 21 road when there is so little

use. "No one lives there. There are no cows there so why are you grading in the middle of winter?" he wondered. He said when the county plows the 21, they pile snow on top of his fences making more work for him. That road needs to be closed in the winter he said. He thought a lot of these problems could be handled with better communication.

Mahoney also was not a big supporter of the four-day work week for the public works department, saying if, for instance, it rains hard on Thursday then there is no one there for the next three days to take care of problems. He suggested maybe the county contract some of their work out and thus get it done in the proper time. He said roads need to be bladed "when we have the weatherman on our side."

"We can get some real answers to these questions," Commissioner Jim Doherty said. "The county has a system to get things done. We will get you some answers," he said. "I think communication is the key," Mahoney replied.

In other business the commission delayed a decision on whether to grant County Treasurer Gayle Gutierrez authority to invest county funds. In past years this authorization has been automatic, however, Commissioner Melissa Lindsay said she wanted to table the request for one week. "Last year I wanted a policy (on how the county invests funds)," she said, pointing out that they still did not have one. She said there should be more time to decide and that she also wanted an investment committee appointed. Commissioner Russell made a motion to approve the authorization to invest. "That's why we elected her," he said. That failed and a motion to delay the decision for one week then passed.

In other action the commission voted to declare June 12 Larry Lindsay Day in Morrow County. Lindsay is retiring after 52 years on the Port of Morrow Commission. An open house in honor of Lindsay will be held that day from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Riverfront Center in Boardman.

Guest Editorial

A Healthier Morrow County is within us



There are many things about our community that make it such a great place to live, work, raise our families and retire. If you ask folks why this is so, it's likely you'll hear a variety of reasons; however, the one thing I can say with confidence is that everyone you talk to will tell you how fortunate they feel to have essential health services in every corner of our county.

The renewal of the Morrow County Health District Local Option Tax once again makes it clear that a Healthier Morrow County is a mission worth the investment. On behalf of all of us at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, our doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and support teams working in our family of health clinics, our home health division, EMS, the board of directors and administrative team, we thank you for your continued trust and for the privilege of serving your healthcare needs.

Hopefully, you have had an opportunity to read about the overall Healthier Morrow County initiative. If you have not, I invite you to become familiar with all the ways we're working with our community to improve health and wellness.

More than anything, we encourage you to explore all the services and programs we operate and support for the benefit of every community in the district. We launched Healthier Morrow County with the intent of increasing our visibility, providing new channels to share important health and wellness information and a hope that we could achieve a higher level of community engagement. I can report that the responses we've heard to date are very encouraging, and you can rest assured, we're just getting started.

Please stay connected with us through social media, continue to share your ideas, give us feedback on our new publication "Living Healthier," that will be in your mailboxes this July, attend one of our many free programs, and finally, we hope you will allow us to be your first choice for care.

Wishing you a safe and healthy summer.
Bob Houser, CEO
Morrow County Health District

Heppner students receive scholarships

Northwest Farm Credit Services awarded 85 students from its five-state territory a total of \$212,500 in scholarships. Nineteen 2019 scholarship winners were from Oregon, with three from Heppner. Jacee Currin, Kolby Currin and Jaiden Mahoney were each awarded a \$2,500 scholarship.

Jacee Currin, daughter of Stephen and Lisanne Currin of Heppner will be attending Montana State University and was awarded the undergraduate scholarship.

Kolby Currin, the son of Stephen and Lisanne Currin, was awarded the Northwest FCS Land Grant University Scholarship and is attending Montana State University.

Jaiden Mahoney, also receiving the undergraduate scholarship, is the daughter of Michael and Nicole Ma-

honey of Heppner and will be attending Washington State University.

The Northwest FCS Land Grant University Scholarship supports undergraduate students pursuing a degree in agricultural business, or related field of study, by providing two, \$2,500 scholarships at each of the land grant universities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Undergraduate Scholarships are scholarships awarded to sons and daughters of Northwest FCS employees and customers and their employees who are graduating high school students or current college students attending classes in the fall of 2019. Any career field or major is eligible. Scholarship winners are selected based on school and community involvement, scholastic performance and educational goals.

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