

## HHS tracksters turn in outstanding performances

Several Heppner High School tracksters turned in outstanding individual performances as the current track season opened at the Umatilla/Heppner Invitational track meet at Umatilla last Saturday, April 4.

Twenty schools competed in the affair that saw many state's bests for the day. This is annually one of the most competitive and talent-laden track meets of the year.

Sophomore Leonard Brittner led the HHS assault with a class record in the high jump by leaping 6'4" and triple jumping 42'0" for a pair of first place finishes. He also placed third in the long jump but failed to place in the high hurdles.

A pair of freshmen girls surprised other runners with superior

## Saturday last day for tryouts

This Saturday, April 11 will be the last day to tryout for Little League Majors. Tryouts will start at 9 a.m. at the little league field. Cost is \$20 a player and signups will be taken Saturday for those not signed up.

## Ione church plans Holy Week service

The Ione United Church of Christ is planning two special services for Holy Week this year, Maundy Thursday April 16 and Easter morning, April 19.

Maundy Thursday a candlelight service of prayer, readings, communion, and Taize chanting will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Taize is a small village in France that is home to a community of retreat and renewal that attracts thousands of visitors each year. The music associated with this contemplative center is beautifully simple, repetitive and scripture-based.

The traditional Shaker hymn "Lord of the Dance" will be the theme of Ione's Easter Service, which begins at 10 a.m. Both the adult and new children's choir will offer special anthems. The service will be preceded by a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Church school for children through seventh grade will begin at 9 a.m.

Everyone is invited to all services at Ione.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

On the first Tuesday of each month, the chamber program consists of the business meeting.

This gives all entities an opportunity to share priorities in their business, organization, government, and chamber committees. Thoughts and ideas are exchanged and I share these with you:

**Transient Room Tax:** Chamber members are encouraged to attend the April 13 city council meeting or write letters indicating their feelings on the issue.

**Tourism:** the Morrow County Tourism Committee, along with the museum and chamber, is

hosting a hospitality training workshop Monday, April 27. This training is open to all owners, managers, and employees in Morrow and Umatilla counties interested in putting the "Oh" in their business. It will be conducted by Janet Kerr Porter, state hospitality trainer. Cost is \$5 and we hope that we will have as many local participants as are attending from Pendleton and Hermiston. Contact the chamber office, John Edmundson, or Marsha Sweek for applications, due April 22 at the chamber office.

**Legislation:** Chamber hopes to work jointly with the Republican and Democratic Central Committees to host a candidates fair, tentatively scheduled for May 5.

**Non-dues Income:** "Everything is coming up roses" will have occurred by the time you read this and we hope you have a dozen roses. The support of this project is very much appreciated. Two dozen roses paid for the postage on requested relocation and tourist information, which chamber mailed out today. In addition to Oregon locations, responses went to California, Missouri, Georgia, Canada, Idaho, just to name a few. Some of these people stop by the office when they visit to say "thanks."

**St. Patrick's Celebration:** A wrap-up meeting was held with positive reports and the decision to hold our 1993 celebration on March 12, 13 and 14. We will try to have the Irish Singers and Dancers return, as it is important that we continue to share our Irish heritage through music and history. See letters to the editor for continued appreciation to our community.

**Sesquicentennial Celebration:** Marsha Sweek encouraged one and all to make application or suggestions for the \$10,000 available in Morrow County through the grant program administered by the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council for a local heritage project. These projects can range from murals, statues, signage, historical performance, educational program, preservation projects, etc. The Oregon Trail Task Force Committee is particularly interested in lasting legacy projects with long-term results. Visit with Marsha and get a letter of request to her by May 1. Thousands of visitors are expected in 1993...the year of the Oregon Trail. Let's be ready.

**Summer Program for Youth:** the children and Youth Services are planning an intensive month-long program for youth. They need input from chamber businesses as to how they would like to participate in giving these 30 plus children a sense of community.

**Secretaries Day-Bosses** are encouraged to invite their secretaries to lunch at chamber on Tuesday, April 21. Please be prepared to give a count at the April 14 meeting.

Now I know why I don't report on meetings more often. It makes for a very long chamber chatter. Chamber encourages you to join and be a part of the community decision making that is dedicated to creating a positive environment where people and businesses thrive.

Thought for the week: Anger is a stone cast into a wasps nest.

## Call for libraries

Heppner city librarian Dorothy Wilson urges local library supporters to vote "yes for libraries" during National Library Week April 5-11.

Friends of the library may call 800-530-8888 to show their support for libraries, librarians and "America's Right to Know". Callers may call from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, central standard time. They will be asked three brief questions indicating their support. They will be asked permission to use their names and addresses in statements of support directed at key legislators and will receive a free brochure with advice on how they can support their libraries.

Those who would rather express their support in writing should send letters or postcards to Rally for American's Libraries, 50 E. Huron St. Chicago, IL 60611.

## Forestry to hold classes

The Oregon Department of Forestry will be instructing "Basic Fire Control Training" classes during the month of April in Heppner, Long Creek, Monument, Fossil and John Day. This training is being provided for logging crews or individuals that the department may hire as "emergency firefighting" resources this summer.

State law requires that non-professional firefighters receive basic fire suppression training prior to assignment of firefighting activities. Logging crews and other forest activity employees are used by the department, on occasion, to assist in fire suppression.

Classes will be held in Heppner on April 16 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks club. Classes are also planned on April 14 at Monument and Long Creek, on April 15 at Fossil and April 17 at John Day. Those interested should call John Day 575-1139; Monument 934-2300 or Fossil 763-2575.

## RV park project back on line

Willow Creek Park District chairman Ken Turner says that construction of the RV park at Willow Creek Dam is back on schedule.

Turner said that the Corps of Engineers has said that surveying will begin this fall with construction expected in March.

Turner also said that the estimated cost has been reduced 25 percent from previous estimates from \$1.2 million to \$900,000. Actual costs will be less than that, added Turner, because the park district will complete the project itself, with in-kind donations and local contractors.

## Oregon Trail projects to be considered for grant

The Morrow County Oregon Trail Task Force is offering a matching grant program administered by the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council.

The council has offered \$5,000 minimum matching grants for heritage-related projects aimed at the 1993 Oregon Trail Sesquicentennial celebration. Morrow County has met the match and is now encouraging development of project or targeting an existing project.

The council specifies that the project may be a permanent addition to a community or region's historical resources; an historical performance, publication or program related to the Oregon Trail or to an area's heritage; an education program related to the Oregon Trail or the area's heritage; a community event related to the Oregon Trail or an area's heritage; or a restoration or preservation project.

May 1 is the local deadline for projects, but those interested in pursuing a project may contact Marsha Sweek, Morrow County Oregon Trail Task Force, at the

museum, 676-5524. Sweek says that they hope to submit the grant application in June.

Sweek says that a letter to the task force, in care of the museum, Box 1153 Heppner, stating the project, who is doing the project and the amount requested is sufficient as an application.

The council is particularly interested in helping to fund "lasting legacy" projects, those that will leave a tangible long-term result but this does not preclude assistance to one-time or short term projects, such as celebrations, says Sweek.

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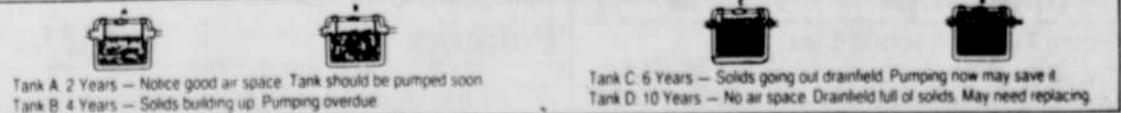
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