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**Good News Only**

By Doris Brosnan

Once again, wet weather that offered periodic breaks was a key player in last weekend's outdoor events, but the Elks held their annual Dads' Day games and lunch at Cutsforth Park. A different story, one of sunshine and warm temperatures, seems to be shaping up for this coming weekend's return of the Ukiah Rodeo, a first in many, many years.

Last weekend, also, but able to stay warm and dry in an AirBnB log cabin on Upper Rhea Creek, six women from the HHS Class of '61 relaxed with "good food, fun, and friends." Most of the current thirteen women of that class had been able to enjoy a weekend together once a year for many, many years, but this was their first in almost three years because of the pandemic. Covid continued to preclude one alum's plan, and other health issues and conflicting schedules also interfered, so only six women were able to head for the Thorn Creek Lodge last Friday: Sharon (Keithley) Harrison, Ferne (Albert) Healy, Jeanne (Schmidt) Creswick, Marlene (Griffin) Gray, Sandra (Jones) Blake and Doris (Morris) Brosnan. This column has been restricted from reporting the weekend activities....

Next Saturday, Dr. Emily Thompson Jack will have completed her three-

year Family Practice Residency in Boise, ID. She and eleven other doctors will be honored for their completions of their programs, and fully certified Dr. Jack will be ready to start practice in Pendleton soon. She and husband, Keenan, who is a CPA employed by Columbia Basin Electric, wish to settle in the Heppner area.

Kudos to Blane Mahoney, who has qualified in steer wrestling to compete in the National High School Rodeo finals in Wyoming next month. Good luck.

Kudos to HHS baseball players named to the all-league first team: Toby Nation, Kasen Cimmiyotti and Cameron Proudfoot. And Nation and Cimmiyotti also earned second-team all-state honors.

This was the first year for the national holiday created last year, June-teenth, on June 19. The holiday is now celebrated to mark the end to slavery. All government facilities will celebrate the holiday by being closed.

Yes, remembering to get your tidbit written and sent or called in can be a challenge, but when you do remember, readers are always appreciative. Take a few minutes now to send yours to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490, okay?

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

**Death/Service Notices**

**Linda Rigby** - Linda Rigby, 74, of Gresham, died May 12, 2022, at Gresham. A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

**Used books available for sale**

Flood Town Books will hold a used book sale Thursday, June 23 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and again Friday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hardbacks will be available for \$1 and paperbacks for \$.50. The Oregon Trail Library District will receive 50 percent of the proceeds from the sale.

**Bingo to be played in Lexington**

Lexington has announced they will be hosting a Bingo event at the Lexington Fire Hall on June 30 at 6 p.m. Cost for the event is still being decided but everyone is invited to attend. Earnings from the event will go toward playground equipment for a future playground and park in Lexington.

**Plants removed from Heppner cemetery**

The Heppner Cemetery has removed all potted plants and artificial arrangements that have blown over. Those who would like to keep any of their plants should pick them up.

**Obituaries**

**Bobby G. Harris**

Bobby G. Harris was born December 25, 1940, in Princeton, FL to Oley Lee Harris and Vivian Marie Johns. He passed away in Heppner on June 2, 2022, at the age of 81.

Much of his youth was spent moving with his mother and grandparents following migrant farm work, spending quite a bit of time in the area of Willows and Susanville, CA before finally settling in Oregon.

Bobby attended Cleveland High School in Portland before getting his GED and enlisting in the Marine Corp. He was proud to be a marine and often reflected on his time spent enlisted. It was also at Cleveland High that he met his wife, Beverly. They married April 20, 1961, while he was still enlisted. After his discharge, they made their home in Portland near friends and family.

Bobby got his welding certification and started working at Gunderson in Portland. He later joined the Boilermaker's Union and worked on steam turbines as a welder at locations all over the United States. His career as a welder brought the family to eastern Oregon as he took a job working on the construction of the Coal Fire Plant in Boardman. In 1980 the family moved to Hardman where Bobby and Beverly lived until his health began to decline in 2016 when they moved to Heppner to be closer to their children.

In his mid-fifties, after retiring from boiler making, he was able to pursue his true passion. He went back to college and received his

master's degree in psychology and became a drug and alcohol counselor for Morrow County. He was an extremely active member of Alcoholics Anonymous and loved seeing those he mentored succeed. He has been credited with assisting in the recovery of many and he always made time for those who needed his help. He was an advocate for anyone on their personal roads to recovery.

He will be remembered as an extremely loving grandfather who loved spending time with his grandkids. There were many summer days spent with grandpa fishing at Anson Wright Park.

Bobby is survived by his five children, Connie Harris of Eufaula, OK, Shirley Harris of Heppner, Bobby Harris (Senie) of Irrigon, Gene Harris (Patty) of Heppner and Candy Chick (Kevin) of Heppner; brothers, Tommy Johns of Aberdeen, WA, Frank Torres of Payette, ID and Wayne Woods of Portland, OR and sister, Tammy Palmer of Portland, OR. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Beverly; his parents; brothers, Jimmy and Raymond and sisters, Sharon and Judy.

A graveside service with military honors will be held June 25, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Heppner Cemetery. A luncheon will be held at Sage Landing Event Center, 233 N. Main St. Heppner, following the service.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. The online condolence book is available at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).

**Bicyclists enjoy trip through the area**



Pictured (L-R): Steve Connolly - Portland, Bob Tennant - Lake Oswego, Bill Valach - West Linn, Carl Christoferson - Lake Oswego and Mort Bishop - Portland posed for a picture upon their return to Heppner June 17. -Contributed photo.

A group of bicyclists enjoyed a trip through the Heppner area last week. The five men left Heppner on June 16 traveling to Ukiah. From Ukiah, they rode over Battle Mountain on June 17, then back to Heppner. On the ride from Heppner to Ukiah, the group stopped off for a break at Morrow County's Cutsforth Park. Bill Valach from West Linn, OR, a member of the group, told the Gazette, "The biking adventure was amazing, the roads great, people friendly and the services great."

**A View from the Green**

**WCCC Sunday Men's Play**

The June 19 men's play held at the Willow Creek Country Club hosted 22 participants. The event was a team score based on net.

Dennis Peck got KP on #7/16 with 10'6" and Scott Burright got a 34'2" long putt on #1/10. In the team event, the team of Logan

Burright, Scott Burright and Mike Dougherty took first place. Second place winners were Tate Gentry, Jerry Gentry, John Edmundson and Rick Johnston.

The next Sunday men's play on July 10 will be hosted by Gene Orwick, Dave Mitchell and Dale Boyd.

**Senior golfers place at tournament**

On May 9, 96 players participated in the Columbia Blue Senior Golf Association Tournament held at the Par 62 Marker 40 golf course in Boardman. Willow Creek Country Club boasted 30 of the participants.

First place for gross in the Columbia Division, 0 to 11 handicap, went to Mike Jesch from The Dalles Country Club with a score of 64. Willow Creek Country Club member Tim Wright took first in net with a score of 61. Also from WCCC, Duane Disque placed third in gross with a score of 69, Scott Burright was seventh in net with 65 and Tom Shear tied for eighth in net with a score of 66.

In the Blue Division, 12 to 16 handicap, Kelly Fox took first in gross with

a score of 72 and John Kilkenny tied for first in net with a 72. Dale Holland and Jim Swanson tied for second in gross with 78. Rick Johnston and Wayne Seitz tied for fifth in gross with 81, Delbert Binchus tied for seventh in gross with 83 and John Edmundson tied for sixth in net with a score of 67.

First place in gross in the Senior Division, 17 and over handicap, went to James Baxter from Beacon Rock with a score of 79 and first in net to Steve Swan from Marker 40 with a score of 59. From WCCC, Scott Dougherty placed second in net with 62, Mike Sweek was third with 63, Kelwayne Haguewood tied for sixth with a 65 and Mike Gorman tied for eighth with a score of 67.

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