

Lexington church becomes restoration project



Harley Sager (left) and the Rev. Stuart Dick, pastor of the Lexington Christian Church, take a break for a moment before returning to work siding the church. The church and parsonage both came through the 1903 flood, Dick said, and both are now being restored.

New pine siding came from Kinzua Corp. in Heppner, and church members and volunteers have been staining the boards.

Inside, the sanctuary is being restored with sheetrock and paint. Carpet is being replaced and new decor will add finishing touches.

Greg Sweek of Heppner is making a new stained glass window for the church, and is also restoring the old stained glass.

John McConnell of Lexington has been working on the project for the past three months, with help from Dick and a good number of volunteers. "We've had significant help from the community — especially the kids," Dick said.

The pastor wouldn't estimate as to when the inside of the church would be completed, but he anticipates finishing the outside work this summer.

Many local students receive degrees from BMCC

Many area students received diplomas from Blue Mountain Community College during the 1982-83 school year. The college's 21st annual commencement was held Saturday, June 4.

The following local students received diplomas: Tony Currin - Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts, Iva Lou McDaniel - Associate of Science Degree in Auto Body & Fender, Nancy Miller - Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts, Gordon Munch - Associate of Science Degree in Electronic Engineering Technology, Lorrie Smith - Associate of Science Degree in Nursing, Jojean Stevens - Associate of Science Degree in Accounting, Sheridan Sweek - Certificate in Dental Assisting and Herman Winter - Associate of Science Degree in Production Agriculture, all of Heppner.

Marsha Green - Certificate in General Business, Todd Harrison - Associate Degree in General Studies, David Piper -

Adult High School Diploma and Susan Wright - Certificate in Practical Nursing, all of Lexington.

Michael Conklin - Associate of Science Degree in Business Agriculture and Sylvia Ladd - Adult High School Diploma, both of Ione.

Willows Grange meets

By DELPHA JONES
Willows Grange, Ione, met on Wednesday evening, starting with a delicious potluck dinner.

The Lecturer's hour began before the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with Louise Keene in charge. As Flag Day is this month, there was a reading by Dot Halvorsen "The Flag" and other readings honoring Father's Day by Betty Snow, Lucile Rietmann and Maryann Palmer.

A drawing for a box of candy was held and Lee Palmer was the winner.

Lloyd Howton was present to receive his 50-year certificate and golden sheath pin, honoring his 50 years as a member of the grange. He started his membership in Washington, transferring to Lexington and on to Willows. He gave some very interesting remarks about the grange and what it has meant to him.

Delpha Jones presented Dot and Louis Halvorsen a gift in

appreciation of their coming to Lexington for the initiatory work, and for the practices. The meeting was called to order by Master Bryce Keene, and the following honored guests were introduced: Barton Clark, a member of the State Agriculture Committee and a member of the Grange Mutual Life Board; Delpha Jones, Wheatland Pomona Grange Deputy; and Hal Schmunk, a representative of the Grange Insurance Association.

After the business of the evening was conducted, each of the guests said a few words and Mr. Schmunk introduced Dwayne Helsuth, a newly appointed grange insurance agent and his wife.

Heppner Merchants' Softball Team determined

In the opening game of the 1983 Hermiston Slow-Pitch Softball league, the Heppner Merchants met a tough Swain Motors and fell 14-4.

Heppner scored in the first inning as John Smith and John McCabe scored on Mark Lovgren's single.

The last two runs came in the third as Jamie Query scored on George Waterland's triple. John McCabe's single scored Waterland.

The Heppner Merchants bounced back from the Swain loss with a 12-5 victory over Midway Tavern.

John Smith and Delbert Binschus each bagged home runs while teammates Mark Pointer and Mark Lovgren added doubles for the victors.

Rich's Payless was the next opponent for the Merchants. The Heppner team topped Rich's 15-5 in five innings as they collected 18 hits.

Home runs by John McCabe in the second and Mike Rowell in the third iced the win.

Ye Olde Pizza Shoppe of Hermiston came from behind in the seventh inning to defeat Heppner Merchants, 8-7.

The Merchants jumped out in front in the second with three runs as George Waterland, John McCabe and Delbert Binschus each crossed the plate. The trio each collected another run in the sixth and seventh and John Smith added another.

Stanfield Drug caught Heppner off guard as they downed the Merchants 12-10 and collected 18 hits to Heppner's 10.

Dave Eckman scored the first run for the Merchants on Gary Kemp's sacrifice fly and then Stanfield took the lead.

The Merchants fought back in the seventh, sparked by George Waterland's home run, but it was too late.

The sixth game of the season saw the Heppner Merchants downed by Dairy Queen 11-8. Dairy Queen jumped to an early lead in the first by three runs and Heppner rallied back with four runs from Mark Pointer, George Waterland, Dallas Harsin and LaVerne Van Marter.

The Merchants scored in the next five innings, topped by Van Marter's home run in the

fourth. The Road Runners were the next opponent and they narrowly defeated the Merchants by a score of 9-8.

The victors took the lead early and kept it until the sixth when Heppner came back and was leading by 7-6. La Verne Van Marter's home run in the seventh wasn't enough as the Road Runners added three more runs at the bottom of the seventh.

Home runs by Ron Bowman and Mark Pointer boosted the Heppner Merchants past Rich's Payless by a score of 14-13.

The Merchants jumped out quickly as they scored seven runs in the first inning and held the lead until the fifth when Rich's jumped ahead by one run, 12-11.

Ron Bowman, John Smith and Jamie Query scored in the sixth and seventh to insure the win for the Heppner team.

The 12th Annual Hermiston Slow-Pitch Tournament was held last weekend. Wendells of La Grande took home first place honors. Heppner met

Mountain Oil of Walla Walla in the first game and fell 16-6.

The Merchants were held scoreless till the fifth inning as Mike Rowell, Jamie Query, John McCabe, Gary Kemp, Mike Smith and LaVerne Van Marter scored.

John McCabe's home run in the second inning paced the Heppner Merchants past Charley Sports of La Grande 9-4 in the second game.

The Merchants jumped in the lead in the first as they collected four runs. George Waterland started the scoring with a walk. John McCabe followed with a fielder's choice. Singles by LaVerne Van Marter and Mike Rowell scored on Dallas Harsin's single.

Charley's came back with one run in the third and fifth as they held the Merchants scoreless until the fourth.

Doubles by George Waterland and John McCabe scored the Merchants' last two runs.

A triple by LaVerne Van Marter sparked the merchants to a 13-10 victory over Pietros of La Grande.

The Merchants scored seven runs in the first with Mark Pointer, Dan Mathews, Delbert Binschus, La Verne Van Marter, John McCabe, George Waterland and Jamie Query crossing the plate.

The visitors managed four runs to end the first inning. Pietros scored in the third with two runs and the Mer-

chants added two more in the fourth as Mike Smith and Jamie Query scored.

The game drew closer as Pietros came back in the fourth to pick up four runs to lead the Merchants by one.

Mark Pointer and Gary Kemp scored in the fifth and Van Marter and Binschus in the sixth to add two more runs for the effort.

Wendalls of La Grande knocked the Heppner Merchants out of the tournament in the fourth game as they scored 10 runs in five innings. The Merchants managed only three hits for the game.

U.S.D.A. exercises P.I.K. option for 1983-crop wheat

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block recently announced it will be necessary to require wheat producers who do not have sufficient quantities of wheat pledged as price support loan collateral to meet their Payment-In-Kind requirements to obtain loans on their 1983-crop production.

Producers who have no 1983-crop wheat planted for harvest or who do not have sufficient wheat planted for harvest to meet their P.I.K. requirements will receive Payment-In-Kind from other wheat in Commodity Credit Corporation inventory, he said.

Block said all producers who signed a contract to participate in the 1983 P.I.K. program agreed to obtain a loan on their 1983 production for P.I.K. purposes to satisfy program needs if required by C.C.C. U.S.D.A. decided to exercise this option after determining there is an insufficient quantity of wheat currently available to C.C.C. to meet P.I.K. needs, he said.

C.C.C. has developed special provisions to permit producers to use their 1983 wheat

production for P.I.K. purposes even though they do not have warehouse or on-farm storage available. Block said. The producer must certify to the local county office of U.S.D.A.'s Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service that the required quantity was harvested from an eligible farm and has not been sold prior to the certification.

The producer can obtain the loan, redeem the loan collateral and sell it to C.C.C. The producer then will be eligible to immediately receive the Payment-In-Kind from C.C.C. inventory. However, these producers will not receive the proceeds of the sale of the wheat to C.C.C. until their P.I.K. availability date, Block said.

Producers with eligible 1983 crop wheat stored in an approved structure on the farm or in a warehouse covered by a uniform grain storage agreement may receive a regular price support loan for the wheat and earn storage payments for up to five months beginning on the P.I.K. availability date.

Tellecheas receive Yard of the Month award



Kathy Tellechea and son

The Lexington Garden Club has chosen John and Kathy Tellechea's yard to receive this month's Yard of the Month award. The couple has lived at 350 W. West for five years.

During that time they have converted their double-wide mobile home site into the envy of the neighborhood, said a club spokesperson.

Neat, well-trimmed flower beds bloom abundantly all year.

A small pool with rocks, ceramic figures and shells is the focal point of the yard. Also decorating the yard is an antique bathtub, which is used as a planter for summer annuals.

John's vegetable garden produces sufficiently for a family of four, with enough left to share with neighbors, she said.

Fruit trees in the yard provide a variety of fruit, as well as shade.



Cats have no ability to taste sweet things.

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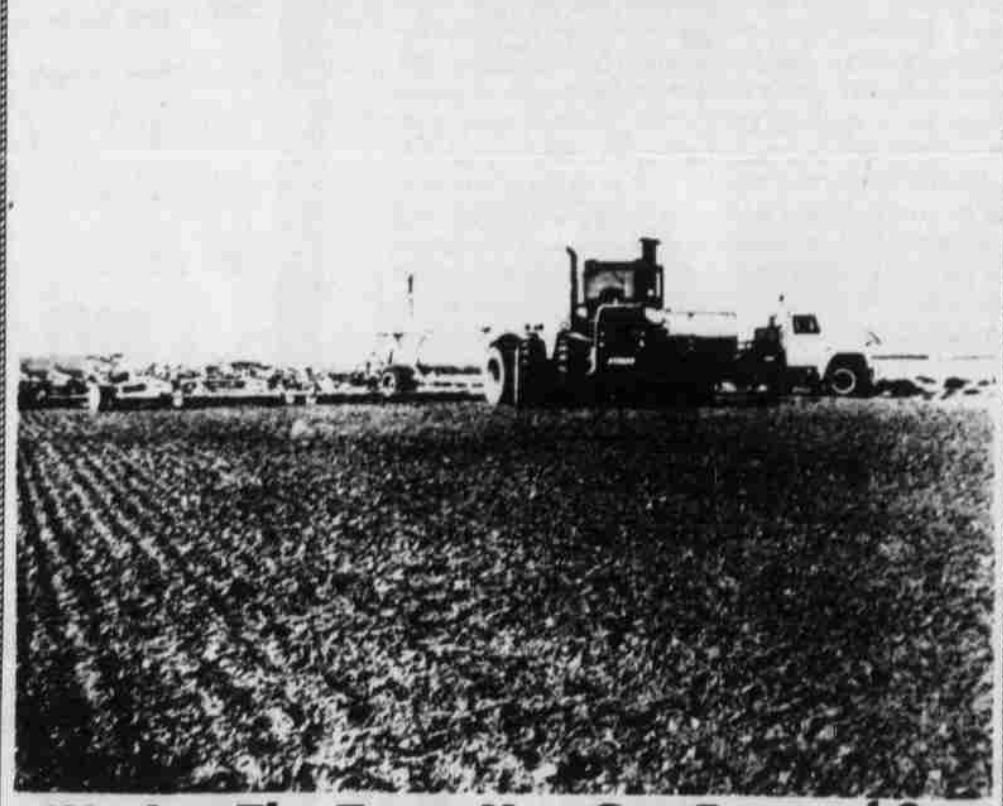
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