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**A View from the Green**

**WCCC Sunday Men's Play**  
Fifteen participated in Men's Play on Sunday August 21 at Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:  
Special Events  
Long Putt Rod Wilson 17'6"  
KP Charlie Ferguson 11'6"  
Net

1<sup>st</sup> Kelly Fox 55  
2<sup>nd</sup> John Edmundson 57  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Swanson 62  
Gross  
1<sup>st</sup> Tim Wright 66  
2<sup>nd</sup> Duane Disque 70  
3<sup>rd</sup> Charlie Ferguson 71  
The next men's play will be Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>. Hosting the event will be Derek Gunderson, Stephan Matheny, and Jared Huddleston.

**Thanks Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo**

We appreciated all the work you did for the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Contacting all past Royalty (big job), and putting on a wonderful luncheon. All decorations and gift baskets were beautiful.

Thanks to the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Altar Society for their luncheon.

Hats off to all.

Thanks again, Deanna Steagall Brandhagen, Barbara Steagall Leyva, Pat Steagall Dougherty

**~ Letters to the Editor ~**

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10. Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

**What a gift commissioner Doherty has given the environmental groups**

To the Editor:  
Morrow County Commissioner Jim Doherty, in his headline grabbing attempt to make political hay out of the Port of Morrow's nitrate issues and the subsequent county declaration of emergency related to a more than 50-year old nitrate issue, has awakened not only every state regulatory agency, but the Environmental Protection Agency as well. Today it may only be about the specific regional aquifer that everyone will attempt to regulate, but as with all government the rest of the aquifers will need equal attention soon.

Keep in mind that the Port of Morrow is not that much of a contributor to the overall nitrate issue.. No doubt with the large amount of current and future investment the Port will make the investment to remove nitrates from its water process. That will leave agriculture holding the bag. Most of nitrates that are being detected in the aquifer are due to actions likely taken more than 50 years ago. Farming practices that have already ended and would be unac-

ceptable today by those of us involved in farming and ranching.

What a gift commissioner Doherty has given the environmental groups and the regulators in bringing all this negative attention on Morrow County. It must have been very exciting for the 23 State of Oregon agencies that met with commissioner Doherty to realize that a rural conservative agricultural county was ready to open its private landowners to public regulation.

Those of us in agriculture in Oregon will someday be able to name commissioner Jim Doherty the self-proclaimed Environmental Justice Warrior that opened the door to the regulation of nitrates on our private property.

I encourage everyone in farming in Oregon to thank commissioner Doherty the next time you see him.

Jerry Rietmann  
lone, Oregon

**Frontier cooking**

**lesson Aug. 27**

"Yard Birds In The Grub Box" will be held August 27 at 11 a.m. at the Heppner City Park. People are invited to join the Heritage Museum in welcoming Debra Basquez as she shares a live cooking lesson from the Frontier using an authentic Dutch Oven..

In addition to the lesson, the demonstration will include "Q & A" and, of course, sampling.

This will be in the park so those attending are asked to please bring your lawn chairs.

The lesson is made possible with a "generous grant from the Morrow County Recreation District."

**Good News Only**

**By Doris Brosnan**

Sunflowers dominated the flower section at the fair, and they continue to dominate parts of the landscape along our highways. They do seem to bring a smile to the face, maybe a bit of a lift to the heart?

So, yes, the cake was entered. The cake did not receive a ribbon. The cake actually looked like a plate of pull-aparts. And Nancy Miller's looked SO smoothly delicious!

What a great idea, to invite all Morrow County Rodeo royalty to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the rodeo. Almost 70 women who had been on the rodeo courts agreed to be in the parade, some on horseback, some in conveyances with wheels. They later had time to share and reminisce at a luncheon at the St. Patrick parish hall that the rodeo committee had arranged and extravagantly decorated. They were definitely treated like royalty, including free entry to and introduction at the rodeos.

The court of 1962 was among those attendees, looking smart in their matching shirts and scarves, in the pickup that Claudia Hughes had decorated for them, with Merlin Hughes behind the wheel. Reconnecting with one another and other friends from past courts: Queen Marlene Fetsch Currin (Pendleton) and Jacquie Brindle Myers (LaGrande), Dianna Pettyjohn Hams (Ione), Diana Fulleton Ball (Heppner).

David and April Sykes attended their annual family reunion recently on the coast. This year it was in Seaside. All the children and grandchildren were there, including daughter Allison Hayes and her family, husband, Matt, and their sons, August and Sebastian, from Cary, North Carolina; son Christopher Sykes and his wife, Rachel, and their children,

son, Waylon, and daughter, Sophie, from Pendleton; daughter Camille Sykes and Eddie Gonzales with their son, Oscar, from Milwaukie Oregon; and son Andrew Sykes from Pendleton. Some tasty meals were prepared, including Chris's homemade pizza and Allison's seafood smorgasbord of crabs, clams, potatoes, and corn laid out in the middle of the table for all to partake. The children were treated to a day at the large arcade in downtown Seaside and also made a trip to the aquarium to feed the seals. The big annual beach volleyball tournament was going on that weekend, so some of the family spent time watching the action. Everyone wrapped up the week with an evening bonfire and tasty s'mores on the beach.

Come one, come all: The "Father Condon Memorial Golf Tournament" will be this Saturday. Registration begins at 8 AM at the Willow Creek Country Club. More information is just a call away: Mark McElligott or Jim Swanson have the answers to any questions. Brunch will be served to all participants, who will include Bishop Cary of the Baker diocese.

Want to share more tidbits small breaks from more serious news? Just send to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490. Please, share.

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

**Water Control Board to meet**

The Heppner Water Control District Board will meet Wednesday, August 31 at 430 W Linden Way, Heppner beginning at 6 pm. Agenda items include minutes of the previous meeting, financial report, rfp notice clarification, creek cleaning payment. The public is invited to attend.

**Obituaries/Death Notices**

**Celebration of life to be held for Ginger Keithley**

A celebration of life will be held for Ginger Keithley at 3 p.m. Saturday, August 27, 2022 at the Heppner Christian Church. She died on September 2, 2021 at Heppner. She was born November 22, 1937, at Woodburn, Oregon.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

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