

Big crowd comes to Heppner for St. Patrick's Day



Sheep dog shows his skill on ducks during St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday



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International potluck concludes study series

This Thursday evening, March 20, will be the final meeting of the ecumenical Lenten Series, "Issues Facing Christians Around the World." On this final gathering the Lenten Series will conclude with an "International Potluck Dinner" hosted by the Heppner United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Persons in the community are encouraged to come by bringing an international food favorite to share as well as their own table service. Beverages will be provided by the church. Persons are also

asked to label their food in some way telling what country the food is from and also the name of the dish. Those who are uncertain what to bring, may contact the Rev. Cathy Barker who has many international food recipes to share. An informal discussion will follow the Potluck Dinner led by the Rev. Don Boyce. The discussion will center upon how we as American Christians are able to respond to the issues facing Christians in the parts of the world that the Lenten Series has presented.

Heppner girl names state plant



Jenny Weygandt receives State of Eastern Oregon flag from Gov. 'Doc' Warner.

Jenny Weygandt, a Heppner seventh grader, received a hand-sewn state of Eastern Oregon flag from its governor, Neal "Doc" Warner last Saturday in Heppner. She proposed that the cattail be named the official state flower on her entry in a contest to name the official state plant Benjamin Clark of Helix won the contest to name the state animal with his suggestion of the coyote.

Contest chairman and Eastern Oregon State Senator Don Cole said that Jenny's entry was selected because the cattail grows throughout the eight county region of the state, is hardly in nature, spreads itself over the country side, and provides both food and habitat.

In addition to the flag, Jenny received a state of Eastern Oregon citizenship card, and an "official" \$3 bill, the currency for the state. The state commissioned two hand-sewn flags, one for each winner of the contest.

Judge reports on conference

Judge Don McElligott returned Thursday from the Spring Legislation Conference of the National Association of Counties in Washington. The Judge was Oregon's representative to the newly formed NACO Agriculture Steering Committee. The conference started Saturday, March 1 and lasted for four days.

Thirty-six states were represented on the 60 member committee which was formed to help find solutions to the farm crisis. 2,400 counties in the United States are considered rural counties dependent on agriculture. Agenda items discussed were farm prices, credit and interest rates, export programs and the urbanization of rural counties around metropolitan areas, says the Judge who was appointed to the 15 member Price and Programs Committee and one of the two sub-committees formed. This committee will meet in Colorado in April to formulate policies to submit to the NACO convention in July.

Monday and Tuesday the 14 member Oregon delegation met with the Oregon Congressional Delegation. Items discussed were the effects of the Gramm-Rudman Bill, the Tax Reform Bill, reduction in timber receipts and general revenue sharing. The general opinion was that we can expect more mandates and less money.

Representative Denny Smith is enthusiastic about the Boardman site for the Super Collider project says the Judge. Senator Packwood

felt that final criteria for the project should be formulated by the Energy Department in about six months and that we should press for a decision by the Governor's "Blue Ribbon" sitting committee. Packwood doesn't think that there is a possibility of funding for at least four years.

When questioned about "prioritization" of National Forests and Bonneville the Congressmen felt that the Administration could never get the National Forest part through Congress, Judge McElligott continued. Senator Hatfield, however warned that the administration is very serious about selling Bonneville and that California Edison is ready to buy. This would be a situation that could not only influence rates but also impact irrigation and fisheries, concluded McElligott.

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

- Bertha Sager, Lexington - admitted March 9, discharged March 10;
- Louis Eng, Lexington - admitted March 11, discharged March 11;
- Edwin Brandenberg, Heppner - admitted March 12, discharged March 14;
- Margaret Blake, Heppner - admitted March 12, discharged March 16;
- Julie Wattenburger, Echo - admitted March 12, discharged March 14;
- Erma Keithley, Heppner - admitted March 13, transferred March 14.

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