

## Youth minister joins local Catholic churches



Michael Douglass

A 19-year-old Catholic Youth Minister has moved into Heppner and will be working with young members of St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic churches in Heppner and Ione.

Michael Douglass came to Heppner in August from Bend, where he had worked in a youth group for three years.

The idea for a youth minister came after concerns were raised from church members about the lack of activities for youth in this area, Douglass explained. There are other Catholic youth programs across the state, he said, but

this area is probably the smallest one in the state with a paid youth minister.

This summer he was involved in a program in Seattle, Wash. that places youth ministers and other social service personnel in jobs.

Douglass recently accompanied some younger members of the church on a retreat. This spring a weekend retreat is planned to be held locally, he said. It will be conducted for youth by youth. He also plans to hold meetings conducted twice a month for them which will include a wide range of activities. Some recreational activities will be planned for youths from all local churches, he added. An additional duty for Douglass is being in charge of Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (C.D.C.) Program for youths of the Catholic church.

In the future, Douglass said he would like to begin an "adopt a Grandparent" program between young members of the church and local senior citizens. "Hopefully before the holidays."

## Interested in joining Cub Scouts?

There will be a meeting for all mothers with boys interested in joining Cub Scouts Thursday, Sept. 22, at Kate's Pizza and Pastry at 10 a.m.

On Saturday, Cub Scouts will be going to the mountains to cut wood. A Cub Scouts are to meet at Heppner's City

Park with their parents at 9 a.m. and are asked to bring saws and axes.

On Monday, Sept. 26, the first season's pack meeting will be held at the Heppner Elks Lodge upstairs at 7 p.m. Everyone interested is invited to come, said a spokesperson.

## 'Forcing Bulbs' topic of garden club meeting

"Forcing Bulbs" was the subject for the September Ione Garden Club meeting presented by Margaret Church of Hermiston on September 14 at the home of Jean Nelson with Lella Palmer assisting. Thelma Lindner also attended.

"Now is the time to start spring bulbs such as hyacinths, narcissi, daffodils and tulips, to give as gifts for Christmas," said Mrs. Church. About 16 weeks are needed to produce a bloom - 12 to 13 weeks in a dark and cool place to establish the root system and about three and one-half weeks to produce a

bloom, she explained. One should use a good grade of bulb and place it in a pot with the soil about one and one-half to two inches from the top. Soil mixture should be one-third each of white sand, vermiculite and sterilized bark or potting mix. Add one tablespoon bonemeal for plant food. Mrs. Church said when planting the bulbs they should be placed on top of the soil with the flat side of the bulb next to the outside of the pot so that the leave will extend over the edge of the pot. Do not press the bulbs down into the soil but sprinkle soil around bulbs until the tips only show. An eight inch pot takes

about seven bulbs and a six-inch pot, five bulbs. Planted bulbs should be stored in a dark, cool place - 35 to 48 degrees. If stored in a closet or garage, Mrs. Church advises that the pots be covered with burlap sack or box. Do not let any bright light come in contact with the bulbs or timing will begin again.

Mark the calendar when the bulbs go into a dark room, check the root systems before removing from the dark and water about every two weeks, she added. When the bulbs are brought out of the dark, gradually acclimate them to the light and heat. Turn the pot at intervals to keep stems

upright. When the blooms fade take the bulbs out and let them dry. They may be planted in the garden later. If it is wished force them a second time. Mrs. Church suggests that seaweed and fish emulsion be used as food.

Bulbs may also be forced in washed gravel with charcoal added. One should use liquid fertilizer in the water and maintain a proper water level.

In other business during the meeting, plans were announced for attendance at the fall meeting of Blue Mountain District No. 10 at Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton on September 30.

## Garden Club learns about African violets

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

The Heppner Garden Club's September meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty on Monday evening, Sept. 12. After the business meeting, conducted by President Theta Lowe, was concluded, a program on "Growing African Violets" featured many colored slides and a narration by Adelle LaTrace, who has more than 80 African Violet plants growing in her home.

Club members were pleased with the sweepstakes award that they gained for their first parade float. Winners of the ofur special awards given in the Flower Department of the county fair were announced. Helen Martin, Ione, who had the most blue ribbons, won \$15 given by the Heppner and Ione garden clubs. She also won the

best plant award, a gift certificate from the Posy Patch. Lenna Smith, Heppner, won the sweepstakes for the best flower entered in the horticulture division with her gladiolus. She gained \$10 contributed by the two garden clubs. Theta Lowe's arrangement of red-band hybrid lillies was judged the top arrangement and won the \$10 special arrangement award given by the two garden clubs.

Garden club members stated how pleased they were to have so many citizens enter flowers in this year's fair. The Flower Department was supervised by the garden club members.

All garden club members are invited to attend the Blue Mountain District 10 Fall Meeting on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton.

## What's Your Opinion?



Question: "How do you feel about the current escalation of U.S. involvement in Lebanon?"

"I don't like it," said Paul Bendix of Eugene. "I just don't think we should fool around and get involved in another war ... We're spreading ourselves too thin."

## Senior News

Heppner seniors needing a ride to the mealsite should call Mary Nikander, 676-5571, to make arrangements.

Ione and Lexington residents needing a ride to Heppner on Wednesdays are asked to call Dot Halvorsen, 422-7143, to make arrangements.

Seniors attending the noon meal at the mealsite are not charged for transportation. Those riding the bus from Ione, and who are over 60 and do not attend the meal at the mealsite are charged one dollar round trip. Cost for commuters under 60 is \$1.50.

## WATER FACTS AND FANCIES

What is the fastest growing beverage in the United States? It's not beer, wine, or soft drinks, but water. With U.S. sales estimated to soar into a billion-dollar-a-year market by 1985, water is turning into a hot item.

## Medical services equip. to be available this fall

Three pieces of emergency medical services equipment will be available this fall for use in the training of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) and First Responders in Morrow, Gilliam, and Umatilla counties. The equipment includes an electronic resuscitator, an infant intubation manikin, and an adult intubation manikin, reports Paul McGinnis of Eastern Oregon Health Systems Agency.

The equipment will be housed at Blue Mountain Community College, which is the area's Fire Standards and Accreditation Board Resource Center. There is no rental fee for use of the equipment, but individuals and groups who use the equipment must pay any shipping charges, he explained.

The equipment purchase is part of Eastern Oregon Health Systems Agency's Training

Support Project. Eastern Oregon Health Systems Agency (E.O.H.S.A.) is the regional health planning body serving the 18 counties east of the Cascades and has identified emergency medical services as its highest health systems

priority. E.O.H.S.A.'s project received financial support from the J.M. McDonald Foundation, Inc., the Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust, and the Burlington Northern Foundation.

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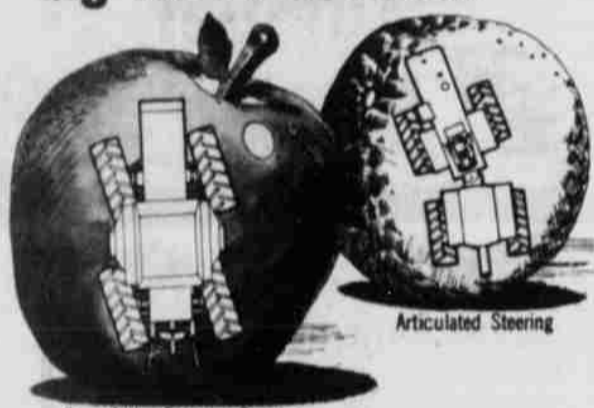
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