

Improving parent-child relationships will be focus of discussion sessions

Improving parent-child relationships will be the focus of a series of discussion sessions beginning Tuesday, March 27, 7-9 p.m. at the HHS Library. The program is being sponsored by BMCC according to Liz Curtis, instructor.

The discussions will be based on Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP), the most widely used parenting education program in

the country. More than two million people throughout the United States, Canada and other countries have participated in STEP discussion groups and used the accompanying Parent's Handbook since American

Guidance Service (AGS) of Circle Pines, Minnesota, introduced the program in 1976.

"STEP encourages mutual respect between parent and child, increased cooperation, more effective communication, and a more responsible, self-reliant attitude among children," said a spokesperson.

According to Curtis, the community's interest in parenting educa-

tion is part of a nationwide trend. A nationwide survey conducted by AGS showed that parenting education is a growing phenomenon, sponsored by hundreds of diverse groups and organizations and conducted by thousands of individuals throughout the country.

The trend in parenting education is a result of many social changes in the U.S. These include changing

roles for mothers, a shift away from the autocratic "Father Knows Best" value system to more democratic viewpoint, and the increasing mobility of families.

The parents who participated in STEP groups said they found the program beneficial for many reasons.

The class will run for seven weeks. Cost of the class is \$19.00 for individuals or \$30 per couple. There will be a book fee of \$10. For more information contact BMCC Coordinator Marsha Sweek at 676-5039

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Randy Rae Smith, 26. Heppner-No Turn Signal, \$20 fine; Open Container, \$49 fine;

Gina Diane Widener, 19. Hermiston-Hunting Game Birds, closed season (pheasant) \$53 fine; Hunting Prohibited Area (public roadway) \$53 fine;

Jeanne Corwin, Heppner-Negotiating Bad Check, \$571.73 fine, 30 days in jail (\$300 fine, 30 days in jail suspended), one year probation.

Obituary

Wilbur C. Steagall

Funeral services for Wilbur Steagall were held March 9, 1990 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner with concluding service and burial at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Steagall, 80, of Lexington, died Tuesday, March 6, 1990, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

He was born Oct. 30, 1909, at Abington, Va., to Tom and Cora Shoun Steagall.

On Nov. 28, 1931, he married Marie Breshars in Heppner.

Mr. Steagall had worked on the Frank Wilkinson, Bob Thompson, Ralph Jackson and Lindsay ranches and had also worked for Heppner Lumber Co.

He was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge and the Lexington Grange and had served on the Lexington City Council.

He enjoyed horses and dogs and loved to hunt.

Survivors include his wife, at the home; daughters June Crowell of Ione, Deanna Brandhagen of Pendleton, Pat Dougherty of Heppner and Barbara Leyva of Wilbur, Wash.; sons, Bob of Lexington, Bill of Pendleton and Jim of Portland; sisters, Mary King Chase of Prineville, Virginia Sitton of Fossil, Eunice Strudgen of Bratenahl, Ohio, and Irene Clark of Sacramento, CA.; brothers Dave of Portland, Earl of Butte Falls and Willie and Bob both of Lebanon and George of Heppner; 20 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Two sisters died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 557, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

'Tis the week for an Irish toast: "May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door."

The strength of a town lies in its people and believe me, many of these people are giving their all with St. Patrick's Day just around the corner. Auction items are still welcome; Scotty and his ducks will be here for the sheepdog trials; and speaking of ducks, be sure to rent one for the St. Paddy's O'Ducky Race down Willow Creek. Flags are flying high, high schoolers painted fire hydrants; nine bed racers are registered; and parade entries are coming in. It promises to be a great weekend. Bring your friends and relatives and be "Irish for a day."

Recently I had the opportunity to "share" Heppner with Chamber people from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska. The focus of this four-state conference was "Out of the Me's and Into the We's Decade"...together everyone accomplishes more. This holds true for the St. Patrick's event, organizations, families, the fair and rodeo, Cycle Oregon III, county and state fair booths, our businesses, ranchers, the community as a whole. When a community pulls together, visitors feel the pride in hospitality, friendliness and a visible appearance. Ideas thrown out during the "Visions for Heppner" session have been tree-lined streets and awnings to greet visitors as they arrive through our rolling hills.

Join Chamber next Tuesday as they share more visions and hear Marsha Sweek discuss "Doings At the Morrow County Museum."

And another Irish toast to a successful St. Patrick's weekend: "May the Lord keep you in his hand and never close his fist too tight on you."

Still still sweet, loving and caring for others. Happy 30th birthday, Betty. Love, Mom & Dad



The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem (After Hours)
5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Grazelda burst out, "I'm so excited about St. Patrick's Day in Heppner. I'm gonna go down to Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron and get me some pop, chips and stuff and watch the parade, plus all the exciting events. What are you gonna do, Clem?"
Clem answered back, "The same thing my bonnie lass, plus celebrate the wearen' of the green."
Grazelda smirked, "My advice to you my bonnie lad, is slow down on the celebrating or you'll be feelin' the green come Sunday mornin'!"



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<p>Court Street Market 111 N. Court Heppner 676-9643</p> <p>10 Lucky Numbers!</p>	<p>Heppner Book 676-9208</p> <p>5 Lucky Numbers!</p>	<p>Kate's Pizza Heppner 676-5017</p> <p>5 Lucky Numbers!</p>	<p>SEARS Authorized Catalog Merchant</p> <p>10 Lucky Numbers!</p>
<p>The Country Rose 676-9426 233 N Main</p> <p>5 Lucky Numbers!</p>	<p>Gardner's MEN'S WEAR 193 N. Main St. 676-9218 Heppner</p> <p>10 Lucky Numbers!</p>	<p>R & W Drive In</p> <p>10 Lucky Numbers!</p>	<p>St. Pat's Buttons Available at Local Businesses</p>