

A View from the Green

Golfers play in weekly event

Only 13 golfers participated in the Men's Play event held August 25 at the Willow Creek Country Club. Gross winners were Charlie Ferguson in first with a score of 66 and a tie between Rick Johnston and Scott Burright for second with 70. Tom Shear took first

place in net with 59. There was a tie for second place between Jordan Wright and Roger Ehrmantraut with 60. In special events, Rick Johnston and Steve Johnson both got KP. The next event will be held September 1 and will be hosted by Dave Creswick, Gene Orwick and Dave Mitchell.

Over the Tee Cup

Twelve Willow Creek Country Club ladies enjoyed great weather for their weekly playday on August 20. Low gross of the field went to Karen Thompson and Judy Harris. Low net winner was Karen Hague-wood. Least putts of the field went to Pat Dougherty. Low gross for flight A winner was Virginia Grant and low net was Corol Mitchell. Virginia Grant won KP. Flight B low gross win-

ner was Betty Burns. Judy Harris got KP. Bunnie Lindsay took low gross on flight C. Low net was a tie with Betty Carter and Jeane Creswick. Least putts went to Mary Riggs. Pat Dougherty had a chip-in on hole number six. In other events, Kathy Martin won for best hat. Karen Thompson, Judy Harris and Mary Riggs won LP. The Edie Skow Ladies' Championship will be held September 3 and 4.

Women's club schedules golf tournament

The Community Women's Club of Irrigon and Boardman is sponsoring their third annual Funshine Open Golf Scramble on Saturday, September 21 at Willow Run Golf Course in Boardman. Check in begins at 9 a.m. with a shot gun start at 10. The barbecue, award ceremony and raffle prize announcements will be held following the tournament. The entry fee is \$65 per person, which includes greens fee for 18 holes. This tournament is open to all men and women of all skill levels. Individual entrants

will be assigned to a team or may sign up as a team of four. Community Women is a small, non-profit service organization that has awarded more than \$20,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, provides relief for heating bills through Umatilla Electric, adopts families at Christmas, funds school supplies and gives emergency assistance to fire victims and those in need. For additional information contact Judy Brown, chairperson, at Community Women's Club, PO Box 534, Irrigon, OR 97844.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, September 5 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Heppner City Hall conference room. It will be all entities reports. There will also be a short presentation by Kalie Davis and Rita VanSchoiak about the opportunities for local businesses to obtain an intern through the Columbia Works program.

Lunch will be provided by Gateway Café for \$10 per person and RSVPs are required no later than August 30. 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.

~ 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.

View of problems in American schools

To the editor: The top five problems in American schools before 1962 were talking out of turn, chewing gum, making noise, running in the halls and crowding in line. Since 1962 the top five problems in American schools are murder, rape, robbery, assault and rebellion against authority. What changed? Prayer was removed in 1962. The Bible was removed in 1963. The Ten Commandments were removed in 1980. Our youth, the future of our Republic, are growing up in an America with no moral conscience. America and the world are reaping the consequence of removing the God of the Bible from our way of life.

to remove the American peoples' legal right to own a gun and change our Constitution. They want to make re-make the American Republic into the Godless image of a "gun free" Socialist state like Red China or Venezuela. These politicians are the blind leading the blind. The vast majority of American mass shootings, some studies document over 90 percent, occur in "gun free zones." These mass killers may have no conscience; however they certainly know where to find those that cannot defend themselves.

The absence of a moral rudder has removed the sanctity of human life from our culture. America has sanctioned the death of over 60 million aborted babies since 1973. Government sanctioned assisted suicide is the new norm. Is it any wonder a few of our youth grow up to become mass murderers? The first textbook in America schools was the Bible. Today the Bible and the moral teachings it contains is banned in American schools.

These Godless Socialist politicians seize upon the mass killings before the bereaved can mourn their loss to blame the gun, the Second Amendment and the NRA. The truth is countries that banned or have strict gun control, like Russia, Norway, Finland, France and even Switzerland have at least 25 percent higher per capita murder rates from mass public shootings. The USA doesn't even rate in the top ten in a world gone crazy without God.

The politicians who want to rule America grew up without a moral rudder as well. Their answer to mass murder shooting is

God sacrificed his Son, Jesus Christ, to give us hope and truth in an age of great deception. We must return to the God of our forefathers and stand without compromise for the Republic and Constitution they bestowed upon us. Stuart Dick, Irrigon

G-T closed for Labor Day

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 2. The deadline for all news and advertising for the Sept. 4 issue will be Friday, Aug. 30, at 5 p.m. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The G-T wishes everyone a happy and safe Labor Day weekend.

Morrow SWCD to meet

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, Sept. 3 at the Ag Service Center, in Heppner beginning at 6 p.m. Agenda items include comments from the public, minutes of the June meeting, financial report, partner reports and staff reports.

Meetings of Morrow SWCD are open to the public. For questions or more information, contact Kevin Payne at 541-676-5452 ext. 111.

Obituaries

Ivy Nadine Ball

Ivy Nadine Ball, 56, of Ione died Wednesday, August 21 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. She was born on May 8, 1963 at John Day, OR, the daughter of George and Theo Vandetta Johns. She was raised and attended school at Long Creek, OR and later attended beauty school. Nadine and Steve Ball have been together since 1984 and were married in Las Vegas, NV.

husband, Steven Ball; children, Brandi Heideman, Jeanette Willman, Amanda Ball and Gene Ball and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by Jack and Margret Ball; brother, Charles Wood; uncles, Ray Vandetta, Delvin Vandetta and Andy Vandetta.

Nadine enjoyed attending her children and grand-children's sporting events. She also enjoyed reading, crocheting and taking care of her family. Survivors include her

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nadine Ball Memorial Fund, c/o The Bank of Eastern Oregon Ione Branch, PO Box 106, Ione, OR 97843. Nadine's family is having a gathering to celebrate her life and no public service is planned at this time. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeinemortuary.com

LES PAYNE

-Continued from PAGE TWO I don't have to do that anymore.' We just meshed."

Grant recalled when he first learned of Payne.

"My first question was, 'Why doesn't he want the job?'" Grant said. "He had been the head coach for one year and it didn't fit his personality. He said that he just wanted to coach football and work with the kids."

Payne assumed the role of organizer, taking the initiative to send out letters to players after Grant was hired late in the summer, alerting them to get ready for practices.

"Since then, it's just been my thing," Payne said. Payne's organizational skills are unparalleled. Mark Elmlade of Armorzone Athletic, which supplies Heppner with gear, carries photos of the Mustangs' equipment room to show other schools as an example.

"Les is one of the best as far as organization and knowledge of the product," Elmlade said. "Les is fantastic. I don't have any other coaches that have the luxury of having a Les Payne help them with equipment. I wish we could duplicate him everywhere."

Heppner has thrived with Grant coordinating the offense and Payne running the defense, even if Grant's gambling nature sometimes puts undue pressure on Payne.

"I don't think there's a more patient guy in the world," Grant said. "I don't know how many times I've onside kicked it and gone for it on fourth down, and he's never said a darn thing to me, even though he might grit his teeth to me."

Payne has learned how to cope with Grant's style. "Early on, I'm thinking, 'What's with this guy?'" Payne said. "But you just get used to it. You know what's coming."

Grant tricked Payne in 2008, however, by secretly organizing a ceremony to

name the field after him at the team's season opener. With Payne's family members and former coaching colleagues in attendance, the school revealed the honor during pre-game announcements.

Payne was getting ready for the game -- wearing headphones and not listening to the announcer -- when his son, Kevin, an assistant coach at the time, alerted him.

"He said, 'You better listen to this,'" Payne said. "That's the first time I knew. I had no clue. I'm still not sure why they did it. It was kind of an emotional thing. I had brothers and sisters from the Seattle area there, and I had no idea they were even in town."

Grant and Payne have been so successful together in part because they have a similar philosophy on running a football program, according to Grant. They don't get burned out because they don't let it become a year-round obsession.

"It's a seasonal thing," Grant said. "We kind of walk away from it for a while, and then come back to it. We love this size and type of community. It's a great place to coach football. I've never had a coaches meeting. I don't know why we would. We'll visit about some things and we'll talk about some things, but we never made it a job."

So how much longer will Payne, 74, continue coaching?

"It's year to year," said Payne, who is retired from teaching and commutes one hour from his home in Umatilla to Heppner. "We'll see how I feel come next spring. One of these years I'm going to have to quit."

Grant isn't ready for that day to arrive.

"I tell him we have a lifetime contract," Grant said. "So far, it's worked."

ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

Murray's will be closed Labor Day, Monday, September 5th Have a safe and happy weekend!

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Monika Kucal & Blas Elguézabal
 September 14, 2019

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Dr. Dan Hansen

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 Saturday, September 7, 2019 - 6:00 pm
 Morrow County Fairgrounds

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 Remington Rifle in 6.5 Creedmoor; NFR Package; Round-Up Tickets (6) North Grandstand for 9/13 Fri.; Round-up wooden basket, whiskey, glasses and (4) South grandstand tickets for 9/16 Fri.; 200 lbs. Ground Beef; Message; Cake a Month; Half a Hog; 1-hour scenic flight; 7 night stay at Worldmark Indio Resort; Cut and Wrapped lamb; Whole Beef, Split into 2 halves; 8 hours of labor, Bailey Heavy Equipment; 1 Ton grass/alfalfa hay (25) bales/ton, 1 ton alfalfa hay; Septic pump or 2 dump truck loads of crushed rock up to \$500 value; Quilt; 8 hours of labor, Clyde Britt; Mexican Meal for 10, rice, meat and beans; Framed Water Color painting; Bucknum's Bar Service; Photo Sessions; Custom Walleye Rod; Wool and Leather purse; Cupcakes; Metal prints; Cornhole game; Coffee basket; Cast Iron Grill; Potatoes; Heating and Cooling vouchers; Pillows; Game baskets; Jewelry; Keg of Beer; Robert Walton vouchers; 3 day weekend rental on skid steer or mini excavator for Heppner, Lexington, Ione addresses. Look for more next week!

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