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**Good News Only**

By Doris Brosnan

As one attends football games in other communities, the outstanding quality of Ken Grieb's announcing at the Heppner games becomes quickly apparent. He introduces starting lineups for both teams. He explains every penalty, which is helpful to spectators who do not understand or might miss the refs' signals. He announces the players on both teams, offense and defense, involved in every play. Kudos, Ken Grieb.

Seniors on the gridiron team will be honored this Thursday evening, the last home game, so spectators will want to be at the field by about 6:30.

Yes, asphaltting has begun.

The pedestrian bridge at the north end of Gale Street has been open for a short time now, a safe separation of vehicles and walkers.

And that creek that the bridges cross has slowed to a very, very small flow, which means that interested persons can easily remove debris along the creek's usual level without getting a bit wet.

A reminder to individuals who no longer drive: The Loop service provides a fine alternative. Its contact info appears in the GT.

A powdering of snow in the mountains equals good news. At least, it was a meager start to the needed moisture and promise of winter snowfalls to come.

Carson Brosnan visited family over last weekend, traveling from Corvallis, where he is a junior at OSU, so he could help his brother, Conor, celebrate turning 18 years old. (Little did he know that he was going to also be recruited for a family wood-cutting outing.)

A relaxing get-away can be almost at one's doorstep, as proven by Archie and Diana Ball last week.

The couple joined HHS classmates Bruce and Diane Moyer, who now live in Montana, their daughter Randi, and Chip Magnuson in the RV park in Boardman for four days of diversion. Such an exercise in relaxation and reconnecting, surrounded by the large expanse of green grass, color-changing leaves, and the soothing flow of the Columbia River.

An act of kindness: Last week, Sheri Stahl stopped in Hardman to ask if she could be of help to a woman at a car with the hood up. The woman was traveling to Spray from Pasco when the car's red engine light came on. She had no cell service, and she feared that she was not reading the oil dip stick correctly or that something other than no oil could be the problem. Sheri called resident Vince Kinyon, who immediately came, checked the oil level and as many other levels and possible trouble spots that he thought could be an issue. All was well, so he encouraged the driver to be confident that the light came on because of a glitch, something that can sometimes occur. Of course, Vince refused any payment for his assistance and time.

It is that time of year: Everyone will be welcomed to a good time at the "Fall Bazaar" at the Ione Legion Hall on October 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This annual event is sponsored by the Ione American Legion Auxiliary.

Bring some reasons to smile to our readers. Send your "good-news tidbits" before Monday afternoon to dbrosnan123@gmail.com, or call 541-676-5382 or 541-223-1490, or stop me on the street.

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

**BEO reports third quarter earnings**

BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced third quarter 2021 consolidated net income of \$2,465,000 or \$2.05 per share. Total assets were \$770.5 million; Net loans of \$470.0 million; Deposits were at \$705.7 million. Shareholders' equity was at \$48.0 million.

"2021 has been an extraordinary year from a profitability standpoint. Non-recurring income items have added to returns. Deposits are up 27.7 percent year over year; loans are down 9.3 percent; total assets are up 11.3 percent; strong profits have added 17.1 percent to shareholder equity in the past year. Return on Average Assets (ROA) is 1.32 percent and Return on Average Equity is 21.09 percent," said president and CEO Jeff Bailey.

Chief Financial Officer Mark Lemmon said, "The market is awash in cash, which serves to keep a lid on deposit rates. The banking industry is witnessing an ongoing glut of deposits, as alternative safe investments at higher rates are non-existent. The Fed signals continued low rates, but it will be interesting to see what impact inflation will have on rates over the next few years."

Chief Operations Officer Becky Kindle said, "Much of our operational focus in 2021 has been in preparing for the conversion of our core processing system. This system touches all aspects of our bank. We are confident that our customers will like the changes, as we remain focused on bringing them the best products and services available. I applaud our conversion team on their hard work and dedication to

our customers, fellow employees and shareholders, as we implement our new system."

"Loans are down 9.3 percent from last year. This is a bit misleading and is attributed to the payoff of SBA guaranteed PPP loans that were put on the books as part of the various pandemic stimulus packages beginning in March 2020. Our core loans are actually up approximately 5.3 percent if PPP loans were taken out of the calculation," said Chief Lending Officer John Qualls.

Chief Credit Officer Ed Rollins added, "Overall credit quality appears stable, even with the challenges of 2021. We are just getting into our renewal season, but early reports do not raise too many concerns."

Bailey concluded, "Third quarter brought us continued drought conditions across much of our trade area. The impact on dryland crop yields as well as curtailments on irrigation water has had a significant impact on crop production and feed availability for livestock. Commodity prices are up considerably, but the dry conditions prevail. Fall seeding is underway and we hope for decent moisture this fall, winter and spring. The drought combined with higher expenses, supply chain issues, overall economic unknowns and continued COVID concerns, all point toward more challenges. We need to remember that over the past two years challenges have become the norm and I am confident that our customers, neighbors and friends will persevere."

**A View from the Green**

**Senior golfers play final 2021 tourney**

Willow Creek Country Club senior men golfers attended the final Columbia Blue Senior Golf Association (CBSGA) tournament for 2021 on October 11. The tournament, held at the par 60 Milton-Freewater Golf Course, hosted more than 50 senior golfers.

Willow Creek Country Club golfers who placed in the Columbia Division (handicap 11 and below) gross were Dave Pranger in third with a score of 73 and Dennis Peck in fourth with 74. In a tie for sixth with 76 were Steve Marlatt and Kelly Fox. Tim Wright was third in net with 63. Scott Burright and Rick Johnston tied for sixth with scores of 65.

Jim Swanson took third in gross in the Blue Division

(handicap 11-16) with a score of 77. Dale Holland was sixth with 82 and John Edmundson was eighth with 84. Mike Doherty came in third in net with 64 and Jeff Cutsforth was eighth with 76.

In the Senior Division (handicap 17 and above) Gene Orwick was third in net with 65 and Steve Rhea was sixth with a score of 68.

The annual meeting for the CBSGA will be held at the China Creek Golf Course in Arlington on November 1 at 10 a.m. The membership is encouraged to attend to provide input for the 2022 tournament season. New Willow Creek local co-directors for the next year will be Dale Holland and Scott Burright.

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**DEADLINE:**  
MONDAYS  
AT 5PM

**Water control district to meet**

The Heppner Water Control District will meet Thursday, October 21 at 6 p.m. at 430 W Linden Way in Heppner. Agenda items include minutes from the

previous meeting, treasurer report, member appointment and other business.

Meetings of HWCD are open to the public. Attendees will social distance.

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Morrow County Health Department 101 Boardman, Boardman OR 97818

Wednesday October 27, 2021 3:00 – 6:00 PM  
MORROW COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 74473 Hwy 74 Lena, Heppner OR 97836

Thursday October 28, 2021 4:00 – 8:00 PM  
Legion Hall 385 W 2nd Street, Ione, OR 97843

Friday October 29, 2021 2:00- 7:00 PM  
Taqueria Dona Mary - 490 HWY 730, Irrigon, OR 97844

Viernes 22 de Octubre de 2021 2:00 – 7:00 PM  
Departamento de Salud del Condado de Morrow 101 Boardman, Boardman OR 97818

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MORROW COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 74473 Hwy 74 Lena, Heppner OR 97836

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Legion Hall 385 W 2nd Street, Ione, OR 97843

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Taqueria Dona Mary - 490 HWY 730, Irrigon, OR 97844

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**Thank You!**

The Woolery Project would like to give a great big THANK YOU to the Ione/Arlington football team and coaching staff!  
Sam Grady • Taylor Rollins • Bryce Rollins  
Carson Eynich • Calvin Rietman • Fernando Ramirez  
Azierl Borghese • Sean Parkki • John McElligott  
Carson Angell • Kellen Gronquist • Martin Medina  
Shane Sifford  
Coaches- Denis Stefani Mark Davidson

A big THANK YOU to Theresa Hughs

Big THANKS to the many donors, sponsors, buyers and supporters of our very successful Oktoberfest.

THANK YOU to the Legion Woolery Board for staying strong.

THANK YOU to Ford Bomey - Auctioneer  
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As always, a big THANK YOU to our Veterans!