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A View from the Green

Over the tee cup

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies kicked off the season with a scramble on April 5, hosting 12 ladies. The cold and windy day started off with a breakfast for the ladies to enjoy. The team of Kris Lindner and Virginia Grant tied for the win with the team of Karen Thompson, Jeanne Creswick and Pat Dougherty. Tiffany Clement won the raffle. The first day of regular Ladies' Club golf was held April 12.

WCCC Sunday Men's Play

Fourteen men braved the cold and wind on Sunday, April 10 at Willow Creek Country Club for men's play. In special events, Kelly Fox got KP on #4/13 with 20'8". Fox also took first in net with a score of 60 and Delbert Binchus took second. Charlie Ferguson was first in gross with 70 and Jerry Gentry took second with 72. Rick Johnston and Tim Wright tied for third with a 73. There will be no play on Sunday, April 17 due to it being Easter. The next Sunday play will be held April 24 and will be hosted by Jeff Watkins, Jaren Huddleston and Donald Mathews. Wednesday night play begins Wednesday, April 13.

Cemetery meeting rescheduled

The April 12 meeting of Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District was rescheduled due to medical and weather reasons to Tuesday, April 19 at 4:30 pm in the Agriculture Office Building at 430 W Linden Way.

Everyone invited to Easter services

All are welcome to join Willow Creek Baptist Church, 560 Minor St, Heppner, for their Easter worship service to be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 17.

COUNTY FINANCE

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In other business the county heard from Mike McCarter, president of Move Oregon's Border for a Greater Idaho, whose goal is to remove a section of rural Oregon and join it to the state of Idaho. They say rural Oregon's political values are more aligned with those of Idaho, than the more liberal Portland metro area which has for years dominated Oregon government.



Mike McCarter

McCarter told commissioners his group is currently collecting signatures in Morrow County for a ballot measure that, if passed, would require the commissioners to meet three times a year to discuss the relocation of the state border. "We believe this measure will pass as it has in the last six counties that voted on similar measures, by an average of 62 percent," he said. In all, eight counties have passed similar ballot measures, McCarter said. He asked commissioners if perhaps an advisory vote instead of the mandated meetings might be better for Morrow County. McCarter said his group hoped to have it on the November ballot for county voters.

"Maybe it's a better way to get the question in front of Morrow County voters than a mandated commissioner meeting three times per year," McCarter said. He said the ballot measure would be a non-binding question about the proposal to join Idaho. "If you desire to find out how the citizens of Morrow County feel about the issue as it moves through the state, I would like you consider this option rather than the mandated meeting that will be coming on the ballot," he added.

Commission Chair Doherty thanked McCarter for calling into the meeting, adding that he moved the discussion from the business actionable section of the meeting agenda to the discussion section. The commissioners subsequently took no action on McCarter's request.

In other business the commission approved a property tax refund for the amount of \$279,059 to Gas Transmission Northwest. The refund follows a corrected lower property valuation issued by the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Obituaries

Adelia (Dee) Ann Erdmann

Adelia (Dee) Ann Erdmann, 85, passed away March 31, 2022. In accordance with her request there will be no memorial service. She was born February 17, 1937, to the late Harold and Alena Anderson of Eightmile and Heppner. She graduated from Heppner High School, attended Eastern Oregon College and graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree. Dee retired from Wausau Insurance Company in 1989, where she had worked for 25 years. She married James Erdmann May 18, 1979. They



Adelia Ann Erdmann

enjoyed bowling, many years of fishing at their cabin at Diamond Lake, and then later at their condominium in Newport, OR. Dee enjoyed reading and cooking. They lived in their home outside of Aumsville, OR for 25 years. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Erdmann; stepfather, C. Ervin Anderson and sister, Carol Anderson Porter. She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne Gehring; sister, Nancy McLennan; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Death Notices

Larry L. Sticka - Larry L. Sticka, 87, of Lexington, died Tuesday April 5, 2022, at his home. He was born August 27, 1934, at Great Falls, MT. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Kevin D. Holm - Kevin D. Holm, 64, of Heppner, died Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at his home. He was born March 25, 1958, at Anchorage, AK. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

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

Research has shown that for every one death by suicide, over 115 people are directly affected. Veterans died by suicide at a rate of 31.6 per 100,000 people in 2019 compared with 16.8 per 100,000 people for non-Veterans. The VA remains focused on the mission to reduce suicide, there is more work to be done. Everyone has a role to play in saving lives. We invite everyone to walk with us and show your support to everyone who has been affected by suicide or suicide ideation. Veteran or non-Veteran, we welcome everyone.



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! This is a free event.

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

Good News Only

By Doris Brosnan

More snow in the mountains equals good news. In the middle of April? (Chicago, not Heppner, is known as the Windy City, right?)

The St. Patrick Catholic congregation is delighted for themselves and for their parish priest, Fr. Thankachan, to have him back from his visit to India, stressfully extended for two weeks by a passport and visa snafu. While waiting for Fr's return from what was to be a one-month vacation, the parish's needs were well attended to by visiting priest Fr. Richard, who came from Klamath Falls. (Finally, Fr. Richard has now moved on, to stand in for the Pilot Rock parish priest, who went to Poland to visit, and is now reported to have Covid. Maybe, just maybe, Fr. Richard will only be needed there through Easter Sunday?)

Congratulations to high school seniors Brock Hisler and Taylor Rollins, who have decided to pursue further education at EOU and to accept EOU's offers for them to join the Mountaineers' football team next fall. Brock, son of Shawn and Stephanie Hisler, attends HHS. Taylor, son of Ed and Tricia Rollins, is a senior in Ione. Both great students have received sports honors, and both have been in past years, and are again this year, three-sports athletes at their schools. These boys follow familiar names who have recently suited up with the Mountaineers: Patrick Collins, Chris Kinde, and Mason and Jackson Lehman.

Always good to hear from now-distant Heppner natives Bruce and Diane Moyer, who live in Montana: "It is always good news for us to return to visit friends and enjoy the Heppner St. Patrick Day celebration. We enjoyed our

stay with Archie and Diana Ball and an evening with old friends, Kit and Shirley George. The parade on Saturday was especially enjoyable, riding with Archie and his daughter, Andrea, in his restored '39 Chev pickup, for which he won first prize for "Best Antique/Custom Vehicle 2022 Great Green Parade." Bruce's grandparents, the Cunninghams from County Longford, were the St. Patrick's Day honored family in 1996. The memorial-Shamrock displays were a wonderful reminder of past loved ones, including my wife's sister, Karen McCurdy Dubuque. On Sunday, a remembrance for a classmate from the Heppner class of 1962, Beverly Blake Fitzgerald, was a special occasion for visiting and sharing old memories with the other Blake sisters - Barb, Jenny, Kathy and Karen - and 1962 class members Archie Ball, Kit George, Merlin Hughes, Libby Van Schoiack, and their family members, as well as other alumni from over the years. It is always a pleasure to return to a place we were born and raised in."

We are pleased to claim Janice Martin Wheelhouse as one of our own talented singers with the Willow Creek Symphony and Inland Northwest Musicians. And this Saturday, at 4 p.m., at the Ione School, we can enjoy another long-awaited free concert by these accomplished musicians in which they will perform six selections.

Smile and share with the readers of the Heppner Gazette Times and a small part of the whole world smiles with you. Will you take a few minutes to jot your items down to send to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490?

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

Births

Send birth announcements to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

Emily Ann Elguezabal

Blas and Monika Elguezabal, Heppner, announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Ann Elguezabal on April 7, 2022, at 1 a.m. Emily, born at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

The baby joins a brother, Noe Elguezabal Kelleher. Grandparents are Mary Ann Elguezabal, Heppner and Marek and Krystyna-Lysomice, Poland.



Emily Ann Elguezabal

THE GATHERING EVERY WEDNESDAY

Where: Lone Community Church

When: Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30

The Lone Community Church is hosting The Gathering, a time for members of the community to come together and connect. Social hour and games following dinner for everyone

5:30 pm DINNER

6:15 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP & BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20 KJV



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