

Columbia Blue announces Arlington results

On July 12, 87 players participated in the Columbia Blue Senior Golf Association Tournament held at the par-68 China Creek Golf Course in Arlington.

Columbia Division (0 to 10 Handicap)

First place on the gross side went to Tom Hoskott from China Creek with a score of 72.

First place on the net side went to Scott Burright from Willow Creek Country Club, who shot a 73 with a 6 handicap for a net score of 67.

Other W.C.C.C. members competing on the gross side were: 3rd place, Duane Disque with a gross score of 78; 4th place, Dave Pranger with a gross score of 79; and 8th place, Dennis Peck with a gross score of 81.

Blue Division (11 to 16 Handicap)

First place on the gross side went to Pete Kelly from The Dalles Country Club with a gross score of 78.

First place on the net side went to Harry Withrow from Pine Meadows, who shot a 79 with a 16 handicap for a net score of 63.

Other W.C.C.C. members competing on the gross side were: 3rd place, John McCabe with a gross score of 84, and 7th place, Curt Day with a gross score of 89.

Also competing on the net side was Tom Shears, who shot a 85 with a 13 handicap for a net score of 72.

Senior Division (17 and over Handicap)

First place on the gross side went to John Sallee from China Creek with a gross score of 81.

First place on the net side went to Larry Brown from Pine Meadows, who shot a 90 with a 24 handicap for a net score of 66.

Other W.C.C.C. members competing on the gross side were: 4th place, Roger Ehrmantraut with a gross score of 93, and 8th place, Mike Gorman with a gross score of 99.

Other members competing on the net side were: 4th place, Curtis Cutsforth, who shot a 99 with a 25 handicap for a net score of 74; 6th place, Alan Scott, who shot a 100 with a 25 handicap for a net score of 75; and 7th place, Mike Sweek who shot a 104 with a 27 handicap for a net score of 77.

The Columbia Blue Senior Golf event is scheduled for Aug. 14 at The Dalles Country Club in The Dalles. There will be two flights, one at 7:30 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m.

Each flight is limited to 48 golfers, so anyone who did not sign up at Arlington should contact the pro shop at The Dalles Country Club at 541-296-5252 after July 24 to reserve a cart and a tee time; ask for Chase.

Local rules for The Dalles include no wearing of bib overalls, no T-shirts, no tank tops, no tattered jeans and no outside alcohol allowed on the course.

Fundraiser for Temples this Sunday

A fundraiser for Dick and Karen Temple will be held at the Holly Rebekah Lodge in Lexington on Sunday, July 30. The event is sponsored by Holly Rebekah Lodge and Heppner Christian Church. All proceeds will go to the Temples to help with medical-related expenses.

A meal of a pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, dessert

and drink will be available for \$10 and will be served from 2-4 p.m. or until food runs out. A silent auction will be held during the meal, with a live auction to follow about 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join in and finish the day playing bingo at 5 p.m. Cost for bingo is \$5 for a 10-game pack of cards or 50 cents per card.

Lexington to hold work session, meeting Aug. 8

The Town of Lexington will hold a work session with Anderson Perry & Associates starting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 8, followed by a public town council meeting starting at approximately 6 p.m. All meetings on that day are open to the public and the town council encourages community members to attend.

The meeting will take

place in person at Lexington Town Hall, 425 F Street in Lexington. The meeting will also be streamed online via Zoom, meeting ID: 687 755 5033, passcode: Lexington.

Any questions or concerns regarding this meeting should be directed to Veronica Ferguson, Town Recorder, at 541-989-8515 or by email to lexington.oregon@gmail.com.

Calico Bones at Irrigon Music in the Park

Irrigon welcomes Calico Bones on July 31 for Music in the Parks. The performance will take place at the Irrigon Marina Park.

Calico Bones is a folk, indie, Americana sister act from Wallowa, OR. This duo is known for its tight harmonies, rhythmic instrumentation and variety. Finding inspiration in multiple genres makes for a unique sound. Their style can range from soft, melancholy vocalizing to belting at the top of their lungs—and everything in

between. The concerts are free to the public and begin at 7 p.m. on Monday nights. Visitors are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. The series is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric and sponsored by the North Morrow Community Foundation.

In the event of inclement weather, Irrigon performances will be held at the Irrigon Senior Center.

Local students make Honor Roll at Oregon State University

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll for Spring 2023 have been announced by Oregon State University.

To be on the Honor Roll, students must earn a B-plus (3.5) or better and carry at least six graded hours of course work. Morrow County students on the Honor Roll included:

Boardman—Cooper O. Szasz, Senior, Chemical Engineering.

Heppner—Harley A. Anderson, Freshman, Crop and Soil Science; Carson P. Brosnan, Senior, Business

Administration; Tatum N. Clark, Senior, Psychology; Keegan M. Gibbs, Senior, Agricultural & Food Business Management; Gibson T. McCurry, Senior, Civil Engineering.

Ione—Kylie N. Boor, Sophomore, Biochemistry and Biophysics; and Jessica Medina, Sophomore, Kinesiology.

Irrigon—Jacob Ayala, Freshman, Kinesiology; Taylor D. Davis, Junior, Biology; Jazlyn Romero, Senior, Marketing; and Bruno Salas Garcia, Senior, Microbiology.

Boardman drowning victim recovered in the Columbia River

The body of drowning victim Irwin Parcero Perez, 35, of Boardman, was located and recovered on the afternoon of July 18. Perez had slipped into the Columbia River while fishing July 16.

The body was located by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, which was assisted by the Corps of Engineers. Perez's body was located in about 10 feet of water near the location where he was last seen.

Sheriff John Bowles, Undersheriff Brian Snyder and Deputy Andrew Martin were able to swim and locate, retrieve and recover the body. After two and a half hours, the recovery was complete, and the body of

Perez was on the Morrow County Marine Rescue boat.

Sheriff's office staff met with Burns Mortuary at the Boardman Marina and the body was turned over to them. Bowles and staff were able to contact the family and friends at the Marina, give information and answer questions.

"This was a team effort from the initial search to the final recovery. I would like to thank all agencies who assisted with this incident. I am glad we were able to make this recovery for the family and friends of Mr. Perez. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends during this time of loss," said Bowles.

BEO Bancorp reports second quarter earnings

BEO Bancorp (OTCBB:BEOB) and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced second quarter 2023 consolidated net income of \$3,319,000 or \$2.76 per share. Total assets were \$820 million with net loans of \$505.4 million and deposits at \$742.29 million. Shareholders' equity was at \$55.43 million.

President and CEO Jeff Bailey reported that second quarter earnings were up 56.2 percent compared to the same period in 2022; earnings per share increased 56.8 percent. Total assets decreased 1.9 percent, deposits are down 3.7 percent and net loans were up 2.5 percent.

EVP and Chief Financial Officer Mark Lemmon said that first and second quarter earnings were nearly identical at just over \$3.3 million, equating to \$6.63 million year-to-date.

"Solid earnings have added significantly to shareholder equity, which is up 16.7 percent year-over-year," said Lemmon.

"Like most banks, we are seeing a use of deposits by customers. The slight decrease in deposits compared to last year is not surprising," added Chief Operations Officer and EVP Becky Kindle.

EVP and Chief Lending Officer John Qualls said that, as an agriculturally

based bank, BEO typically sees a seasonal increase in loans.

"We have seen that happen this year, but it occurred a bit later than usual," he said. "For our wheat producers, 2022 was a very good harvest; 2023 appears to be average production at best.

"Cattle prices are strong with tightened supplies and relatively strong demand," added Qualls.

Meanwhile, EVP and Chief Credit Officer Ed Rollins said that overall credit quality is holding up nicely even with increased interest rates.

"Refinances have obviously slowed down in this rate environment," said Rollins, "but we haven't seen any substantial increase in classified assets." Bailey said the market expects the Federal Reserve to increase interest rates later this month, with additional increases possible through the balance of the year.

"The Fed has a difficult task in trying to achieve a soft landing while trying to curb inflation," said Bailey. "The current yield curve still predicts a recession, but it is flattening somewhat as longer-term US Treasuries have increased and the short-term maturities stay strong. I do not envy the Fed's job."

Pigeons come home

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Inside the pigeon pen. -Photo by Angie Hanson



Pigeons waiting to fly. -Photo by Angie Hanson



Inside the pigeon pen. -Photo by Angie Hanson

as compass that helps the pigeon in determining its home. They have since discovered that the iron-rich beak is actually related to white blood cells that help the birds with their immune system.

Another popular theory is an ultra-low frequency sound the birds can hear that takes them back toward their loft.

While the pigeons may not have to worry about getting lost, the boys say they have lots of natural predators, including foxes, snakes, hawks and owls. In fact, they say a hawk has already taken down one of their pigeons.

So, what do they plan to do with the birds in this age of cell phones and internet? That's where their new business, Pigeons Come Home, comes in. They plan to provide the pigeons for weddings, funerals or any other event where someone would like the birds released. They say they will take care of everything.

Once they train the pigeons to go the distance, Mack and Keller will be able to release the bird as far away as Hermiston or Boardman for an event. They say there's not a doubt in their minds that their pigeons will, in fact, come home.

Right now, they plan on charging between \$50 and \$200, depending on the distance of the event and the number of birds wanted. The family can be reached for more details at 541-676-8955.

BMCC releases spring term honor roll

Blue Mountain Community College spring term 2022-2023 honor roll recognition went to the following full-time students from Morrow County:

President's List (3.75 - 4.0 GPA): Zane Acock, Ana Barajas, Wyatt Browne, Andrea Caldera, Jada Calloway, Kaylee Christy, Colby Crowell, Chad Doherty, Liam Early, Ariel Estrada, Sanyala Felipe, Keith Fleming, Caden George, Jasper Hardy, Brady Harrington, Clifford Hauger, Alyssa Hill, Piper Kelton, McKenna Kendrick, Irelyn Kollman, Abrianna, Lomeli, Joel Lozano, Omar Madrigal, Juliana Magana, Juan Medina-Marquez, Luke Meyers, Leah Mueller, Irwyn Murgia Orte-

ga, Dianna Nunez Devine, Edwin Pacheo, Monserrat Pacheo, Axel Paredes-Rosales, Hilary Payne, Matias Perez, Mikayla Powell, Cameron Proudfoot, Caelyn Pullen, Mylee Quilter, Damian Quiriconi, Jose Romero, Crystal Sanchez, Preston Slawson, Daralynn Teeman, Jimena Villarreal, Samanta Weiss and Katherine Wilson.

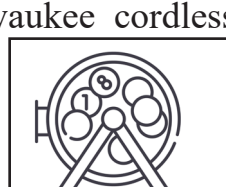
Vice President's List (3.5 to 3.74): Victoria Bernal, Morgan Cutsforth, Audrey Guenther, Shelby Harshman, Karensa Jones, Arlene Mejia Lopez, Ivonne Navarro, Mason Orem, Monserrat Pacheco, Dairys Pena, Emily Points, Carol Salas, Olivia Sanchez Santana, Victoria Schenk and Graysen Sopoer.

FUNDRAISER FOR TEMPLE'S

July 30th Dinner at 2:00
Silent Auction 2:00-4:00
Live Auction 4:30 BINGO at 5:00

Auction Items

Rodeo basket, bread and Jam basket, Jack Rabbit Candles, ton of wood pellets, cord of wood, gas card, assorted meat basket, wine basket, Milwaukee cordless drill, Browne House Coffee, BBQ pellet grill, Christmas wreath, box of fruit, 40# of ground beef, beef box, canvas picture, hand tooled wine bottle wall hanging, family photo, crocheted quilt, 2 tons of second cutting hay, peanut butter cups, wool hand woven rug, and quilt



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