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A View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies held their weekly playday on May 10, a cool and breezy day. Virginia Grant took low gross of the field and Carol Mitchell took low net. Pat Edmundson and Sharon Harrison tied for least putts.

Tiffany Clement took low gross for flight A, Pat Dougherty for flight B and Kris Linder for flight C. Jean Creswick took low net for flight C as well as KP.

Carol Mitchell also had KP for flight A and Sharon Harrison for flight B.

Heppner cracks down on dogs at large

After multiple complaints about dogs running free, barking and owners failing to clean up animal waste, the city of Heppner will begin to focus on enforcing the dog ordinances.

Dogs are not permitted at any time to run at large anywhere out of doors in the city. This regulation applies to all public places and to all private property. A dog may be left unattended out of doors in a yard if there is a fence that will prevent the dog from leaving the yard. A dog running at large is considered a nuisance. Any unlicensed dog caught while running at large will be taken to Pet Rescue. It is also unlawful to allow an animal to disturb people who are in the vicinity through continued noise and loud barking. Either of these offenses can incur a \$265 fine.

It is unlawful for an owner or keeper to allow a dog to deposit solid waste on any property other than that of the person controlling the animal. If the person controlling the animal promptly removes the solid waste the offense is not finable.

Citizens concerned about nuisance animals in their neighborhoods are encouraged to contact the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

"The City of Heppner fully supports pet owners. We just ask that you control your pet to help us maintain a healthy town for all of the citizens' enjoyment," Heppner's city manager Kraig Cutsforth told the Gazette.

The city also reminds residents that all dogs over the age of six months old are required to be licensed by March 31 annually.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Glen Diehl, has released the following Justice Court report:

-Tina R. Wierman, 25, Richland, WA, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$100.

-Kannon M. Wilkins, 20, Heppner, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$265 and failure to carry proof of insurance, fine \$265.

By Doris Brosnan

Rumor control.. Yes, the Sykes are selling their building, which holds the Gazette Times office and two other spaces on Willow Street. No, they are not selling the business. Their paper office is going to relocate, in Heppner. Straight from the mouth of Dave Sykes.

When I adopted "Katie, the melancholy collie," she seemed new to the concept of taking walks but quickly caught on, now paces if she thinks the time is right and I am not ready to go. On the 10th, we walked for about an hour, beginning at 8 a.m. At about 10, I drove to Les Schwab to get winter tires removed/replaced. I returned home, began moving tires from my SUV in the garage to the storage shed in the back yard, with garage door open to the driveway. Katie loitered. I spotted her at the front of the house after tire one. Checked for her after tire two. No Katie. Soon I was calling and looking down the nearby alley, at the house above us. No Katie. Mindy called from City Hall, "Katie is at Les Schwab and Trina has gone after her." As I headed out the door, son Damon called to report that Katie was spotted at Les Schwab. I walked, with leash, to city hall. Katie had not cooperated. (She is shy.) She was pacing in Les Schwab lobby while the kind-hearted staff were saying sweet things to her as they noted that she seemed to be afraid. (She is not only shy but also terrified of hard floors.) Soon after our return home, my grandson Conor called to report that someone had seen Katie at Les Schwab.... I really appreciate everyone's kindness and help in getting us together again. Lessons learned.

Jan Huddleston shares

that Heppner had a special visitor last Wednesday. Jim Ackley was a favorite teacher, mentor and friend to many students in the 70s and 80s. He started his career in Heppner as the band teacher in the fall of 1973, after his band, "Thirteenth Story," had been hired the previous spring by the junior class to play at the prom. He interviewed for the job the same day he played for the prom. "I'm sure his music helped land the job." While living in Heppner, he started the "Jim Ackley Band" with hometown locals. "We had some great dances with this group." There was a fun gathering Wednesday at Bucknum's with former students, band members and fellow teachers. It had been forty years since he moved from Morrow County and over ten years since his last visit. He resides in Molalla, where he grew up, but he has always considered Heppner his second hometown.

Another familiar face from when she had a business on Main Street and her husband, Don, was superintendent of the Morrow County Schools. Carolyn Cole was here for a visit on Monday. Carolyn took Bev Sherman to lunch at Bucknum's before they enjoyed a leisurely stroll through downtown.

Last Friday three couples met for a joy filled evening of dinner and visiting in the Heppner Elks dining room. Earl and Peggy Fishburn, Ralph and Sally Walker and John and Pat Edmundson met for a celebration of Earl and Peggy's 58th wedding anniversary and Sally's birthday. (Sally's birth year is confidential information.)

Just returning from a week-long, 2480-mile road trip, Martha and Maureen Doherty (the M&Ms) report

that they had a high time in Colorado. First to Fraser, a skiing area now touting the vistas and hiking day trips they enjoyed. Then on to Denver, to visit and lunch with brother Roger and his wife, Eileen, and from Golden, Cousin Jim Doherty and his wife, Pam, and their two daughters. Martha especially enjoyed giving Jim a boxful of military memorabilia and documents that belonged to his father, Paul.

Last Friday was prom night in Heppner and Ione. Hopefully, the young attendees had a fun evening. Rare opportunity to don some suits and tuxedos and some gorgeous evening gowns, as well as patience with photo ops, practice of social graces, and remembering to thank the sponsors of the event and the chaperones. (Yes, these last two come from my "grandma" vault.)

Kudos to the recently announced winners of the Morrow County schools math contest: Charles Mullins (son of Shaun and Jamie) and Jasper Hanna (son of Jason and Linsey) won the fourth-grade level, and Elizabeth Finch (daughter of Tripp and Julia) won the eighth-grade competition.

School spring sporting events are winding down. And congratulations go out to the many students who give their all to their teams as they go up against some tough competitors. The HHS boys' golf team was competing at the state competition in Banks when this column had to be submitted. Going to state track competition in Eugene this weekend will be 11 HHS competitors.

The Town and Country banquet will be this Thursday at Gilliam and Bisbee's with tickets available at the chamber office and at Murray's. Opportunity for an

"Evenings with the Stars," prime-rib dinner by Alvin, and witnessing the introductions of the individuals recognized this year for their contributions to the institutions and systems so important to Heppner's vitality.

Remember, this Friday will be opening day of the city's ten-day access to its Riverside Street yard for debris. A great opportunity to spring-clean our yards and easily dispose of the burnable rubbish. We can also take unwanted items there, to a huge container trailer, with some restrictions.

The public works crew has three recently hired members helping with the challenge of keeping Heppner looking good and running smoothly: Dave Ginn, Annabelle McDaniel and Darren Dyer. Chad Doherty and Caleb McDaniel complete the crew. We can help a wee bit with their efforts, of course, by not littering and by disposing of someone else's litter when we see it.

Cori Jo Lindsay (daughter of Joe and Leanne) becomes Cinderella next week, as she stars in the ballet production at the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton. Also appearing on stage will be Sophie Qualls (daughter of John and Doashea). Tickets will be available at the box office for the 7 p.m. performances on the 26th and 27th and the 2 p.m. performance on the 28th.

Thanks to our contributors. Reading positive, sometimes amusing, tidbits can brighten a day, so everyone is urged to send or call in a brightener for next week: dbrosnan123@gmail.com or 541-223-1490. Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

County hires own lawyer for enterprise zone - Amazon negotiations

By David Sykes

Morrow County has decided to hire its own attorney for representation during upcoming tax abatement negotiations between Amazon Inc and the Columbia River Enterprise Zone (CREZ), county commissioners decided last week.

Amazon has presented plans to locate five new data centers near Boardman, causing the CREZ board, of which the county is a member, to begin negotiating with the company on tax abatement deals. The CREZ has its own attorney, however, at least two commissioners want the county to have its own separate representation in the negotiations.

Commissioners Jim Doherty and Melissa Lindsay voted in favor of hiring

government law attorney Alan Rappleyea of Hillsboro with commissioner Don Russell voting against, saying they should rely on the CREZ attorney for advice during negotiations. Doherty said he did not think it unusual for the county to have its own lawyer, stating he would "be surprised" if the Port of Morrow and the City of Boardman, which are also part of the CREZ board, had not had their attorneys already looking at the enterprise zone "stuff." At a recently held first negotiation session between CREZ and Amazon the company presented its tax abatement proposal to the CREZ board, however, it was done in executive session and so far, that proposal has not been made public.

In arguing to hire the county's own representation, Doherty said in past negotiations the CREZ II lawyer and county counsel Justin Nelson have had legal disagreements. "The

enterprise zone attorney had one opinion and county council had a completely different one," Doherty recalled. He said if the county had followed the CREZ attorney's advice it would "not have been good." "I'm not looking to undermine anything they are doing," he said of the CREZ. "But I would be surprised if the city (Boardman) and port attorneys haven't been looking at it." Lindsay said she didn't see this as an argument but rather a compliment to negotiations. "The more eyes the better."

However, it may end up with the CREZ and the county presenting competing tax abatement deals to Amazon for consideration. The county has its own tax abatement program called the Strategic Investment Program (SIP) of which all the large energy companies in the county such as the wind, solar and gas-powered generating plants currently use. Those SIP agreements were all negotiated by the county and the money from those deals flows directly into

county coffers and not to the CREZ.

Doherty said he has already "reached out" to Amazon about possibly using a SIP agreement for tax abatement instead of utilizing the enterprise zone, as they have for all their previous data farms. "They are ambivalent. They just want abatement," he told the other commissioners.

Under the approved agreement the county will pay Rappleyea up to \$10,000 to represent them between now and January 1, 2023, at the rate of \$250 per hour with \$50 per hour travel time. On his web site Rappleyea says he has been an "Oregon government lawyer for 30 years working for counties and cities. County counsel for Washington County and Crook Counties and city attorney for the city of Beaverton. I was a certified planner and planning director for Crook County and experienced in all aspects of land use from applications to appeals, with years of experience in all areas of government law," the website says.



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