

## Burrigh embraces change



**Kemmery Burrigh.** -Photo by Kemmery Burrigh

By Annalynn Black

Kemmery Burrigh, a devoted member of the Ione community for the past 23 years, is bidding farewell to her beloved town. After dedicating a decade of her life to working at the Ione Market, Bucknums Tavern, and being the assistant basketball coach, she has decided to embark on a new adventure and pursue a career at the Two Rivers Correctional Institute located in Umatilla.

Kemmery story began in small-town Oregon, with roots stretching back to Emblar. Though she had a brief encounter with city life during her college years in Gresham, her heart always longed for the tight-knit warmth of a close-knit community. Raising her children, Logan, Larysa, and Lewkus, in a small town was a conscious decision, rooted in her own desire to provide them with the safe haven she once enjoyed.

Breaking away from her comfort zone, Kemmery had been contemplating a career change. The opportunity to work at Two Rivers Correctional Institute fell into her lap unexpectedly, presenting itself as an open door to new possibilities. While the decision was not an easy one to make, she knew deep down that it heralded a new chapter in her life.

Reflecting on her time at the Ione Market and Bucknums Tavern in Heppner, Kemmery recalls the friendships she forged and the bonds she cherished. Her colleagues became her second family, providing support and encouragement throughout her journey. A surprise going away party organized by her friends at Bucknums served as a

touching reminder that her presence would be missed.

At first, the prospect of working in correctional services seemed intimidating to Kemmery. However, she quickly adapted and found her footing in her new position. The chance to advance in her career and have more time for personal pursuits became an enticing prospect. Kemmery's infectious optimism shines through as she describes the newfound freedom to pursue hobbies, visit her children, and lead a more balanced life.

Kemmery acknowledges that this transition was not something she sought actively. Serendipity intervened, and she embraced the opportunity without hesitation. With her children now grown and forging their own paths, Kemmery recognized that the timing for change was perfect. She realized that she could finally prioritize her own desires and aspirations.

As Kemmery embarks on this new journey, she envisions a future filled with aspirations of homeownership and self-discovery. The support and love she received from the community in raising her children have left a lasting impact, and she expresses her heartfelt gratitude to those who have been a part of her life saying "both communities are amazing. Everybody is really friendly a lot of people will help you when you are in the need." Likewise, Kemmery holds her bosses at the Ione Market and Bucknums Tavern in high regard, cherishing the invaluable experiences and opportunities they offered.

Kemmery Burrigh's decision to leave her devoted community is bittersweet. Her departure signifies growth, change, and the pursuit of personal fulfillment. With her courage, determination, and unyielding spirit, Kemmery is a testament to the power of embracing new opportunities. As she bids adieu to Ione, it is with a heart full of gratitude for the support she has received and an eagerness to embark on her new adventure.

## Junior Wranglers April 21<sup>st</sup> playday results

The Wranglers April 21<sup>st</sup> playday results: Stick horse race: 3 & under - 1<sup>st</sup> Sawyer Ham. 2<sup>nd</sup> Maverick Rhea. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trell Knowles. 4 & 5 years old- 1<sup>st</sup> Rune Armstrong. 2<sup>nd</sup> Oakley Bergstrom. 3<sup>rd</sup> Iris Armstrong. 6 & 7 yr. olds- 1<sup>st</sup> lotus Armstrong and 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhett Miller. Barrels: Lead-Line - 1<sup>st</sup> Maverick Rhea 38.026. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lotus Armstrong 39.9058. 3<sup>rd</sup> Rune Armstrong 42.665. 4<sup>th</sup> Trell Knowles 52.968. Lil Wranglers 8-11 Yr. olds - 1<sup>st</sup> Karter Jo Hines 22.197. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynda Knowles 27.2153. 3<sup>rd</sup> Piper Miller 31.683. 4<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Knowles 32.692. Junior Wranglers 12-15 Yr. olds- 1<sup>st</sup> KC Anderson 19.435/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooklyn Hendricks 23.529. 3<sup>rd</sup> Catherine Lindsey 24.924. 4<sup>th</sup> Ashlee Knuts 25.502. Senior Wranglers 16 and up- 1<sup>st</sup> Olivia Humphreys 20.520 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saige Jensen 30.718. Poles: Lead Line- 1<sup>st</sup> Rune Armstrong 51.720. 2<sup>nd</sup> Maverick Rhea 58.453. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trell Knowles 63.190. 4<sup>th</sup> Oakley Bergstrom 66.856. Lil Wranglers 8-11 yr. olds- 1<sup>st</sup> Karter Jo Hines 25.52. 2<sup>nd</sup> Piper Miller 33.783. 3<sup>rd</sup> EllieGene Fennern 34.124. 4<sup>th</sup> Lydia Knowles 37.380. Junior Wranglers 12-15 yr. olds- 1<sup>st</sup> Savannah Greenup 22.636. 2<sup>nd</sup> KC An-

derson 24.956. 3<sup>rd</sup> Brooklyn Hendricks 29.858. 4<sup>th</sup> Catherine Lindsey 32.252. Senior Wranglers- 1<sup>st</sup> Olivia Humphreys 28.876. Figure 8: Line lead - 1<sup>st</sup> Oakley Bergstrom 25.921. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rune Armstrong 50.994. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trell Knowles 42.392. 4<sup>th</sup> Maverick Rhea 43.573. Lil Wranglers 8-11 yr. olds - 1<sup>st</sup> Karter Jo Hines 19.464. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lydia Knowles 23.047. 3<sup>rd</sup> Piper Miller 26.876. 4<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Knowles. Junior Wranglers 12-15 yr. olds- 1<sup>st</sup> Cathrine Lindsey 18.351. 2<sup>nd</sup> KC Anderson 18.458. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashlee Knutz 21.869. 4<sup>th</sup> Quaid Jensen 27.117. Senior Wranglers 1<sup>st</sup> Olivia Humphreys 18.818 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saige Jensen 23.3.

## Rep. Smith to lead panel at Dorchester conference

HEPPNER, OR — Representative Greg Smith has been selected to lead a centerpiece panel on workforce development and apprenticeships at the Dorchester Conference on Saturday, April 27 at Mt. Hood Resort in Welches, Oregon. Rep. Smith is the longest-serving member of the Oregon House of Representatives and will facilitate the discussion focused on enhancing apprenticeship opportunities to strengthen Oregon's workforce. This panel selection underscores Representative Smith's extensive background and dedicated advocacy for apprenticeship utilization requirements on public projects, alongside his efforts to secure investments in apprenticeship centers. His leadership aims to bridge the gap between educational institutions and the workforce needs of today's industries, ensuring a robust and skilled labor force. Rep. Smith will lead a discussion with esteemed experts, including: · Tricia Mooney, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hermiston School District · Jimbo Anderson, Business Manager, Operating Engineers Local 701 · Todd Mustard, Chapter Manager, National Electrical Contractors Association · Michelle Fussell, State/Local Government Relations, Ironworkers Local 29 · Jed

Hartley, MBA, Director of Training and Development. Dr. Mooney is currently spearheading the development of the Columbia Basin Apprenticeship Center. The discussion will delve into successful strategies for integrating apprenticeship programs within public and private sectors, highlighting the critical role of partnerships in fostering a skilled workforce that can meet the evolving demands of the economy. "It is an honor to lead this important discussion at the Dorchester Conference," Rep. Smith said. "Apprenticeships are crucial for building a skilled workforce and supporting sustainable economic growth. I look forward to sharing insights and strategies that can help expand these opportunities statewide." The invite-only Dorchester Conference is the oldest annual political conference in the U.S. and provides a unique platform for policymakers, industry leaders, and educators to collaborate and discuss pressing issues facing our communities today. This panel is expected to offer valuable perspectives and actionable solutions to enhance workforce development initiatives across the country. For more information about the 2024 Dorchester Conference, please visit <https://dorchester.org>.

## Allison Ball places at NWC Championship



Allison Ball with her metals from the NWC Championship.-Photo by Diana Ball

Allison Ball, a student at Whitworth University in Cashmere, WA, participated in three events at the Northwest College Championships on April 19th and 20th at George Fox University in Lindfield, OR. She achieved 1st place in the 200 meter Dash, 2nd place in the 100 meter Dash, and 1st place in the 4x100 relay. Her parents are Duane and Stephanie Ball in Cashmere, WA, and she has family in Heppner, OR Diana Ball, Umatilla, OR Les and Cathey Payne, and Wenatchee, WA Phyllis Armitage.

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## April 8<sup>th</sup> CBSGA Tournament results

On April 8th, 2024, 103 Golfers participated in the Columbia Blue Senior Golf Association Tournament held at the Par 70 Big River Golf Course in Umatilla Oregon.

### In The Columbia Division with a 0 to 13 Handicap

First place on the Gross side went to Tim Wright of Willow Creek Country Club with a Gross score of 79. First place on the Net side was a Tie with David Re of The Dalles Country Club and Scott Burrigh of Willow Creek Country Club who both shot 83 with 11 handicaps for Net scores of 72. Other W.C.C.C. members competing on the Gross side that placed were a 3rd place tie Dennis Peck with a Gross score of 82, 5th place Duane Disque with a Gross score of 84, 6th place John Boyer with a Gross score of 85, 7th place tie with Darwin Ansotegui and Jerry Gentry with Gross scores of 88. Other W.C.C.C. members competing on the Net side were 2nd place tie Berry Munkers who shot a 85 with a 9 handicap for a Net score of 76.

### In The Blue Division with a 14 to 20 Handicap

First place on the Gross side went to Stan Brock of

Beacon Rock with a Gross score of 83.

First place on the Net side was a tie with Jeff Moltke of Beacon Rock and John Machado of Big River who both shot 86 with 18 handicaps for a Net scores of 68. Other W.C.C.C. members competing on the Gross side that placed were 3rd place Tracy Wilson with a Gross score of 91, 4th place Jim Swanson with a Gross score of 92, 5th place tie with Delbert Binchus and Dale Holland with Gross scores of 93. No W.C.C.C. members placed on the Net side.

### In The Senior Division with a 21 and over Handicap

First place on the Gross side went to Raymond Clift of Goldendale with a Gross score of 93.

First place on the Net side went to Clark Ziegler of Goldendale who shot 106 with a 40 handicap for a Net score of 66. No W.C.C.C. members placed on the Gross or Net side.

Next event is scheduled @ Marker 40 Golf Course in Boardman Oregon on May 13, 2024.

Tee Times are 7am, 11am, 3pm. To get a Tee Time and reserve a cart, Call 541-481-4381.

## Greenwood breaks own record



An older picture of Grady Greenwood competing.-Photo contributed

Heppner graduate Grady Greenwood broke his own track record for the second week in a row. He placed 8th in the Oregon Relays and is currently ranked 8th in all of Oregon, 1A-6A, with a time of 1:56.

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