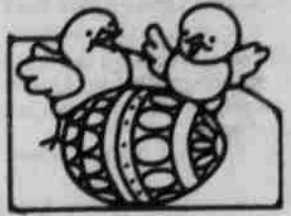


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Easter Greetings



HHS prom court selected



The Heppner High School 1981 prom court was selected Tuesday morning by a vote by the HHS Junior Class.

Pictured left to right are seniors, John Bier, 18, Susan Johnson, 17, Lynn Dee Devin, 18,

Brett Sherer, 18, Deann Connor, 17, and Rick Cole, 18.

The prom king and queen will be crowned at the prom, Saturday evening, April 25, upstairs in the Elks Lodge in Heppner.

HHS musical on the way

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Another spring musical is in rehearsal at Heppner High School.

The HHS drama club has been meeting three nights a week to prepare for the musical version of "Cheaper by the Dozen." The musical is under the direction of Jane Rawlins.

As the title infers, the story centers around a dozen children. And, of course, a shaggy dog.

The stage crew has been working daily and are currently adding the final touches to the scenery. Scene construction is under the direction of Larry Cerullo.

Show nights are set for April 30 and May 1 at 8 p.m.

Participating in the musical comedy besides HHS Drama Club members, and some students of Heppner Elementary School and some members of the community.

Mother and Dad are Linda Gifford and Ronald McDonald. The children include Jason Hedman, Carrie Brownfield, Sandra Wattenburger, and Beth Forrar (all elementary school students), Shane Laughlin, Lisa Nix, Paula Palmer, Marti Baker, Karen Kenny and Susan Johnson. Boyfriends are John Bier,

John Murray and Andy Gorman.

Wes Marlatt will portray the doctor and Michele Portmann, the schoolteacher. Extras include Lottie Laughlin, Nancy Miller, Robert Bier, Mike Nolan, Danny Fortenberry, Polly Fortenberry and Carleena Rathbun, among others.

Jim Ackley will direct music, assisted by Joe Mollahan, Lottie Laughlin and others.

The play "has a wide range of musical numbers from ridiculous fun to sublime pathos, said a drama club spokesperson. "It's good entertainment for the whole family."

Heppner; Francine Evans and Kerry Jones, Irrigon; and Melvin McCarl and Marie Youm, Lexington.

About half the total number of students, 134 in all, made the honor roll for earning a 3.5 grade-point-average or above. The remaining 138 scholars were named to the dean's list for having between a 3.0 and a 3.5 gpa.

Those qualifying for the dean's list include: Vicki Daniels, and Rick Pendergrass, Boardman; Jackie Gentry, Maureen Healy, David McLachlan, Jocelyn

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Rodeo queen, court coronation Saturday

Lexington Grange will host the Coronation of the Morrow County Rodeo's Queen and her Court, April 18.

There will be a potluck at 6:30 p.m., with Grange providing the meat dish, and the Fair Board, Fair Committee and Rodeo Committee providing the dessert and salad. Last year's Queen, Lori Edwards will crown the 1981 Queen Nancy Miller. Princesses are Anita Palmer and Kathy

Hansen. Delpha Jones of the Lexington Grange has been making arrangements for the potluck and the entertainment for the evening. They also hosted last year's Coronation, which was a real success. The public is invited for the Coronation which will begin about 8:00 p.m. The Chaperones for the Queen and Court are Mary Anne Palmer and Faye Seitz.

Skywatchers report atmospheric glow

By MARY ANN CERULLO

A red or pinkish glow was seen in the eastern part of the sky from Heppner, Lexington, and Ione last Sunday night.

The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland reported that the red glow was a phenomenon known as the Northern Lights. The Northern Lights, also

called the aurora borealis, are usually viewed from areas near the North Pole and can be visible in a variety of colors. The phenomenon is believed to result from collisions of charged particles from the sun with the earth's magnetic field.

The lights were reportedly seen by most of the country, including Oregon and Washington.

Kids' Easter Egg hunt this Saturday

Community youngsters will get a visit from the Easter Elk ... uh, Bunny at an Elk-sponsored Easter egg hunt this Saturday, April 18, at 10 a.m. sharp.

Pre-schoolers should gather at the Heppner City Park; first and second graders will meet at the Morrow County Courthouse; and the third and fourth graders' hunt will be at the lower field of Heppner Elementary School.

The Easter Bunny will be at the pre-schoolers' hunt in person, and all participating can search for candy and colored eggs, provided by the Elks.

Moeller, Webb win contest

Chuck Moeller and Nancy Webb are winners of this week's Gazette-Times "Know Your Local Business Person Contest."

Each won a \$25 gift certificate for being the first two entries drawn correctly identifying the places of business of six area business people.

For details, where to enter, six new pictures for this week, and the answers to last week's contest, see page five of this week's G-T.

Heppner Garden Club plants memorial trees

Members of the Heppner Garden Club, determined to take part in the state and district Historical Preservation Program by setting out one or more memorial trees, decided to put the plantings in the city-owned corner at the juncture of May and Gale Streets which is near the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Gonty, both long-time garden club members.

On Tuesday morning, April 14, two French hybrid pink lilacs, "Belle de Nancy," which the club bought were planted by club member Bill Rawlins with assistance from club President Julia Hill as other members watched.

The new lilacs are memorials to two Belgian immigrants, Edward Nicholas Gonty and his brother Edmond Francis Gonty, who came to America from their birthplace at Herbamont, Belgium, in 1900. The brothers spent a few years at Portland, Oregon, before they came to Heppner in 1905, and began a shoe repair and taxidermist business.

Here they lived in several locations around town before buying the property at May and Gale in 1917. It had been

part of a homestead and held an old homestead cabin.

In 1934 E.E. Gonty took over the business of his father, Edward Nicholas Gonty, on Heppner's Main Street. Later the shoe repair business was sold to Bill and Ida Farra and more recently the shoe store and building were sold to the Hollomons.

Edmond Francis Gonty moved to Portland while still a young man where he established and operated Gonty's Fur Store at 10th and Washington for many years.

The area where the new trees were planted belongs to the city of Heppner and has a stone wall on its lower boundary which was built by the city under Public Works Director Vic Grosheens, Sr., in 1964. The five fruit trees there, two peaches and two apricots, which were planted by Joanne and Avery Taylor, and an apple, which was planted by the Gontys, provide lovely blossoms and delicious fruit.

The city furnishes water for the attractive area and picks up the weeds and prunings there. The Gontys have contributed years of labor in keeping the long, blooming stretch in good shape.



Heppner Garden Club members (front) Bill Rawlins, Julia Hill, (back) Irene Swanson, Justine Weatherford, Eleanor Gonty, Harold Hill.

Ione egg hunt Sat.

The Ione Children's Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, at 10 a.m. in the Ione City Park. Children are asked to be there, at their division location shortly before 10 a.m. hunt time. Divisions this year are: Children under 4 years old, meet at the Catholic Church across the street from the city park; Children age 4 years, through first graders, meet at the east end of the city park; and second through fourth graders meet at the west end of the city park.

Irrigon Sunrise service planned

A community sunrise service will be held in Irrigon at the park on the Columbia River at 6 a.m. Easter morning for the combined churches of the area. The Reverend Roy Plant of the Boardman Assembly of God will be the speaker.

The Reverend George Richardson has announced that the Maundy Thursday service is to be held at the Baptist Church at 7 p.m. on April 16.

At Columbia View Fellowship a cantata will be presented during the 11 a.m. service, entitled "His Last Days" by Dallas Holmes, with Cynthia Smith as the director.

Easter party Thursday for PMH residents

A monthly business meeting of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has been scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Hospital Solarium.

Following the meeting will be an Easter party for the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home patients given by the Friendship Baptist Church ladies. A special feature of the party will be individual Easter baskets made by Karen Beck's Ione Blue Birds.

The meeting and party will be held Thursday, April 16.

Community plans Easter services Ione United Church of Christ worship planned

Included in the week's worship at the United Church of Christ at Ione will be a potluck dinner on Maundy Thursday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. Worship will follow at 8 p.m. There will be communion at this service.

A Holy Saturday prayer vigil begins at the church at 7 a.m. April 18 and will last until 5 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Family worship will begin at 10 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal plans all-night vigil

All Saints Episcopal Church, Heppner, will be holding an overnight vigil Saturday, April 18 until 5 a.m. Sunday.

"The Holy Vigil symbolizes the watching over Jesus' tomb until his rising again Easter morning," reported a church spokesperson.

All interested persons are asked to bring their sleepingbags and toilet articles to the parish hall by 8 p.m. Saturday. A short prayer service will be conducted.

The Holy Vigil will begin at 9 p.m. One or two people will enter the church to keep watch for an hour at a time. All other participants will remain in the parish hall until their vigil time.

The Holy Vigil will end at 5 a.m. with a sunrise candlelight service. A full Easter Eucharist will follow at 10:30 a.m. Fr. Gene Miller will preside at both services. All are welcome.

Valby Lutheran Church sets special service

Valby Lutheran Church will celebrate a special Easter worship service, according to Pastor John Maas. The sermon will be based on the "Risen One" and will culminate six weeks of preparation during the Lenten Season.

The entire community is invited to come together at Valby and worship at 8 a.m. Special music has been arranged, featuring woodwind instrumental music, accompanied by the piano and organ stylings of Rikka Tews and Judy Maas. Cathy Hedlund and Paula Palmer will play the woodwinds.

Immediately following the worship service, the young at heart will enjoy an Easter egg hunt.

Another highlight at the country church will be the annual Easter breakfast. This will be prepared by the men of the church and served at 9:15. The menu includes country-style buttermilk hot cakes, fluffed scrambled eggs, baked ham slices, freshly brewed coffee and fresh orange juice.

The morning will be capped off, for those who wish, with a slide presentation of last year's Obergammerau Passion play - the play presented once every ten years in Germany portraying Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. Oscar Peterson attended the play and purchased the slide presentation.

Sunrise breakfast to begin services at First Christian

A sunrise breakfast, prepared by First Christian Church members has been planned for Easter morning, April 19, at 7:30 a.m. in the church basement.

The breakfast will provide a "time for people to fellowship together following the sunrise services," said the Reverend Don Shelton, pastor of the church. The breakfast will begin Easter day services at the church.

Church of the Nazarene plans Easter service

Easter services at the Nazarene Church begin at 9 a.m. Easter Sunday morning with breakfast cooked by the teenagers.

Following the breakfast at a 10:30 service, the children will be presenting an Easter program and the new teen choir will be singing, followed by an Easter message from Pastor Wilks.

What a lovely time of year spring is. We see so much newness of life - the trees leafing out and budding and flowers blooming - the birds in search for a home, lambs, calves and colts running and playing in the fields, along with cleaning and planting. The laughter of children playing is also a sign of spring.

Another sign of spring is the Easter season - not just a time to wear new clothes or go to church for the first times since Christmas.

It is a time to celebrate the power of God. God sent His Son to die on the cross for all of our sins. But more important, Christ arose from the grave victoriously. And that is what makes the Easter message so powerful. Without his resurrection there would be no newness of life. As it is spring, Christ offers to us new life if we follow him. Yes, he is risen.

Floyd Wilks, Pastor, Nazarene Church