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Good News Only

By Doris Brosnan

Jessie Scott recently enjoyed a reunion of "family on both sides." About 20 people attended, and Jessie was especially happy when two of her grandchildren met for the first time.

A pleasure to encounter Molly Rhea on the street last week, because she is always a pleasant conversation and because seeing her was a reminder of how fortunate we are to have Home Health and Hospice services in our community. No one wants to need such assistance but having it available is good news.

Rylee Kollman recently graduated from the OHSU nursing program at Eastern Oregon University and will begin her career in Boise as a Registered Nurse at St. Luke's Hospital Emergency Department on August 6. The shortage of nurses we read and hear about has been reduced by one. Kudos, Rylee.

Kate Page, a relatively new Heppnerite, participated last Saturday for a fourth time in the STIHL Timbersports US Championships in Little Rock, Arkansas. She reported that she is always trying to improve her time in the four competitive events and has placed higher each time she has participated. Certainly, seems fitting that Kate works for the US Forest Service. Kudos, Kate.

Hey, Hunter Nichols. One of eleven EOU track and field athletes to earn all-academic honors from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Hunter was also on the EOU Dean's List by maintaining a 3.5 GPA or better. He helped his team win the Cascade Collegiate Conference Championships, and he qualified for the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships and placed 11th in the 1500. Kudos, Hunter.

Wyatt Steagall, US Army Specialist, Cavalry Scout, in the National Guard, earned his "silver spurs" during his two-week annual training at Fort Rilea in Warrenton. During the cavalrymen spur ride, Wyatt had to show mastery in all types of weaponry, land navigation and excellent marksmanship with an M17 pistol and an M4 carbine, and finish with a twelve-mile "ruck march." Wyatt was chosen for the Snipers Division, so he will be transferring as an Army Sniper. Yes, parents John and Jennifer are very proud of Wyatt. Kudos, Wyatt.

Finally, after about a month of no phone access, grandson Carson and fellow ROTC officer candidates at a six-week training in Quantico did get cell phones back last Sunday, and he included his MeMa as one of several people to call. Still enthusiastic, though exhausted, he noted a few experiences that didn't surprise this grandmother but alerted her to the possibility of having to go there and straighten some people out about how to treat her grandson.

The repair of the murals on the Ag Museum have made such a great difference. Thanks go to WCVEDG and the county for funding. Surely, our visitors will be awed by the displays.

Sidewalk chalk art seems to dominate sections of Main Street and seems to be the product of young and older. Always interesting, some pictures and messages are obvious ("We our community") and some with more complicated symbols might require an interpreter. Fun to walk and gawk. (Note that some artists do not want footprints on their masterpieces.)

If your lawn has sneaked up to a fire-hazard height, peace of mind might justify the cost of help to bring it down to safer, manageable height. Ask around or look for Facebook listings (?) and for advertisements on the board by the supermarket entry. Young people, especially, might be looking for summertime yard work.

The goat head burrs are back, too. Ouch. Broadleaf weed killer or digging, and careful disposal works toward eradication.

If you want a "privacy fence" provided by Mother Nature, just let that Virginia Creeper that has started taking over your fence continue to spread. In short order, it will be an almost solid wall. Of course, it will compete with and probably choke out any other plant in the nearby space.

Yes, you probably have smiled over something recently, something that would also bring smiles to reader's faces, so how about jotting that down and sending it to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or calling 541-223-1490. Please, share.

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

BEO Bancorp reports second quarter earnings

BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced second quarter 2022 consolidated net income of \$2,121,000 or \$1.76 per share. Total assets were \$836.0 million; net loans of \$493.1 million; deposits were at \$770.76 million. Shareholders' equity was at \$45.2 million.

"Second quarter earnings are up 12.4 percent compared to the same period in 2021; earnings per share increased 12.1 percent. Total assets have increased 15.7 percent, with deposits up 16.7 percent. Net loans are down 1.2 percent, but this is attributable to payoffs of PPP loans. Organic growth without PPP loans is 9.0 percent year over year. With our balance sheet being asset sensitive, earnings have benefitted from the increased interest rates," said President and CEO Jeff Bailey.

EVP and Chief Financial Officer Mark Lemmon reported, "The solid earnings for 2Q 2022 have contributed to an increase in shareholder equity of 4.0 percent year over year. We, as well as most banks, continue to experience excess liquidity. Supply chain issues, inflationary concerns and overall economic uncertainty all contribute to volatility in the markets. We expect the Federal Reserve's tightening of monetary policy to continue as we progress through the year."

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A View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

Only six brave ladies turned out for the WCCC ladies play day held on a hot July 19. Pat Dougherty took low gross of the field and Betty Carter, low net. Pat Edmundson had the least putts of the field.

Lorene Montgomery won low gross for flight C

and Jeanne Creswick had low net. Nancy Arnson had the least putts and the long drive.

Pat Dougherty had the longest drive for flight B. Jeanne Creswick and Betty Carter each got a chip-in for flight C.

Jerry Gentry wins Men's Club championship



Pictured (L-R): Duane Disque senior champion, Jerry Gentry club champion and Tim Hedman net champion.

Willow Creek Country Club held the men's club championship on July 23 and July 24. The two-day event was won by Jerry Gentry with a total score of 130. On Saturday, Scott Burright managed KP with 17' on #4-13 and again with 10"3" on #7-16. Tim Hedman got KP on #4-13 with 13"8" on Sunday and Delbert Binchus got the long putt at 16"9" on #5-14.

Tim Hedman took first in net on Saturday with a score of 57. Scott Burright and Gene Orwick tied for second-third with 61. Duane Disque was first in gross with 67. Jerry Gentry and Charlie Ferguson tied for second-third with a score of 69. Sunday had Tim Hedman taking first

in net again with 58. John Edmundson and Scott Burright tied for second-third with 59.

The gross champion for both days was Jerry Gentry with 130. Duane Disque was second with 132 and Scott Burright took third with 145. The net champion was Tim Hedman with 113. Charlie Ferguson took second with 123 and Mark Schlichting came in third with 124.

The next men's play will be a two-man event on Sunday, July 31, hosted by Josh Coiner, John McCabe and Slater Mitchell. The par 3 challenge has been rescheduled from August 14 to September 4. August 14 will be a regular men's play day.

Justice Court Report

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

- Ann M. Murray, 57, Heppner, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$165.
- Donna M. Maben, 53, Heppner, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$165.
- David T. Ginn, 33, Heppner, was convicted of failure to yield, fine \$265.

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo is just around the corner.

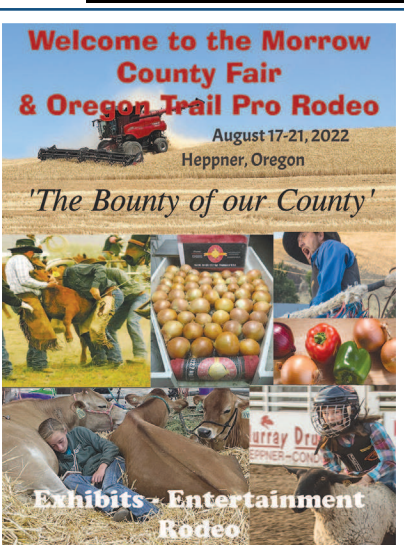
The annual special Fair insert will be in the August 10th issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times.

The deadline to submit a story or advertise in the special insert is July 29th.

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