

Oddfellows donate \$2,500 for pool filter renovation



Oddfellow Randall Peterson presents \$2,500 check to Heppner Mayor Cara Costa

The Willows Lodge No. 66 Oddfellows has donated \$2,500 to the city of Heppner to spearhead the campaign to renovate the filter system for the city pool. The Soroptimist Club has also donated \$500 to the project.

Renovation of the filter system is estimated to take \$6,500 for replacement of the lenses on the filters. The pool was closed several times during the summer of 1990 because of murkiness of the water, caused by

ineffective filters.

The city of Heppner has budgeted for regular operations of the pool and \$2,500 for routine maintenance.

According to George Koffler, the Oddfellows fundraising committee will be contacting local businesses and private individuals during the next two weeks requesting donations to raise the remaining funds. He said that materials need to be ordered as soon as possible so that the pool may be opened the first week the children are out of school.

Marketing seminar aimed at women in agriculture

Agricultural women locally will have an opportunity to attend a marketing seminar, according to Fred Lundin, Extension agent in Morrow County.

"The Chicago Board of Trade is hosting a marketing seminar for women in agriculture," said Lundin. "It's scheduled for April 3 and 4 in Pasco, Wa., and costs \$30 per person."

"In these uncertain times there is a need for a cohesive, effective marketing plan for the crops you raise," said Lundin. "And this seminar is an opportunity to develop effective marketing skills."

The seminar is directed at women who are involved in day-to-day farm operations. It is designed to give women the tools to improve their marketing skills, to evaluate various marketing alternatives, to recognize where their opportunities lay, and to

develop a successful marketing plan. A marketing plan is a plan for selling the crop while it maximizes price and minimizes risk.

The seminar begins on April 3 at 11:30 a.m. and will cover such topics as record keeping, evaluating production costs, understanding basic futures concepts and learning futures jargon. It continues through the evening as attendees apply what they learned during the day.

The next morning begins at 7:15 a.m. with a buffet breakfast. This session focuses on using cash, forward, and futures markets, implementing a marketing plan, and concludes with "where to go from here."

The seminar is being held at the Red Lion Inn in Pasco, Washington, 2525 N. 20th Ave.

For more information call the Farm Bureau at 1-800-331-3276.

Ione track team prepares for season opener

By Anne Morter

The Ione track team is preparing to open its season this weekend, with a showing at the Morrow County Invitational at Umatilla High School. Coach Del LaRue reports a fair turnout with nine boys and four girls on the team.

Returning from last year's team for the boys will be Mike Garrett in the javelin and Mac Lovett and Gabe Garcia in the sprints. Returning for the girls will be Crystal Minster in the sprints, Wendy Anderson in the weight events and Janie Cupps in the high jump and hurdles. The girls' team will be rounded out by freshman Tanya Anderson, who will also compete in the weight events.

The boys' team will have a number of new faces. David

Wagenblast will compete in the discus and middle distances. Justin Miller joins him in the middle distances and will be in the high jump. Ryan Halvorsen will cover the jumping events and possibly the hurdles. Deacon Heideman will compete in the weight events and Jake Deputy and Brian Holtz will run the sprints for the Cardinals.

The Cards started practice the week before spring vacation and with no organized practice during the break, Coach LaRue doesn't expect them to be in very good shape yet. "It is really early yet," he says. LaRue says that the State "B" meet and The Big Sky meet will be highlights of the season, as well as district and state for those who qualify.

Off the Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

From Valentine hearts to Easter bunnies, with St. Patrick's festivities and other busy work in between—time flies when one can't decide which way to hop next.

There really needs to be an extra month between January and February, so one can kick back and get organized for the busy months ahead.

February's unseasonably warm weather contributed to a startup of spring fever. While road-happy runners pound their arches on highway roadsides to get in shape, I become one of those elite soil-scratchers known for grubby hands, broken finger nails and aching backs.

It all started with a desire to plant four small new apple trees. But just like a fabric store that lures me into buying material that I may never find time to convert into useful articles, a visit to a nursery is fatal.

Dragging home 14-foot tall poplar trees hanging out of the back of a pickup wasn't as much of a problem as devising a way to pound 10-foot support stakes in place. And while I didn't plan on a forest, my nature-loving son brought home an abundance of freebie mountain ash shade trees.

Though I may not find time to loll in the shade of my vision of future leafy green branches, come summer I'll wonder what possessed me to plant so many trees that require watering for survival. March snow, hail and rain squalls make that chore seem simple right now.

After reading about how cows help pollute the atmosphere by giving off quantities of methane gas, maybe it was a mistake to fertilize those tree roots with a biodegradable renewable resource, a readily available by-product of the cattle industry.

More disturbing is the fact that four-footed equines that are dear to my heart have a natural tendency to devastate any forestation efforts by breaking off trees or stripping the bark.

After one large tree succumbed to sharp teeth, that animal received much less sympathy when he had to pack me up a steep hill. And he will never realize that if that tree mishap had been caused by a cow brute I would have had no qualms about thinking "off with her head."

Nice days always are an excuse for abandoning a messy house when my outdoor impulses take precedence. Like a rabbit in a carrot patch, I revel in the resurgence of green growth and damp earth just waiting to become a productive host.

Maybe my guilty conscience will provoke me into some outdoor window washing or doing something with flower bulbs that were supposed to be planted last fall.

But there's no way my brain can program my flat feet into jogging as long as I can still utilize four-legged horsepower to transport me from one spot to another.

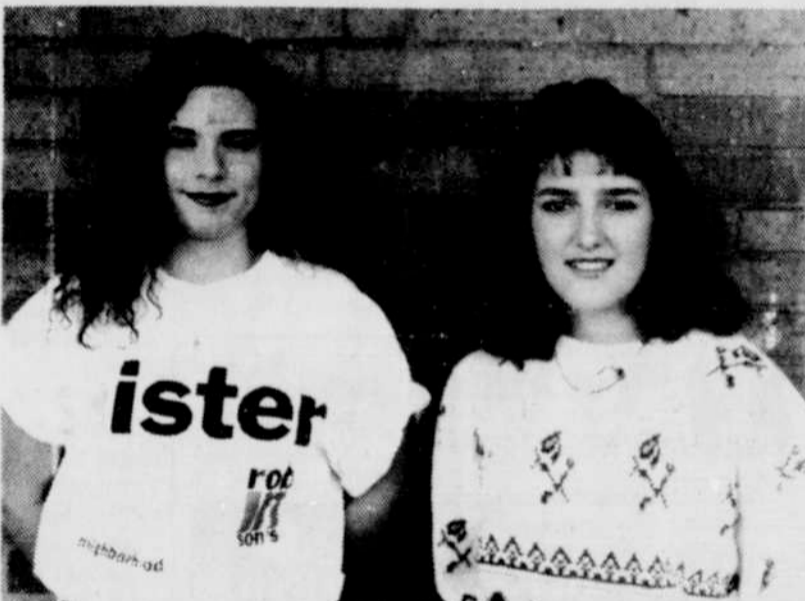
My generation didn't grow up street-smart but rural ways did contribute to some not-so-great country-smart techniques.

It was my job to fetch the milk cows from pasture on horseback after school. And we didn't receive too much flack when we persuaded a Holstein cow to also become a rideable steed as long as it was done at a leisurely pace and didn't upset that milk factory.

However my mother was not pleased with a step-saving idea of riding horseback to the chicken house to feed the hens and gather the eggs. But I still like scrambled eggs even though I was grounded after unsuccessful attempts to bring to the house whole crackleberries while riding bareback on a skittish horse.

May the Easter bunny bring lots of colorful eggs to your house that are whole well-cooked and not scrambled. Pass the salt, please, but keep the snowballs on hold. The white stuff outside has even the ground squirrels confused.

Ione Legion Aux sends three to Girls' State



Amy Pointer (L) and Kristine Bedortha get ready to attend Girls' State. Brandi Ball is not pictured

By Anne Morter

The Ione unit of the American Legion Auxiliary recently announced this year's delegates to Girls' State. Brandi Ball, Kristine Bedortha and Amy Pointer will represent Ione High School at the annual Girls' State convention to be held June 23-29 at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Girls' State is an opportunity for the girls to learn about all phases of government. The girls are divided into counties and they elect candidates from their counties to represent them at the city, county and state level. They eventually elect a

governor, who advances to Girls' Nation to be held in Washington, D.C., in August. The girls also go through the law-making and voting process.

Brandi is the daughter of Bob and Bonnie Ball. Kristine is the daughter of Tom and Anne Bedortha and Amy is the daughter of Hank and Kathy Pointer. All the girls are juniors at Ione High School.

The Ione delegates will get a chance to meet the other Girls' State representatives from District 6 when the Ione Auxiliary hosts a tea for them on April 14 in Ione. District 6 encompasses most of northeastern Oregon.

Garden club meeting rescheduled

The regular April 1 meeting of Heppner Garden Club has been rescheduled to April 8.

The meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The program will be provided by

Pat Pettyjohn who will discuss native Indian plants, Indian culture and the plants used in cooking.

Dorothy Jackson will demonstrate and discuss the flower of the month. Bill and Jane Rawlins will host the meeting.

Legion, Auxiliary hold birthday dinner

By Anne Morter

The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary held their annual dinner in honor of the Legion's Birthday last Tuesday night at Beechers. Each March around the 19th, the two organizations celebrate the founding of the American Legion which was formed 72 years ago by a group of World War I Veterans. Dorothy Zinter made a birthday cake which the Auxiliary presented to the Legion.

Guests at the dinner were Dave and Fran Barnett. Dave, who is not a Legion member, has been a helpful volunteer with the Legion's booth at

the fair each year. After dinner, continuous membership pins were awarded to several longtime members. Harold Rietmann received a 25-year pin and John Jepsen was awarded his 30-year pin. Six men, Roy Lindstrom, Eldon Padberg, Bob Despain, Charles Doherty, Donald Peterson, and Bob Rietmann, were presented 45 year pins. The Auxiliary also presented membership awards with Lucille Rietmann receiving her 25 year pin, Irene Swanson and Loa McElligott receiving their 30 year pin and Mildred Eubanks, Helen Crawford and Eulenna Vaughn receiving pins for 45 years of continued membership.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



There were 97 present for the senior dinner on March 20. Eight meals were taken out to seniors unable to attend.

The free meal ticket was won by Anna Schwarzin and Skip Connor won the door prize. The guest prize was won by Charlotte Crum. Servers were from the Seventh Day Adventist and Nazarene churches.

Menu for April 3 will be beans, coleslaw, peach and cottage cheese salad, crackers and cinnamon rolls. Members of the Methodist church will serve. Nutrition Site committee will meet after the dinner April 3.

The 55 Alive drivers refresher course was presented to 30 people in the center dining room March 21 and 22. For those who couldn't attend there will be another class in Ione in April. Call Helen Crawford, 422-7575 for more information.

The Forest Service open house will be in the dining room March 28, 1-8 p.m.

The senior activity committee is planning the salad luncheon for the Extension meeting April 4. Shirley Haugen is chairman of the committee.

Other meetings are Quilters & Company, Mondays 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursdays 10 to 10:30 a.m. exercise; Tuesday-hobby time is 1 to 4 p.m.

Plans are being made to take the senior bus on a four-day trip to Ashland to see the Shakespearean plays in September. Those interested in going please call Jane Rawlins, 676-9435 right away. Reservations must be made early.

4-H sponsors 'Speakeasy' field day

Fifty-five Morrow County 4-H members, leaders and parents helped make the regional presentation field day a wonderful educational experience, according to Carol Bennett, Morrow County Extension Agent.

For the second year, Morrow County 4-H combined resources with Wheeler and Gilliam County to offer a regional activity.

"Speakeasy", held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, was attended by a total of 77 members, leaders, parents and grandparents. "We encouraged families to attend. All ages were welcome to participate in activities designed to increase confidence in the ability to speak in public. One indicator of success was participation of first and third grade siblings of 4-H members at the final team presentations," shared Bennett.

"Learning how to develop a theme, organize thoughts, prepare visual aids, and deliver a message in front of an audience is very helpful for developing self confidence and leadership skills in youth and adults," Bennett continues. Cindy Osterlund, 4-H volunteer and member of the State 4-H Presentation Task Force, shared tips and examples of ways to develop a snappy introduction, develop the body of a presentation and give a summary.

Tina Kemp, Dani Hill and Laurel Temple, all of Lexington, repeated their 1990 Morrow County Fair presentations.

After lunch break, members prepared "on the spot" team presentations using kits of materials provided by 4-H agents and volunteers.

Andy Mesteth of Irrigon and Rose Ann Daltoso of Boardman presented "Playing with Soap"; Becky Picknell and Amber Peck of Ione

demonstrated "Twists and Turns of a Tail"; Lonnie Rill and Rick Worden of Heppner shared "Care of Your Candid Camera"; Phillip Spicerkuhn of Heppner and Dawn Sheirbon of Lexington presented "Rules of Cat Care"; Jessica Krebs of Ione, Kimberly Hansen and Julie Proctor of Heppner demonstrated "Making a Friendship Bracelet".

Sybil Krebs and Jamie Perez of Ione shared "The Magic Needle"; Jessica Sumner and Tina Kemp of Lexington and Lynde Minster of Ione presented "Eating Habits and You"; Tim Sumner of Lexington, Joe Kindle and Josh Roy of Heppner demonstrated "Super Sweepers"; Jory Crowell and Steve Allen of Ione shared "Tatoosers for Moozers"; Mandy Gutierrez of Heppner, Dani Hill and Tina Kemp of Lexington and Megan Riney of Condon demonstrated "Ear Piercing a Cow"; and Kristi Worden of Heppner, Ashlee Weimer and Elizabeth Karrow of Condon presented "Happy Health Snack".

Kara Miller and Katie Tweek of Ione shared "The Very Formal Table"; Josie Proctor, Jayme Hansen and Jessica Van Winkle of Heppner demonstrated "Delicious Devils." The team presentations were photographed by Jill Barber and Jodi Johnston of the Heppner Picture Perfect Photography Project.

Leaders, parents and other family members attending "Speakeasy" included Gladys Hobbs, Debbie Sheirbon, Pam Worden, Maureen Krebs, Kristy Crowell, Marcia Kemp, MaryLou Daltoso, Nancy Miller, Kristen Miller, Kay Proctor, Lucy Tweek, Geri Grieb, Patricia Peck, Jennifer Hughes, Glacia Baker, Kevin Baker, Jared Purcell, Keith Baker and Judy Barber.

Garden Bugs hold meeting

The March meeting of the Lexington Garden Bugs was held at the home of Annetta Padberg. Program and plans for the next year were made.

Present were Kathy Tellechea,

Delta Huber, Delpha Jones, Marg Ball, Lois Allyn, guests Angie Ball and LaRee Anderson and the hostess.

The next meeting will be April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Marg Ball.

Support group to meet April 8

The support group for cancer patients or anyone with a physical or emotional need is meeting Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the home of Roger and Yvonne Connor, 320 S.

Court St. "This group has been a great support to each individual who comes. We hope to see you there," said organizer Merilee McDowell. For more information call McDowell at 676-5238.

St. Pat's wrap-up meeting scheduled

An important St. Patrick's wrap-up session has been called before all the leprechauns go into hiding for another year. Committee chairpersons Claudia Hughes and Diana Ball are calling a meeting for Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center sitting room. "It is important that all chairmen be

on hand to critique the event and make notes for 1992," says Hughes.

Interested persons who would like to share their ideas and become involved are welcome to attend. "Communication is the key to the continued success of Heppner's annual Irish celebration," states Hughes.

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