

## Heppner Hotel tells much history



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The Heppner Hotel, owned by Arnie and Rita Hedman of Heppner, holds a lot of Heppner's history within its walls. Last June the hotel was nominated for placement on the National Register of Historical Places and was entered in the register last October.

The hotel's historic significance isn't too apparent to the passerby. The large building has been standing since 1919, and the exterior hasn't changed much over the years; however, the history of the hotel itself tells much of Heppner's history.

Shortly after the town of Heppner formed, hotels began playing a vital role in the town's economy.

In 1873, a mail and stage line was established between Pendleton and The Dalles which passed through Heppner. Later, much livestock, wool and wheat were shipped from the town. During this time, before the automotive age, travelers needed a place to stay. A hotel was a place to eat, get a haircut, sleep and be entertained.

The City Hotel was built in Heppner in 1877 and was destroyed in the 1903 flood. The grand Palace Hotel was built in 1891 and was destroyed by fire in 1918 along with 16 other

businesses and over 30 residential buildings.

The community worked to rebuild the business district, and realizing the urgency for another large hotel, began plans to have one built.

In June of 1919, plans drawn by John V. Bennes, a well-known Portland architect, were approved for a modern, first-class hotel. He also drew plans for the Heppner Elks Lodge that same year. Construction of the building began in November, 1919 by Lou Traver of the firm Traver and Snook. This firm also built the Heppner Elks Lodge.

With a shortage of materials, high prices, a shortage of labor and World War I, steps were taken to keep building costs at a minimum. The plans also included several features to make the building as fireproof as possible.

On December 16, 1920, the St. Patrick's Hotel opened under the ownership of Pat Foley of The Dalles as lessee and James Hart as local manager.

After much controversy about the name "Hotel St. Patrick," the name "The Heppner Hotel" was coined.

The hotel served as a meeting place for many local organizations up until 1972. A governor, secretary of state, senator and other visiting dignitaries have stayed at the

hotel.

Several offices were housed on the main floor of the hotel over the years. The hotel's main floor presently houses a barber shop, tavern, optometrist's office, a television cable office, a fabric, furniture and floor covering store, and a three-room apartment. The second story consists of two apartments and the third floor is vacant.

Future plans for the hotel include preserving the historic aspects of the building and yet utilizing it to the fullest extent.

The Hedmans purchased the hotel in 1975 from Esther Van Den Biesen. Now that the building is listed in the register, the Hedmans are eligible for substantial federal and state benefits. These benefits include: federal grants for upgrading and historical preservation, property tax "freeze" of true cash value for 15 years, waivers of some code requirements to preserve historical value, federal 25 percent investment tax credit and low cost federal funds.

So the next time you pass by the Heppner Hotel, take a closer look, maybe you'll find a piece of history you've never noticed before.

Information used in nominating the hotel was gathered by Arnie and Rita Hedman, and Ronnie Belisma, a realtor with Bill Snyder Realtors.

Janet Phillips, Adult and Family Services representative will be at the center on Wednesday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The next blood pressure clinic at the center will be held Wednesday, April 6, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The center is still in need of food for emergency food baskets. All donations are greatly appreciated.

The Busy Sewers work every Tuesday afternoon at the center. Women of all ages are welcome to join them in making quilts and other items for the economically deprived.

Cost of the pre-school is \$15 per month. To register, contact Julie Dick, 989-8366.

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## BYU A Cappella Choir in Pendleton



Dr. Ralph Woodward, one of America's leading choral directors and chairman of Choral Music at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, will conduct the BYU A Cappella Choir in concert on Saturday, Mar. 26, 8 p.m., at Vert Auditorium in Pendleton.

Under Woodward's direction, the 60-member choir has toured Europe seven times, developing an international reputation for musical excellence.

## R.S.V.P. spring luncheon

By NEOLA MACKAY

There will be a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.) spring potluck luncheon at the Heppner Neighborhood Center on Thursday, April 14, starting at 12 noon. All R.S.V.P. members are encouraged to attend.

A Social Security representative will be at the center on Friday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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## All Saints Calendar

March 27 - Palm Sunday, Stations of the Cross and Procession of Palms, 10:30 a.m.

March 29 - Tenebrae services, 7:30 p.m.

March 30 - Holy Eucharist, 7 a.m.

March 31 - Seder Meal with footwashing and Holy Eucharist (Rite III), 7:30 p.m.

April 1 - Meditation on Last Words, 5:30 p.m., Joint service at Christian Life Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 2 - Holy Saturday Vigil; joint lighting of Pasche candle with congregation of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, procession to All Saints' for baptism and beginning of Easter Vigil, (6:30 p.m.)

April 3 - Easter Services, 9:30 a.m.

April 10 - Dedication of windows with reception following the services. (see related story).

## Easter Monday Card Party slated

An Easter Monday Card Party, an annual event sponsored by the women of All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner, will be held April 4 at the parish hall.

Dessert and beverages will be served at 8 p.m., followed by pinocle and bridge. Cost for the party is \$2 per person. Prizes will be awarded.

## Preparations underway for annual I.U.C.C. event

Preparations are already being made for Ione United Church of Christ's 20th Annual Auction and Barbecue, announced Sharon Rietmann, publicity chairman.

The event will be held Saturday, June 4, at Willow Grange Hall in Ione. Anyone with items to donate to the auction may contact Bill Rietmann, 422-7472, for pick up.

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CLARENCE C. CARMICHAEL, aka C.C. Carmichael, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of said estate. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within 4 months after the date of first publication of this Notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at the offices of Abrams & Kuhn, 269A N. Main Street, P.O. Box 428, Heppner, Oregon 97836, or the claim may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative.

Dated and first published March 24, 1983.

Juanita L. Carmichael  
c-o Abrams & Kuhn  
Attorneys at Law  
P.O. Box 428  
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## Local churches ready for coming sales

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

It takes lots of planning, gathering and arranging to prepare for large community sales, the community of Ione and the Methodist Church of Heppner are most aware. Members are at work preparing for the annual Methodist Lawn Sale set for Saturday, May 14, and for the long-established Ione United

Church of Christ's Auction and Barbecue always held on the first Saturday of June, which will be on June 4 this year.

Anyone who has household discards during spring cleaning or who wants to donate goods should contact persons getting ready for these sales. Everyone should mark May 14 and June 4 as special Saturdays on home calendars.

## 9 enroll in Christian Pre-school

Nine children have been enrolled in the Lexington Christian Pre-school, and the school has room for three more, announced the Rev. Stuart Dick, pastor of the Lexington Christian Church. The pre-school, for four and

five-year-olds, will begin March 29 at the Lexington Christian Church.

The school will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Dick said the pre-school is coordinated with local schools

and incorporates Bible songs and teachings. He said the pre-school is geared to prepare the students for kindergarten and first grade.

Cost of the pre-school is \$15 per month. To register, contact Julie Dick, 989-8366.

**Larry Lindsay**

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