

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

On May 4, Shirley Connor and her dachshund companion, Sammy, finally returned home. Shirley reports limitations continue for her right arm, but she is able to manage alone, and her doctor is "happy with the progress." Shirley says that the other good news is that she is going to great grandma again, her third time.

On May 4, that Brosnan granddaughter Amy, the senior at West Salem, completed her participation in the honors choir when it earned "first place" at the Oregon 6A Choir Competition in Corvallis, a rewarding cap to her high school singing performances. And on the 23rd, she will have a lead in the drama, "Radium Girls," just days before walking across the stage to receive her diploma.

On May 7, some members of the Bookworms book club - Jackie Allstott, Cara Osmin, Claudia Hughes, Ann Spicer, Sally Walker, Doris Brosnan - traveled to Hermiston to visit member Pat Edmundson in her and her husband, John's, new digs at Guardian Angel Homes. After a lengthy chat that included the Edmundsons' daughter Kristy, mostly about books, and some tasty refreshments provided by the staff, the group enjoyed a tour of the couple's two adjoining roomy apartments. After a two-hour visit and promises to repeat, the Heppner group returned home under sunny skies.

Last Friday, May 10, the Lone Preschool sponsored a first-time event that will surely become an annual event because of the high demand: Trivia Night at the Cardinal Café! Challenging the eight teams of adults who donated \$60 per team, Jannie Allen led them through eight categories: National Parks, Children's Books, TV Land, Oregon, Sports, Food, Lone Trivia, and Music of the '60s. The preschool staff and children cannot thank Jannie enough for volunteering her hours of research and keeping the three-and-a-half-hour event great fun and informative! She even offered brief games between each category while points were being tallied. Prizes for those games were added to trivia prizes of gift cards to the Cardinal Café, lottery tickets, and caramel corn. Comprising the Trivia Champion Team of this fundraiser were the grandparents of some preschoolers: Joe and Jerri McElligott, Keith and Edie Morgan, Brian Reitmann, and Chris Devon! Other preschool fundraisers are Bunco Night, See's Candy, and Krispy Kreme Donuts.

Following in her cousin's footsteps? Olivia Wood will make her debut on BMCC's Bob Clapp Theater stage as a munchkin in the Pendleton Ballet Theatre's "The Wizard of Oz," playing on May 23, 24, and 25. Olivia is the six-year-old daughter of Sean and Laurie Murray Wood. Her cousin Cori Jo Lindsay, who has graced the stage in previous productions, daughter of Joe and Leanne Lindsay, will return as the scarecrow in this familiar story. Ticket and seating information is available at the Pendleton Ballet Theatre in Pendleton.

Light-hearted fun = Last week during a lunch conversation at Willow Creek Terrace, a voice from the kitchen: "Jasmine is a phenomenal cook!" Quickly following: "And Annagrace is even better!" These were followed by the laughter of those two young women, who must have been stating what the residents were thinking, since no one spoke up to dispute the claims!

It's back! Time for tennis! Denis Lein (Thank you, Denis!) can't do anything about the cracks in the court surfaces, but he has scraped away the weeds that grew in those cracks over the winter, and the weather has turned, so the courts are ready to be used!

Thanks go out to this week's contributors who have provided us with some positive moments. Yours can do the same. Simply send it to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490.

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

Afternoon crop tour set for May 20th

An afternoon crop tour will take place on Monday, May 20th. The tour will begin at 1:30 PM in a field of camelina located adjacent to Craig Miles' shop (Clarks Canyon Road). Participants will learn about production opportunities and markets. The second stop (a winter wheat variety trial) will take place in the Fourmile Canyon area. Attendees will have a chance to look at some early-maturing wheat varieties from around the PNW. They will meet the brand-new OSU wheat breeder (Margaret Krause). Margaret is looking forward to informal, in-the-field conversations

with our Morrow County wheat producers. Ryan Graebner (cereal scientist, variety testing) will share his thoughts and experiences with regard to varieties that are adapted to the Morrow County environment. The third and final stop is a chance to hear from Christina Hagerty (Dryland Cereal Pathologist) about seed treatment options. Larry Lutcher will "wrap things up" with a demonstration about nitrogen and grain protein management in soft white and hard red winter wheat. Contact Larry Lutcher (541.969.0580) for more information.

May 12th Wrangler playday results

STICK-HORSE RACE

3 & Under

- 1st) Sheldon Milligan
- 2nd) Sawyer Ham
- 3rd) Maverick Rhea
- 4th) Aydan Walton

4 & 5 Yr. Olds

- 1st) Oakley Bergstrom
- 2nd) Rune Armstrong
- 3rd) Iris Armstrong
- 4th) Blaney Jo Milligan

6- & 7-Year-olds

- 1st) Rhett Miller
- 2nd) Lotus Armstrong

TIE FOR FIRST

- 1st) Lotus Armstrong
- 2nd) Rhett Miller

Barrels

Lead-line

- 1st) Rhett Miller 37.010
- 2nd) Rune Armstrong 39.228

- 3rd) Lotus Armstrong 40.946
- 4th) Maverick Rhea 41.186

Peewee Wranglers

- 1st) Pierce Miller 50.971

Lil Wranglers 8 - 11 Yr. Olds

- 1st) Karter Jo Hines 18.632
- 2nd) Morgan Milligan 24.029

- 3rd) Pearl Miller 24.400
- 4th) EllieGene Fennern 25.429

Junior Wranglers 12 - 15-Year-olds

- 1st) KC Anderson 16.411
- 2nd) Ashlee Knutz 19.317

- 3rd) Catherine Lindsay 20.308
- 4th) Brooklyn Hendricks 20.806

Senior Wranglers 16+

- 1st) Olivia Humphreys 17.372
- 2nd) Saige Jensen 19.360

Poles

Lead-line

- 1st) Rhett Miller 53.18
- 2nd) Rune Armstrong 59.516

- 3rd) Maverick Rhea 60.434

- 4th) Lotus Armstrong 64.023

Peewee

- 1st) Pierce Miller 67.748
- 2nd) Price Hines 69.23

Lil Wranglers 8-11-Year-olds

- 1st) EllieGene Fennern 29.959
- 2nd) Karter Jo Hines 34.191

- 3rd) Pearl Miller 35.430
- 4th) Morgan Milligan 38.626

Junior Wranglers 12-15-Year-olds

- 1st) Catherine Lindsay 28.287
- 2nd) Brooklyn Hendricks 28.723

- 3rd) Ashlee Knutz 31.321
- 4th) KC Anderson 33.964

Senior Wranglers

- 1st) Olivia Humphreys 27.334
- 2nd) Saige Jensen 27.372

Keyhole

Lead-Line

- 1st) Rhett Miller 8.093
- 2nd) Oakley Bergstrom 8.507

- 3rd) Blaney Jo Milligan 9.691
- 4th) Sawyer Ham 10.021

Peewee Wranglers

- 1st) Pierce Miller 13.349
- 2nd) Price Hines 19.784

Lil Wranglers 8-11-year-olds

- 1st) Piper Miller 7.032
- 2nd) Pearl Miller 7.456

- 3rd) Morgan Milligan 10.770
- 4th) Lennon Albitre 12.036

Junior Wranglers 12-15-year-olds

- 1st) KC Anderson 5.761
- 2nd) Ashlee Knutz 6.296

- 3rd) Catherine Lindsay 7.031
- 4th) Carmine Albitre 7.381

Senior Wranglers

- 1st) Saige Jensen 7.845
- 2nd) Olivia Humphreys 8.761

Letter of interest for the OTLD Board of Directors

The Oregon Trail Library District (OTLD) is seeking qualified candidates to fill vacancies on its Board of Directors. Board members represent the patrons of the district and provide oversight through the Library Director. Interested individuals must reside within the district and should submit a Letter of Interest by June 25, 2024. The next meet-

ing to review submissions will be held on June 26, 2024. Board members are expected to attend monthly meetings, have basic financial knowledge, and understand public meeting and records laws. Please submit your Letter of Interest to kstreet@otld.org or by mail to OTLD PO Box 849, Boardman, OR 97818.

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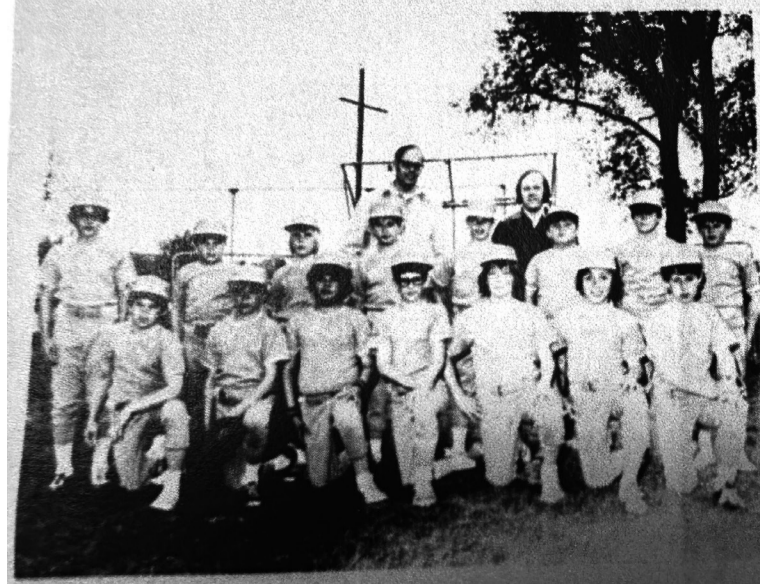


MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

A Blast from the Past

Ione Indians win 1974 Willow Creek Little League

What a ball club!



The Ione Indians are winners of the 1974 Willow Creek Little League season, with a first half record of 9 wins and no losses. They finished the second half of the season with a 9-0 record, for an overall season record of 18 wins and no defeats.

In the picture the champions are, left to right, front row: Gregg Rietmann, Larry Thompson, Bobbie Roberts, Robbi LaRue, John Kincaid, Dennis Stefani and Ralph Morter. Second row: Duane Fetsch, Craig Rea, Jamie Kincaid, John Murray, Shawn LaRue, Craig Gutierrez, Scott Martin and Treve Peterson. In the back row are Coaches Bill Arthur and Jerry Stefani.

The Ione Indians are sponsored by the Morrow County Grain Growers. "Our entire personnel is proud to participate in this worthwhile community activity," said Larry Mills, manager.

Morrow County press release



Vincent Guerrero



Tami Ewing

Morrow County is pleased to announce the hiring of two professionals to further aid in facilitating the aims and goals of the County. The Board of Commissioners approved the addition of two positions to fill needed requirements and bolster proper levels of staffing to handle the growing needs of the County. These positions include the Assistant County Administrator and Finance Manager. These two positions have recently been filled and both start the week of May 13th.

Vincent Guerrero has been hired as Assistant County Administrator. This is a department head-level position that reports to the County Administrator and supervises several smaller departments. Vincent will oversee the County's efforts with the Transit System, Veteran Services, Parks, Fair, Facilities, and Tourism. Vincent comes to Morrow County from Pasco, WA where he has recently been in the Recreation Services department with an emphasis on implementing programs, events, and activities to meet the needs of the public. Vincent has over 20 years of municipal experience and has a Master of Public Administration degree and is a Certified Public Manager. Vincent grew up in Moses Lake, WA where his parents still run an alfalfa farm and run cattle. He loves the rural life of eastern Washington/Oregon and appreciates their significant value.

Tamara "Tami" Ewing joins Morrow County as the new Finance Manager. Working under the Finance Director, Tami will direct the day-to-day financial operation of the County as the Finance Director focuses on strategic initiatives and planning. Tami brings a wealth of finance experience with a strong emphasis on grant management and compliance. Tami was recently with Lincoln County, OR where she served as Assistant Finance Director for the Health and Human Services department. Tami has a bachelor's in accounting from Linfield College and 25 years of experience. During the COVID years, she worked remotely from Eastern Oregon and has fallen in love with the area. She is looking forward to bringing her experience to Morrow County where she can enjoy the region without the hassle of remote work.

Morrow County is pleased to add two experienced professionals to its staff and look forward to seeing their contributions. Please direct inquiries to: Matthew Jensen, Administrator (541) 676-2529


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Thursday - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans
Friday - Tomato Soup & Salad
Saturday - Chef salad
Monday - Philly street tacos
Tuesday - Turkey cucumber bagel sandwich with chips
Tuesday Night - 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday - BLT on a ciabatta bun with fruit

Drake for Morrow County Commissioner Position #1



For a change (again)