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A View from the Green

Willow Creek Sunday Men's Play

The Willow Creek Sunday Men's Play group hosted 29 golfers at the event held Sunday, March 27 at Willow Creek Country Club. The event was a two-man blind draw scramble. Taking first place in net was the team of Greg Greenup and Dennis Peck with a score of 43. Second went to Dale Holland and Tim Hedman with 46 1/2, third to David Alstott and Delbert Binchus with 47 1/2 and fourth, with a score of 48, went to Logan Burrig and Mike Doherty. Winners of first place

in gross were Jeff Watkins, Kelly Fox and Gene Orwick with 56. Second place winners were Dave Pranger and Duane Disque with 57. Third went to Scott Burright and Steve Marlatt with 58 and fourth place winners were Charlie Ferguson and Dave Creswick with 59. The Wednesday night match play will begin April 13, with a signup sheet available at the clubhouse. The next men's play will take place on April 3 and will be hosted by Jim Swanson, Scott Burright and Tom Wolff.

Lady golfers to hold kick-off breakfast

The Willow Creek Ladies Golf board invites all lady golfers to attend their kick-off breakfast/annual meeting on Tuesday, April 5 at the Willow Creek Country Club. Registration

will begin at 8 a.m., with breakfast and the meeting to follow at 9. The cost for a season of Tuesday ladies' play is \$30. A golf scramble will follow the meeting on April 5.


INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Thursday, April 7th

Join us and meet the 2022-23 Lodge Officers

Dinner at 6:00pm
Enchiladas, Rice, Beans
Salad & Dessert

Installation and Lodge at 8:00pm



HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

Morrow County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk
Boardman Marina Park shelter
Saturday, April 23, 2022 @ 10am



Join us to:

- Recognize the importance of suicide prevention
- Support suicide loss survivors
- Promote resilience of attempt survivors
- Support for family and loved ones of those who struggle

Call to register for this free event and get a t-shirt on the day of the walk. Call 541-256-0400 Leave your name & phone number. We have a limited supply of t-shirts -so please register early!

Sponsored by Morrow County Veterans Services, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, Community Counseling Solutions, Walla Walla VA Medical Center and other community partners.

Chamber announces meeting schedule

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will again host Karie Walchli on March 31 at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building beginning at 7 p.m. Walchli plans a more in-depth discussion about tourism at this meeting. All are invited to attend, and a Zoom link will be available for those who are unable to attend in person. Refreshments and desserts will be provided by AJ's Baked Goodies. A candidates' forum will be held Tuesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. at the Heppner City Hall for Morrow

County candidates. The public is invited to attend in person or join the Zoom meeting or Facebook Live. Due to the Willow Creek Economic Development Group's annual meeting being held April 7, the Chamber will not hold an April all entities lunch. The WCVEDG luncheon will be catered by Gateway Café and there will be no charge for lunch. The next all entities lunch meeting will be held May 5 and catered by Tacos Hometown.

Scholarships being offered for local high school students

The Coach Del LaRue Scholarship, available for Ione High School seniors, was developed in memory of Del LaRue, a long-time teacher and coach at Ione High School. Del had a passion for coaching basketball and track and loved seeing students set and achieve their goals. After retiring from teaching, Del continued to coach track for twelve additional years, during this time he helped many student athletes achieve their goals and was honored as National Track Coach of the Year.

Directors using the Coach LaRue Scholarship Google form application and must include a transcript and activities/work experience sheet. The South Morrow County Scholarship Board will award scholarships to Heppner High School and Ione Community School seniors based on academic achievement and school/community/work involvement. Students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher to apply. Students must be continuing their education at a community college, trade school, or four-year college or university. Funds are to help students pay for tuition, program fees, books, supplies, rent and other expenses. To apply, please complete the Google form and attach your high school transcript and resume of school and community activities and work experience. Multiple scholarships will be awarded. If selected, students will need to submit their current college class schedule or verification of enrollment. Applications for both scholarships are due by 4 p.m. on April 20, 2022. For additional information, contact Brandi Sweeney at brandi.sweeney@morrow.k12.or.us.

This fund awards one \$1,000 scholarship to a college-bound Ione High School senior based on demonstrated academic achievement, community involvement and with preference given to students who have participated in the Ione High School track program. Students must be continuing their education at a community college, trade school, or four-year college or university. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 accumulated GPA and show involvement in community/school activities. Applications will be accepted and awarded by the South Morrow County Scholarship Inc Board of

and fill up a bag with clothing, shoes, books, games, music and movies. All other household merchandise is 50 percent off this day only. Proceeds from the sale help fund the food pantry and other emergency assistance programs.

Bag sale coming up

The Neighborhood Center will be holding a bag sale on Wednesday, April 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 441 N Main Street, Heppner. The first bag purchased will be \$15 and the second bag will be the discounted price of \$5. Shop for the entire family

and fill up a bag with clothing, shoes, books, games, music and movies. All other household merchandise is 50 percent off this day only. Proceeds from the sale help fund the food pantry and other emergency assistance programs.

Morrow SWCD to meet

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m. at the Ag Service Center in Heppner. To join via Zoom or conference call, please contact the SWCD prior to the meeting at 541-676-5452. Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

Celebration of Life
Marvin Way



Saturday, April 9th, 2022
1:00 p.m.
Lexington Fire Hall
Please do not block fire truck exits.

Methodist church offers opportunity to meet Kenya nurse



Rev. Jim Monroe and Stanley Gitari. -Contributed photo.

The Heppner United Methodist Church will host Stanley Gitari, a registered nurse and community health advocate from a mission hospital in Maua, Kenya on April 3 at 12:30 p.m. A spokesperson for the church said, "In a world torn apart by dissent and war, it is good to know that there are people out there who have dedicated their lives to making the world a more caring, loving place." Gitari has given almost 40 years of health care and community development services to the people of Maua - most of whom cannot afford to pay the fees for the services they need, but are cared for, nevertheless. He was born in a neighboring village and did not start school until he was nine - and that was preschool. But he went on to receive his primary and secondary education in the region. After he graduated from high school he attended nursing school at the Maua Methodist Hospital's School of Nursing, receiving the equivalent of a certificate as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Following his graduation from the school in Maua, he was granted, along with his wife Mary (also a nurse), a full

scholarship to Oklahoma City University, in Oklahoma City. There he received a BS in nursing and became a registered nurse. He returned to Maua Methodist Hospital, turning down a number of lucrative offers for nursing positions in both the US and Kenya. He went on to receive a master's degree in public health from the University of Ghana. For years he has directed the community outreach programs for the Maua Methodist Hospital, creating programs, many of which are considered model programs for Sub-Saharan Africa. He has consistently refused positions with greater pay and benefits in order to help the people of the community in which he grew up. So many people can't wait to leave for "the big city." Stanley couldn't wait to stay put and help his friends and neighbors. The Heppner United Methodist Church is sending two of its own, Cara Osmin and Rev. Jim Monroe, to Maua, Kenya in early July to work with these various programs. Stanley Gitari is coming to Heppner to share the work that has been so vital in his career, and so essential to the people of Kenya.

Morrow County commissioner candidate forums to be held

Forums will be held in Boardman for candidates running for Morrow County Commissioner, positions two and three at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive. The position three forum will be held April 6 and position two on April 11. Position three candidates will begin with opening statements at 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, followed by pre-determined questions, live in-person audience questions and commence with closing statements.

Position two candidates will follow the same format at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 11. Questions from Facebook Live will be answered at both forums, time permitting. Questions may be submitted for candidates to answer via email to info@boardmanchamber.org. Candidates on the ballot for position two are Jeff Wenholz and Melissa Lindsay. Candidates for position three are Mike McNamee, David Sykes and Gus Peterson.

Re-Elect

Melissa Lindsay



Morrow County Commissioner



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