

## Agency wants to take on ECOAC responsibilities

Former Morrow County commissioner Irv Rauch told the Heppner City Council Jan. 13 that the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation has expressed a desire to take on the economic development arm of the Eastern Central Oregon Association of Counties (ECOAC). If they do so, GEODC has indicated that they may site their headquarters in Heppner employing a fulltime and a half time employee, according to Rauch.

Rauch said because Heppner is "centrally located among the counties" of Wheeler, Grant, Gilliam, Umatilla and Morrow, it is "ideally located" for the groups headquarters.

The ECOAC board has since voted Jan. 16, to dissolve its assets. All services provided by ECOAC will be transferred to other agencies by the end of March. The Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) is considering assuming control of the Job Training Partnership Act program for Morrow and Umatilla counties.

The cities of Heppner, Hermiston, Pendleton, Milton-Freewater and the ports of Morrow and Umatilla have endorsed GEODC, but the Umatilla County Commission said they didn't have enough information about GEODC's plans to make such a commitment and are interested in

considering the Resource Conservation and Development Area, based in Pendleton, as an alternative to GEODC.

The GEODC board is currently made up of representatives of the eight counties it serves, the five counties served now by ECOAC, in addition to Baker, Union and Wallowa, but needs additional representation to satisfy Economic Development Administration requirements.

To satisfy the EDA requirements, the GEODC advisory committee would consist of 15 members, five county elected officials, one from each county appointed by that county's commission or court; five city elected officials, one from each county elected by the incorporated cities in that county; one minority representative, appointed by GEODC board members from the five counties served; one tribal representative; one business, industry, finance or utilities representative, appointed by the GEODC board members from the five counties served; one education representative, appointed by GEODC board members from the five counties served; and one agriculture representative or representative from the professions, appointed by the GEODC board members from the five counties served.

## Valby Saturday school slated

Valby Lutheran Church will host its monthly Saturday Sunday school this Saturday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. There will be singing, Bible study, crafts and a special mystery guest. Everyone is invited to bring a friend and join in the happy learning experience.

Sunday morning worship services will be held at 9 a.m. at Valby, located 16 miles out of lone on the lone-Gooseberry road and at 11 a.m. at Hope Lutheran in Heppner. Pastor Hoobing will share with the children the meaning of "Kyrie," one of the

aspects of Lutheran worship. "We Are the Body of Christ" is the theme of Pastor Hoobing's sermon, based on reading of I Corinthians 12: 12-21, 26-27.

Members of Hope Lutheran church are gearing up for their annual congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated 11 a.m. and a church potluck will follow the communion service.

Events and activities in the life of the Hope-Valby Lutheran parish are open to the public.

## Boardman man pleads guilty of sex abuse charge

A Boardman man plead guilty in Heppner on Friday, Jan. 17 to first degree sexual abuse from an incident occurring last summer, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

James Steelman, 36, plead guilty to sexually abusing an

11-year old victim in Heppner last July, in Morrow County Circuit Court.

Following the guilty plea, a pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the matter was continued for sentencing pending completion of the PSI, said Wallace.

## Kelly Rafferty returns home

Kelly Rafferty, who had been hospitalized at Emanuel Hospital Burn Center in Portland since December was released Mon., Jan. 20 and has returned home to finish her recovery.

Kelly, 10, was in critical condition following a severe reaction to medication.

Because of Kelly needs her rest the family requests no visitors.

## HS talent show Friday, Jan. 24

The Heppner High School Choir will present a talent show and dessert on Friday, January 24 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria.

The show is a fund raiser for proposed choir trip to Portland State University for a clinic with PSU choir students.

Admission to the talent show is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for student. Admission includes dessert and coffee or punch.

## Republicans set banquet, auction

The Morrow County Republicans Lincoln Day banquet and auction is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Dodge City Inn Restaurant in Boardman. Tickets may be purchased from any committee member.

Officers for 1992 are: chairman-Bob Jepsen, Heppner; vice-chairman-Meg Murray, lone; and secretary/treasurer-Kay Proctor, Heppner.

Committee chairs include Ken Turner and Dr. Dick Temple, finance and fundraising; Pat Edmundson and Mary Lou Daltoso, publicity; Suzanne Jepsen, voter registration; David Sykes and Meg Murray, candidate recruitment; Ed Glenn, parade; John and Erin Lovette, fair booth; Norma French and Barton Clark, phone calling and Gene Allen, platform.

## Extension agent offers gardening tips

If cold weather makes leaves on your rhododendron shrubs curl and droop, don't worry, says Ray McNeilan, Oregon State University (OSU) Extension home gardening agent. "This is a normal reaction to cold weather for many rhododendron varieties. "The leaves will return to normal once the weather warms up," he said.

However, extreme cold temperatures may damage some landscape plants. Prune back broken limbs to get rid of stubs that could otherwise be a source of infection and insect problems. When pruning, cut back broken limbs so they are flush with the

## Hoop Shoot winners



Winners of the local Hoop Shoot contest sponsored by the Heppner Elks club Saturday, Jan 18 are (front) l-r 8-9 year olds, Lindsey Ward and Shad Hisler; (back) 10-11 year olds, Jared Eckman, Jill Barber, 12-13 year olds Jossie Evans and Steve Allen.

The boy and girl making the most free throws out of 25, from each age division advances on to the district contest held in Hermiston. This year it will be Feb. 8. Around 72 youth participated in the local contest from the Heppner, Lexington and lone area.

## 'Herbs' Garden club topic

Growing, harvesting, storing and using fresh herbs in cooking was the program topic at the January 6 meeting of the Heppner Garden club held at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. Easy herbs to grow include basil, parsley, tarragon, oregano, chives, dill and mints.

Although they require no special soil type, they do need good drainage, five to 10 percent humus and 10 to 12 inch soil depth. Seedlings can be grown indoors in planting soil medium in flats and transplanted into the garden. During growing season they require watering about twice a week. A drip system is the best method. Herbs are comparatively disease and insect free.

Herbs should be harvested by clipping stem ends, not allowing flower heads to form. This results in bushier plants with more leaves to cut. Compared to dried herbs, fresh ones require from two to four times the amount for recipes and are much more flavorful. To insure a continuous supply of

fresh herbs, they may be chopped and frozen in water in ice cube trays or beaten into softened butter and dropped by spoonful on cookie trays. When frozen, transfer these to sealable plastic bags and store in freezer. Herbs may also be preserved by pouring a cup of vinegar (bring to a boil) over bruised herb leaves and a clove of garlic. After one week or when the flavor is just right, pour through a coffee filter and store.

Herb sauces and dressings can make gourmet dishes out of simple everyday foods. For steamed carrots add two tablespoons in the water. For salad dressing combine in a blender 1/2 cup vegetable oil, olive oil and vinegar, a clove of garlic and two or three tablespoons herbs. Refrigerate. For a creamy dressing mix with whisk or fork 1/2 cup yogurt, 1/4 cup olive oil and lemon juice, freshly ground pepper, dash of cayenne and two tablespoons of fresh dill.

Use this cream sauce over an omelette, fish vegetables or a grilled cheese sandwich. In a pan heat one tbsp butter to foam; add one tbsp flour and blend; add one cup milk and cook to thicken. Add one to two tbsp chopped tarragon or other herb, fresh ground pepper and a pinch of chopped chili pepper.

A basic pesto to use on pasta, chicken or broccoli, zucchini and experiment makes a paste in blender or processor: one cup fresh basil, 1/4 cup olive oil, two cloves garlic, one tbsp pine nuts or almonds, five tbsp parmesan cheese and two tbsp of melted butter.

The club critiqued the December greens workshop and made plans for decorating the

banquet tables for the Town and Country and the upcoming St. Patrick's weekend. Hostesses were Daisy Collins and Mary Goheen.

The program for the Feb. 3 meeting will be "Landscaping the Home Garden."

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