

A View from the Green

# Men's golf holds first playday

Willow Creek Country Club Men's Play hosted 25 golfers at their first playday of the season on June 7, a great turnout for a cold and blustery day. Gene Orwick was the big winner, getting his name drawn for the good of the order.

Matt Bergstrom and Scott Burrighit tied for first/second in gross with a score of 69. Charlie Ferguson and Logan Burrighit tied for

third/fourth with 70. In net, Roger Ehrmantraut took first with 56, Delbert Binshus was second with 59, David Allstott third with 60 and Mike Bergstrom was fourth with 61.

Ron Bowman had the least putts with 27. The next men's play will be held June 14 with Dale Holland, Dave Pranger and Dennis Peck as hosts.

# Over the Tee Cup

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies hosted their first playday of the season with 20 participants on June 2, a sunny and beautiful day.

Low gross of the field went to Nancy Prophter and the low net winner was Virginia Grant. Least putts of the field went to Judy Betts and Pat Dougherty.

Flight A low gross was split between Eva Kilkeny and Karen Thompson. Carol Mitchell had low net and Kandi Boyd had the

least putts. Flight B low gross winner was Sarah Rucker. Tiffany Clement and Karen Haguewood tied for low net. Pat Edmondson had the least putts.

Sue Edson took low gross on flight C. Low net went to Sharon Harrison and Kris Lindner. Least putts winner was Jeanne Creswick.

Sue Edson got a birdy on hole 13, Nancy Prophter on 10 and Eva Kilkeny on 15.

# Rural hospitals receive grants

According to a press release from Senator Bill Hansell (R-Athena), the Joint Emergency Board recently allocated \$50 million in grants for rural hospitals, which included Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

"I am grateful rural hospitals in my district will get immediate funds because they have been in dire straits during the pandemic," said Hansell, Joint Emergency Board committee member. "The grants will help provide relief to five hospitals in my dis-

trict. I have worked closely with all five of the hospital CEO's to secure funding that can be used. Earlier proposals had strings attached that made the funds unusable for my district's hospitals."

The hospitals slated to receive grant money in Senator Hansell's district are Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston; Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande; St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton; Wallowa Memorial Hospital, Enterprise; and Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Heppner.

# Morrow County Victim Impact Panel cancelled

The Morrow County Victim Impact Panel previously scheduled for June 16 has been cancelled due to a lack of facility space that will allow adequate social distancing. The Victim Impact Panel will be rescheduled to a later date this fall.

Anyone who was scheduled to participate with the

Morrow County Victim Impact Panel is encouraged to contact Julia Finch with the Morrow County District Attorney's Office and request notification of the new date and time of the panel. Julia Finch can be reached at 541-676-5665, or at [jfinch@co.morrow.or.us](mailto:jfinch@co.morrow.or.us).

# Birthright of Morrow County coming soon

A new 501(c)(3) chapter for Birthright has been started in Heppner to reach the town and surrounding communities. They are looking for volunteers as well as financial and prayer support. The goal is to have training in August or September and be ready to open in the fall of 2020. The center will be located at 128 W Willow St, formerly Dr. Rolen's Eye Health.

Volunteers are needed to counsel, but there are other ways to help as well, such as serving as receptionist, helping in the office, washing baby blankets and clothing, organizing supplies and writing thank you notes to donors. The group plans to visit the local churches to share more about it over the summer months. Birthright is in-

ter-denominational. Birthright is an international organization that focuses on providing non-judgmental love and support to people involved in a crisis pregnancy. Founded by Louise Summerhill in 1968, Birthright's motto is "Every child has a right to be born and every mother has a right to give birth." There is a 24/7 helpline available as well.

Anyone interested in volunteering or donating diapers and new or gently used baby blankets and clothing should contact Julia Finch at 252-382-4450 or email at [birthrightofmorrow@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightofmorrow@gmail.com). Checks should be made payable to Birthright of Morrow County and mailed to: Birthright of Morrow County, PO Box 923, Heppner, OR 97836.

# Census information available

A United States 2020 Census event for Morrow County will be held on Facebook Live on Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m. The Boardman Chamber of Commerce will host the live event on their Facebook page to discuss the importance of completing the census. No login is

necessary. Questions may be emailed prior to the event to [info@boardmanchamber.org](mailto:info@boardmanchamber.org) or questions may be asked during the event. This event is being hosted by Boardman and Heppner Chamber of Commerce and Morrow County.

# Morrow County enters phase two reopening

Morrow County Commissioner Melissa Lindsay received notification from the Governor's Office and Oregon Health Authority that Governor Kate Brown approved Morrow County's entry into phase two of the state's reopening plan on Thursday, June 4. It went into effect on June 5. Under phase two, gatherings will be increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.

The letter received from the governor thanked the county for their efforts put into containing the spread of COVID-19 in the county. She also stated that her goals in phase two were to remain the same as they were when the initial plan was laid out for the phased opening.

The goals are to minimize hospitalizations and deaths; allow people to safely return to work so they can support themselves and their families; minimize risk to frontline workers; avoid overwhelming the health care system; protect those at highest risk of severe illness, especially communities of color, the elderly, and people with underlying health conditions; and to support small local gatherings that preserve community cohesion and cultural practices.

In her letter, Governor Brown stated, "Phase two

is the last full phase until there is a widely available treatment or a vaccine for COVID-19. My office and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will be evaluating current guidance on an ongoing basis, and we are open to your continued feedback. Your county will need to continue close monitoring of OHA's six public health indicators to manage any increase in new cases. Maintaining a culturally responsive and robust contact tracing system, as well as an effective testing and isolation strategy, will be key to containing any potential spread of the virus."

# Correction

The phone number for enrolling in the hunter education class to be held beginning June 16 was published incorrectly in the June 3 edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times. The correct number is 541-969-4845.

The editor apologizes for this error.

DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5PM

# ~ 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.

# Black Robed Regiment defeated the British

To the editor: It was the Black Robed Preachers that led the "Minutemen" to meet the British at Lexington and Concord. The "Redcoats" demanded, "In the name King George throw down your arms." The patriot preachers replied, "We recognize no sovereign but God and no King but King Jesus." Pastor Jonas Clark exhorted his men to stand their ground, but not fire unless fired upon. "If they mean to have a war let it begin here." And begin it did.

The Black Robed Regiment fanned the flames of liberty based on God's word. They were willing to defend America with their lives, their families, their fortunes and their heritage. They were willing to stand in the gap and establish moral clarity and conviction for the cause of liberty that moved the colonists to fight for God and Country. At the end of the war, King George confided that it was the Black Robed Regiment that caused the colonists to defeat the British.

It is time for America's pastors and Christian leaders to put on their spiritual armor and robes and stand up for our Republic, our Constitution and the Godly heritage our forefathers bequeathed America with. The unconstitutional mandates to close our businesses and churches and only open them under a governor that rules as a dictator would not have been

tolerated by our forefathers. Governor Brown has a double standard of justice. Protestors and rioters can meet and cause mayhem without restraint, while the rest of Oregon must abide by police state restrictions. Gov. Brown and her Democratic cohorts claim racial injustice and police brutality require protests that have devastated America and destroyed tens of thousands of businesses in America are now more important than Covid-19. Tens of thousands can meet, rub shoulders, go to funerals, enjoy the mayhem while the rest of America and Oregon must submit to police state restrictions on their liberty and freedom

In America today, the problem is not racial injustice. In Oregon there is no justice for those suffering under the oppression and tyranny of the police state dictates of our governor. Nor is the problem police brutality. Our police have suffered enough undue criticism and persecution because of one bad apple. Thank God for our police officers, willing to serve and risk their lives for our safety and well-being.

Reject this media driven attack against America. Rise up men of God and Patriots of our Republic. We must not yield to the tyranny of a dictator governor. "We recognize no sovereign but God and no King but King Jesus."

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

# New COVID19 case brings total to 14

According to the June 8 press release from Morrow County Emergency Management, one more individual has tested positive for COVID-19 in Morrow County, bringing the total to 14. The individual was notified by another county that they had been in contact with a positive case.

This is one more positive case in Boardman, bringing the Boardman total to 12 and still one each in Heppner and Irrigon. All 12 of the previous positive cases have recovered and the other two are in home isolation. There are still no deaths attributed to the virus in Morrow County.

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**Engagement?**

**Wedding?**

**We want to share your life events!**

**Stop in the Heppner Gazette office or email us with details and photos.**

**All birth, engagement and wedding announcements are always free!**

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**Effective June 15, 2020, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner is imposing a BURN BAN.**

**This also includes Burn Barrels.**

Residents can request Natural Vegetation and Debris Piles be burned by the Fire Department at this time.

Sign up list for Fire Department burning assistance is at Heppner City Hall or call Fire Chief Steve Rhea @ 541-980-4232 or Assistant Fire Chief Eric Chick @ 541-701-4910

The closed season will remain in effect until further notice this fall as per ORS 478.960.

**Lexington Burn Ban**

The Fire Chief of the Town of Lexington is imposing a closed season for open burning effective Monday, June 15, 2020 until further notice.

The burning ban is for the Town of Lexington and includes all burn barrels and open burning.

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