

A View from the Green

Golfer gets hole in one at WCCC



Kyle Harrison got a hole in one at Willow Creek Country Club on August 16 on hole number six. Kyle, a Heppner High School graduate and former member of the HHS varsity golf team, now lives in Helix, OR.

Over the Tee Cup

The August 11 playday at Willow Creek Country Club hosted 13 ladies on a nice summer day. Nancy Propheter earned low gross of the field. Tiffany Clement got low net of the field and Pat Dougherty had the least putts.

Low gross for flight A was a tie between Virginia Grant and Karen Thompson. Nancy Propheter got

K.P. Flight B low gross went to Judy Harris and Pat Edmundson had low net. Karen Haguewood had the least putts and Tiffany Clement got K.P.

On flight C Kathy Martin was the winner for low gross and Kris Lindner took low net. Lorene Montgomery had the least putts and Kathy Martin got K.P.

Golfers play Par 3 Challenge

The Willow Creek Country Club men competed in a Par 3 Challenge, a modified course from regular play, on Sunday, August 16. Twenty golfers participated.

In special events, Dave Creswick got KP on #3/13 with 10'1/2" and also on 9/18 with 7'3".

First place gross went to Greg Grant with a score of 58 and Ron Bowman was second with 60. Dave Pranger took third with 63 and Charlie Ferguson came in fourth with 64.

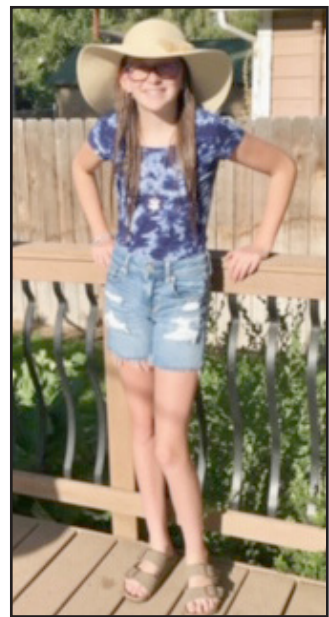
Tom Shear was first in net with 52 and the second-place winner was Barry Munkers with 53. Loren Heideman and Dave Gunderson tied for third with 55.

The next scheduled event will be the shootout, which is a 27-hole event with a partner. David Allstott, Gary Watkins and Dave Gunderson will be hosting. The Ryder Cup is scheduled for August 30, with signups due at the clubhouse by August 25.

Virtual 4-H Fashion Revue held



Isabella Orr, who will be a junior at Ukiah HS, models the dress she made.



Novalee Campbell shows off the outfit she put together for the Ready to Wear contest in the 4-H Fashion Revue.

The annual 4-H fashion review was held via six hours of Zoom on Sunday, August 16 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The results were: Senior - Isabella Orr, Champion; Intermediate - Arianna Worden, Champion; Junior

- Klynn McNamee, Blue, Savannah Browne, Res. Champion and Ellie Sak, Champion; Beginner - Audrey Sak, Res. Champion and Eva Worden, Champion.

In the FR Challenge: Junior Ellie Sak was Champion and Beginner Audrey Sak was Champion.

In the My Favorite Outfit category, Intermediate - Arianna Worden, Champion; Junior - Ellie Sak, Blue, Klynn McNamee, Res. Champion and Savannah Browne, Champion; Beginner - Audrey Sak, Res. Champion and Eva Worden, Champion.

For Ready to Wear: Intermediate - Arianna Worden, Champion; Junior - Savannah Browne, Blue, Klynn McNamee, Blue, Jeweleana Chappell, Blue, Ellie Sak, Res. Champion and Novalee Campbell, Champion; Beginner - Eva Worden, Res. Champion and Audrey Sak, Champion.



Cousins Eva Worden, Klynn McNamee and Arianna Worden model during the 2020 Morrow County 4-H Fashion Revue.

IMESD collaborates on district virtual learning academies

Across the country, school districts, students, parents and teachers are struggling with the effects of COVID-19 on how to operate schools, offer instruction and ensure students continue to progress. In Oregon, very few schools will be able to have their first day of school with all K-12 students on-site in a school building.

Despite the changing guidelines from Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), with the support of the IMESD, its 18 component school districts have developed Virtual Learning Academies, programs that offer online instruction with benefits for districts and students/families alike.

Some of the advantages of the Virtual Learning Academies are:

- Students remain enrolled in their own home school district
- All grades are taught by local licensed teachers
- Students have the flexibility to combine online and on-site classes
- Students can participate in extracurricular activities (athletics, music, clubs, etc.)
- Access to learning labs for academic support & enrichment
- Technology and internet access support is provided

These programs are different than ODE's Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) model being used by school districts this fall in response to COVID-19. The district-based academies allow parents and students the opportunity to remain enrolled and receive support from their local school district, while offering another learning option in addition to their district-based plan this school year.

According to Erin Lair, IMESD's Director of Teaching and Learning, some districts have had robust virtual academies serving students for several years. "While many of our districts have already had these in place, the constantly changing needs, especially recently with school closures, of educating students have heightened the necessity to offer stronger online options," Lair said.

This summer, the IMESD hired two new elementary teachers for the virtual programs. These teachers will be providing instruction in K-2 and 3-6 grade bands. They will be meeting with students and families and developing relationships alongside structures and supports for success this fall. Kristen Simpson, the primary level

teacher, explained that a student's parent, guardian or other "learning facilitator" is as much a part of this program and the fabric of the student's experience as she is as the teacher.

Another asset is that the school district is able to retain the student, which means retaining the state funds allocated to that student. Morrow County School District's Morrow Academy has been a strong program for several years. For Marie Shimer, Director of Educational Services at Morrow County School District, it's more than retaining student funds, it's finishing the educational journey with a student who may have started kindergarten in the district.

During COVID-19, Shimer said that a few district families have inquired about moving to homeschooling or leaving the district to enroll in a web-based online academy, both options that take state funding away from the district. However, when Shimer explains Morrow Academy and what it offers, most families choose to stay with MCS. "Of course, we don't want our enrollment to decrease, we want our budgets to remain stable," Shimer said, "but also, these are our kids, our students and they live in our communities. As a public school, we are committed to their success."

In rural Union County, Cove School District has expanded its online learning program for the 20-21 school year. Previously, the district used internet-based platforms for credit recovery and some college courses. Beginning this fall, the Cove Virtual Learning Academy will allow additional choices for families. "Developing new options for our learners, with support from the IMESD, has been really positive for our district," said Earl Pettit, Cove Superintendent.

IMESD's Lair says many students, especially younger learners, definitely benefit from in-person instruction in a traditional school setting, and Oregon's students, parents, school administrators and teachers really want to return to school buildings. "The pandemic has created a lot of uncertainty and unease relating to education; however, we have an opportunity to pull from these trials the pieces that work. We must be ready to embrace a landscape in education that is forever changed, one that focuses on the importance of connection to community and multiple modalities to meet the needs of our students," Lair said.

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