Heppner senior wins district scholarship competition

Chris McLaughlin

Chris McLaughlin who was the first place winner in the boys division of the Heppner Elks Scholarship contest has placed first at the District Elks Scholarship competition.

McLaughlin is the third member of his family to win an Elks scholarship at the local level, but the first to win at the district level. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLaughlin at Rural Route Pilot Rock, he is the third of five children.

His parents accompanied him to last Sunday's district competition in Pendleton. As the district winner, he received $500, but is guaranteed another $1,200 from national fund money and $500 state money at the state level of competition even if he does not place there. He will compete with six other district winners at LaGrande February 22.

McLaughlin, a Heppner High School Senior, is looking forward to further competition and says that although it's maybe a little scary to be interviewed by nine judges, "they're kind of nervous, too." The written application which he prepared for the local contest was forwarded to district and will follow him to state competition. He says the interview consists mostly of questions from the application and although applicants are supposed to be prepared to answer questions about national events, the only issue which district judges asked him concerned the economy at small towns.

He says that he scholarships he has already won will help out a lot with the first year of college, but he also plans to work some to help with expenses. He has not done so yet, but he expects also to apply for other scholarships.

McLaughlin has already been accepted for entrance next fall at Oregon State University where he plans to major in engineering.

Events added to St. Pat's Day Celebration

A sheep shearing contest, bed races, and live music on main street are just some of the added entertainment you can find at this year's St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Heppner March 15 and 16.

The sheep shearing contest was added this year to complement the sheep dog show, and both will be held at the fairgrounds, says contest organizer William Rill.

A bed race down Main Street is also being planned for Saturday. Rules and entry forms are available at Farley Motor Co., Cal's Cafe, or the Heppner Gazette-Times. For additional information contact Ray "Radar" Banka at 676-5026.

Fiddlers are also being urged to come downtown on Saturday and play music. Several fiddlers have already expressed interest, and anyone who would like to participate should contact Diane Ball at 676-5306.

Another new event for this year's celebration will be the first annual Irish Sweepstakes Bowling Tournament to be held at Heppner Bowl March 8 and 16. For further information contact the bowling alley.

The state of Eastern Oregon will also be holding a legislative session in Heppner during St. Patrick's Day, and will meet at the Elks Club beginning at 10 a.m.

Of course with all the new activities planned for this year, you won't want to forget the regular events of St. Patrick's Day in Heppner.

The parade will be held on Main St. as usual Saturday; the Irish dinner will be held at the Catholic Parish Hall; there will be skating, food and rummage sales, an art show, radio talk show on Saturday, sheep dog trials and the Basque barbeque lamb dinner on Sunday.

In addition there will be rollar skating, a social hour Saturday at Ron McDonald's and Farley Motor's showrooms, live music at the Elks and the Wagon Wheel, and much more. Watch the Gazette-Times for a complete schedule of events for St. Patrick's Day.

Get ready for Rolling Hills Run

It's time for runners, walkers, and anyone else who has set a New Year's goal of getting in shape to gear up for the fifth annual Rolling Hills Run. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, April 13, a p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School in Heppner.

Proceeds from this year's fitness event will go toward funding intensive drug and alcohol intervention training for Morrow County educators. The "Impact" training, which four of the District's educators have received, is coordinated through the "Care" unit. It is hoped that eventually a team of five or six educators in each school in the district will receive the training. The program has as its theme helping young people to be the best that they can be. This wellness approach to dealing with the problems of chemical abuse fits into the goal of the Rolling Hills Run which is fitness, participation, and wellness.

T-shirt color for this year is orange with the logo in royal blue and white. As in the past there will be ribbons, certificates and door prizes. Handsome carved wooden plaques will be awarede to the fastest male and vemale in the 6.2 mile event and to the oldest male and female participants overall.

The pre-registration deadline is March 21 but participants may register for an additional fee the day of the run. However, to insure a T-shirt it is wise to pre-register. Prices remain the same as last year. All interseted persons should look for the entry forms which will be available in local stores soon.

The Rolling Hills Walk-Run is sponsored by the Morrow County Education Association. Chairperson for this year's run is Brenda Weygandt. For further information call 676-9454 evenings, or contact the Run secretary by writing P.O. Box 652, Heppner.

Myriah Lundin makes bread sticks

Development Corp. sets goals

Cliff Green has been elected president of the Heppner Economic Development Corporation for the coming year. His slate of officers includes Vice President Fred Toombs, Secretary Jackie Allstott, Treasurer Joyce Kay Hollomon, and Public Relations Officer Ernie McCabe.

Green says that the H.E.D.C. will be continuing to work on changing the Heppner Hotel to a retirement facility although the program may be slowed by the effects of the Gramm-Rudman bill. Another of the development corporation's goals for the coming year is to help out the hospital board wherever the board decides that their help is needed. Working to obtain an optometrist for the area is another project which the group will undertake.

Formation of a park district is a continuing goal the development corporation has had. A public hearing Wednesday morning will make or break the district, Green said. If it is not approved, we will have to take another look. If the district is formed, the Board will then be in charge, but we will continue to work with them for awhile because we have put together much of the background information.

H.E.D.C. will also be keeping an eye on the Superconducting Super Collider siting committee although they do not have any active involvement planned at this time, Green concludes.

Receive CPR certification

The following people recently completed a C.P.R. (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, class sponsored by Blue Mountain Community College, taught by Betty Curnutt, and received American Heart Association cards: Charles and Marcia Anderson, Alvin and Alma Vinson, Howard Bryant and Marie Lane.

Struthers joins G-T staff

Marie Struthers

Marie Struthers has joined the staff at the Heppner Gazette-Times. Her duties here will include typesetting and advertising graphics.

She and her husband, Ed, have four children, Renee, Sophie, Pat, and Danny. They have lived in the Heppner area since 1969.

Marie worked for Hutch's Printing Company for five years doing work of a similar type to her duties at the Gazette-Times. She also ran the post office at Lexington for two years.

Bread stick recipe incorrect

One of the popular demonstrations at the Morrow County Grain Growers Appreciation Day breakfast was making bread sticks. Those who have tried to make the bread sticks from recipes, however, may have found an error in the ingredients listed. The recipe should have read ¼ cups oil and 1¼ cups cool water.

Anyone wishing a corrected recipe may stop by the Morrow County Extension Service office in Heppner and pick one up.

Nursing home honors resident

Izora Stingle, originally from Mohawk, Tennessee, has been selected the February Pioneer Nursing Home Resident of the Month. She came to the Heppner area about 1916 when her fiance, Bert Vance, established a home here. They had four children, a son, and three daughters: Lois Johnston and Beth Bryant of Heppner and Birdine Tullis of Ione.

After her husband's death, she recalls, working at the Lexington Telephone Company, Heppner Library and Curran's Dress Shop.

She remarried in 1942 and moved to Arlington where her husband Vince Stingle was a conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad. Following his retirement they returned to Heppner.

She likes gardening and is especially fond of roses and peonies. She says she has always enjoyed visiting and attending church.

A nursing home spokesperson says that Izora is a special lady who loves to make others happy.

Will take trip with winnings

Forrie Burkenbine, who last week traveled to Salem to try his luck spinning the wheel and maybe win the jackpot, was not disappointed when he won the minimum amount of $5,000. "It was exciting just to be there," he said.

Burkenbine won his chance to spin for the jackpot from a ticket for the current scratch off game which he purchased at Central Market. He says he never was a heavy buyer of lottery tickets, but he definitely will continue to purchase tickets for future games. As one of the owners of Central Market, he says, too, that "ticket sales are booming. Four people have won chances to enter the drawing in the last four days."

He has plans for his winnings also, a vacation for himself and his wife. They will be leaving March 3 for Hawaii, he says, for a grocers convention. The convention lasts five days and the couple will spend an additional five days enjoying the islands.

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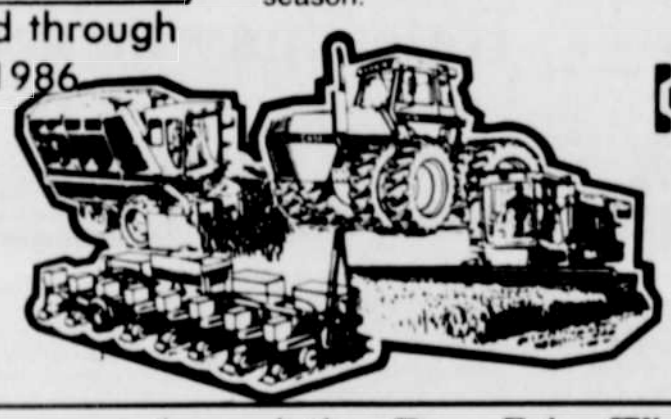

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