

*A View from the Green*

# Over the Tee Cup

Seventeen Willow Creek Country Club ladies came to play on the sunny and warm day for their weekly playday on August 13.

Low gross of the field went to Virginia Grant and low net to Betty Burns. Least putts of the field went to Pat Edmundson.

Flight A long putt winner was Virginia Grant.

Flight B low gross win-

ner was Judy Harris-Betts, low net was Shirley Martin and least putts went to Pat Dougherty. Pat Edmundson got KP and a chip-in.

Sharon Harrison took low gross on flight C and low net was Bunnie Lindsay. Least putts went to Kris Lindner and Kim Carlson got the long drive.

The Eddie Skow Ladies' Championship will be held September 3 and 4.

# LEX RV PARK

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not asked about shutting down and it was avoidable," Beard said.

In further business the council voted to suspend the check writing privileges for Mayor Kemp. Councilmember Bill Beard made the motion and read a statement. "I Bill Beard make a Motion to suspend the check writing privileges of our current sitting mayor, Marcia Kemp. I do this in light of her recent inability to be open and honest with the current sitting council. First there has been several months of not having the bills and checks out for the council to review and sign them. During this time only Marcia Kemp and (councilmember) Marcia Sticka signed the checks and no one else even saw them. Second Marcia Kemp and Marcia Sticka signed checks for the employees and closed the town without ever contacting or notifying the rest of the sitting council. The exclusion of the current sitting council would have been a nonissue

if the current sitting mayor could not sign the checks for the town of Lexington. So I conclude that Mayor Marcia Kemp has her own agenda and is unwilling to include the entire sitting council and is no longer trusted by the entire council. I motion to suspend her check writing privileges as of tonight. Any checks signed by Marcia Kemp after tonight are to be considered illegal and will be treated as such."

Councilmembers Sticka and Curtis Thompson were both absent from the meeting (Lexington has a four-person town council), so the members present Beard and Gordon both voted in favor of the motion and it passed. "I can't vote," Kemp responded. "If the town wants to re-visit the charter then we will appoint a committee," she said. Presently the charter only allows the mayor to vote to break a tie, and a charter revision would be needed to allow the mayor to vote on all motions.

# Mosquitos test positive for West Nile Virus

Public Health officials are concerned about widespread West Nile Virus (WNV) activity throughout the area and are urging residents of all ages to take the necessary steps to reduce their exposure to mosquitoes.

The North Morrow Vector Control District is reporting that West Nile Virus has been detected in 47 mosquito samples this year. The Oregon State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory reported on Aug. 19 that 22 additional samples from mosquitoes collected last week have tested positive. The samples were from areas in and around Irrigon and now Boardman. The West Umatilla Mosquito Control District has also reported four positive mosquito samples this year. The virus was initially detected on July 8 in both districts and has become more widespread since that time.

People are encouraged to take appropriate precautions to protect themselves against mosquito bites. Most people who become infected with West Nile Virus do not become ill. Some may develop mild flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches and occasionally swollen lymph glands or a rash. In rare cases West Nile may cause encephalitis or inflammation of the brain. Individuals with severe or unusual headaches should seek medical care as soon as possible. Residents of the district should remain vigilant in protecting them-

selves from mosquitoes and the diseases that they can carry, such as West Nile Virus.

Here are some suggestions to reduce the risk of exposure to West Nile:

- Get rid of old tires and other containers where water can accumulate and serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Flush or replace the water in horse troughs weekly.
- Be sure to flush or add mosquito fish to ornamental ponds.
- Avoid outdoor activities at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when in mosquito infested areas.
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET, making sure to follow the directions on the container.
- Screen doors and windows.
- Report mosquito infestations and dead bird sightings to the West Umatilla Mosquito Control District 541-567-5201 or North Morrow Vector Control District 541-481-6082

In response to increased West Nile Virus activity, the district will be conducting targeted aerial mosquito control spraying with a twin-engine airplane after sunset on Thursday, August 22, weather permitting. The application will be scheduled for the following day if the weather causes a cancellation. A total of 10,240 acres are to be targeted in areas around Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman.

# Representative Greg Smith to hold block party

Everyone is invited to join Representative Greg Smith (GOP-Heppner) at a community block party on Main Street in Hermiston on Thursday, Sept. 12 from 4 to 7 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided.

"This is a great opportunity for friends, family and neighbors to come together and enjoy a meal," said Representative Smith. "The people of this community are the absolute best and I want to thank them for their continued support."

For additional information contact Nicole at electgregsmith@gmail.com.

# Community lunch menu

United Methodist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, August 28 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be oven roasted chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, glazed carrots and brownies for dessert.

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

# Ione Library board to meet

The monthly meeting of the Ione Library District's Board of Directors will be held on Monday, August 26 at 6 p.m. at the Ione Public Library, 385 W Second Street.

A special executive session will also be held. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the regular meeting.

# Library to show movie

The Oregon Trail Library District will show a movie, "Shazam," this Thursday, August 22, starting at sunset at the Heppner City Park on Main St., next to the library.

"Shazam" is a 2019 American superhero film based on the DC Comics character of the same name. The film stars Asher Angel as Billy Batson, a teenage boy who can transform into an adult superhero played by Zachary Levi.

The Heppner library will feature a back-to-school theme for their story hour this Friday, August 23, from 11 a.m. to noon. There will be no reading on August 30.

The library has also released a new book list as

follows:

Fiction: "We Went to the Woods: A Novel" by Caite Dolan-Leach; "Never Look Back" by Alison Gaylin; "Miracle Creek" by Angie Kim; "Dirty Little Secret" by Jennifer Ryan; "Open Carry" by Marc Cameron; "The Charmer in Chaps" by Julia London; and "Only the Stubborn Survive: A Circle V Western" by R.W. Stone.

Non-Fiction: "Love You Like the Sky: Surviving the Suicide of a Beloved" by Sarah Neustadter; "Fifty Things That Aren't My Fault: Essays from the Grown-Up Years" by Cathy Guisewite; and "Being Various: New Irish Short Stories."

Further applications will be scheduled as needed to respond to increased vector populations or positive samples as they are found. No areas within city limits are currently scheduled for aerial spraying.

West Nile is primarily a bird disease, and some birds, including magpies, blue jays and crows are especially susceptible. Mosquitoes become infected by feeding on an infected bird and can pass the virus to humans, horses or other hosts when they bite. The public is encouraged to continue to alert district officials when they come across dead birds, so the district can track the spread of the virus.

Because horses are also at risk for West Nile, health officials encourage horse owners to check with their veterinarians for vacci-

nation. Veterinarians can arrange for testing of samples from horses suspected of infection with West Nile Virus.

Updates about West Nile Virus in Umatilla County will be released to local media outlets or you can go to the Oregon Department of Human Services web page at: <https://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/DiseasesAZ/WestNileVirus/Pages/survey.aspx>

Additional information on West Nile is on the web at:

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/>.

Umatilla County, <http://www.co.umatilla.or.us>.

Morrow County Health Department, <http://www.co.morrow.or.us/publichealth>.

# Umatilla National Forest to implement burn plan

Fire management officials on the Umatilla National Forest are preparing to implement the forest's fall prescribed burn plan, which could impact camping and hunting opportunities in several hunting units across the forest. Any associated road and trail closures will go into effect prior to and during burn operations, which typically take two to five days to complete. Hunters are advised to plan ahead and avoid camping in the designated prescribed burn areas during the upcoming 2019 hunting season.

Frequent, low-intensity fire is essential for healthy forests and reducing the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire caused by excessive fuel buildup. Prescribed burning is an effective tool for removing excessive amounts of brush, shrubs and trees, while also encouraging the growth of native vegetation.

Prescribed burning is also highly dependent on weather conditions, which have to be within a narrow criteria window in order to use prescribed fire. Factors such as wind speed and direction, temperatures, relative humidity and fuel moistures are all taken into consideration prior to implementing a prescribed burn operation. With the current rains and moderate temperatures across the Forest, many areas are conducive to successful prescribed fire implementation in the near term.

"From a restoration objective standpoint, late summer and fall provide the best opportunities for the timing of prescribed fires," said Andrew Stinchfield, Deputy Fire Staff Officer. "Fire behavior during fall weather conditions are more likely to align with how the native vegetation has adapted to fire."

The Forest Service recognizes that hunting season coincides with prescribed burning season and can impact hunters, but controlled burns are necessary to reintroduce fire to the landscape and encourage healthy vegetation that will ultimately improve landscapes and

forage for big game.

Hunters should be cautious when entering a recently burned area and be aware of increased hazards, particularly snags. Dead or dying trees that remain standing after a fire are unstable, especially in high winds.

"Don't camp or hang out in the burned area. And, as always, let someone know your planned route, destination and expected return time," said Stinchfield.

Each prescribed burn represents many years of planning and preparation to ensure burn operations meet prescriptive conditions that allow for successful burns that provide multiple benefits to resources. The forest works closely with the Oregon Department of Forestry and Washington Department of Natural Resources in accordance with the state's Smoke Management Plans to determine when, where and how much is burned on a daily basis. Potential smoke impacts, looking at volume of smoke, direction of spread and mixing heights, are determined prior to each burn. All burns will be monitored until a season ending rain or snow occurs.

The Umatilla National Forest has developed a prescribed fire interactive map displaying planned burning activities, which is available at <https://tinyurl.com/y8b433th>. The interactive map allows the user to zoom in on certain areas and click on a burn unit for more information (such as acreage, status, etc.). When burning operations begin, the interactive map will be updated to display which burn units are actively burning. Maps of the proposed prescribed burns are also located on InciWeb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5808/>.

Additional information on prescribed burning is available on the Umatilla National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/), on the Forest Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/UmatillaNF](http://www.facebook.com/UmatillaNF) or at any forest office.

# Chamber Chatter

Saturday, September 7 at 6 p.m., Benefit Dinner and Auction for Cindy Greenup at Morrow County Fairgrounds. Come out and help support this worthy cause. Donations may be made at any Bank of Eastern Oregon branch, payable to Heppner Community Foundation (please note Greenup in the memo line). Donations are 501(c)(3) tax deductible and all will directly benefit Cindy. For additional information contact Bobbi Childers at 541-676-5601 or 541-422-7412.

Saturday, October 5,

Morrow County Harvest Festival at The SAGE Center. The Sage Center in Boardman is looking for vendors in Morrow County and the neighboring community to participate in this year's Morrow County Harvest Festival, happening on Saturday, Oct. 5. Vendor applications must be submitted by end of business on Friday, Sept. 13. The application can be completed online. Call 541-481-7243, email [sagecenter@portofmorrow.com](mailto:sagecenter@portofmorrow.com) or send a message to SAGE Center Facebook page for more info.

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