

HHS students earn state art awards



Award winners l-r: Danie Sunday, Ryan Pence, Tracy Blodgett with their slogans

Recycling artwork created by three Heppner High School students won honors in the statewide Recycling Awareness Week student art contest sponsored by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Danie Sunday won first place in the 9-12 graphics category and an honorable mention in the slogan category for her entry. Ryan Pence took second place honors in the graphics category and Tracy Blodgett received an honorable mention for his graphics.

As a first place winner Danie will receive a \$75 award and Pence will receive \$50. Tracy

Blodgett along with Sunday, will receive T-shirts and copies of DEQ's Environmental Atlas. Heppner students were among 181 entrants from throughout Oregon in this year's contest.

DEQ director Fred Hansen will present the awards on Feb. 18. In addition, Hansen will be attending a ceremony at Heppner Elementary School to present the Association of Oregon Recycler's 1992 Steele Gale Martin award to second grader Douglas Orwich. The Steele Gale Martin award was given to Douglas for his efforts to set up a recycling program at the school. In the future AOR and DEQ will be joint sponsors of that award.

BMCC beginning golf class offered

Blue Mountain Community College will offer beginning golf classes this spring at Willow Creek Country Club.

The group classes will be available on Mondays or Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Each class will consist of six instruction sessions.

The dates for the Monday classes will be March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 and 12. Thursday classes will be on March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8 and 15.

The classes are intended for people with little or no prior golfing experience. They will cover the basics of the rules, play and

etiquette of the game. The skills of putting, chipping, pitching, approaching, fairway shots and teeing-off will be covered.

There is a \$20 course fee and a temporary golf course membership fee of \$20 for non-members of Willow Creek Country Club.

Registration may be completed by contacting Sue Warren, South Morrow County BMCC coordinator at 422-7040. Each class will be limited to 10 people.

For more information contact Warren or instructor John Edmundson at home, 676-5177 or work 676-9187.

Scouts to hold annual banquet

The Blue and Gold Cub Scout and Boy Scout banquet will be held this Sunday, Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club. Area business people have been invited to the banquet which has the theme "Our Town".

Following the banquet the "fellers' cake bake" will be held. Cakes made by the boys and their fathers will be auctioned off as a

fund raiser.

Awards will also be presented. The pack will be presented a "quality unit" award for their accomplishments during the past year. Leaders Dan and Sandra Van Liew will be presented the den leaders of the year award and Jeff and Ronda Wallace will receive the Mr. and Mrs. Scouter award.

Hope, Valby churches begin Lenten

Congregations of the Lutheran churches will begin their season of Lent. Valby Lutheran located on the Lone Gooseberry road will begin their service on Wednesday, Feb. 24 with a soup supper at 6 p.m. followed with an Ash Wednesday service of the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 7 p.m. Scripture reading will be St. Matthew 26: 6-16. A dramatic monologue entitled "What is The Savior Worth?" will be given by pastor Hoobing.

Hope Lutheran, located near the dam in Heppner, will observe Lenten season with a soup and sandwich supper on Thursday, Feb. 25 beginning at 6 p.m. A service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will follow at 7 p.m. The same service will be held at both churches.

Sunday, Feb. 28 both congregations of Hope and Valby will observe the first Sunday of Lent. Pastor Hoobing will preach on the theme of "A Time

of Testing" based on scripture reading of St. Matthew 4:1-11.

The adult Bible class at Valby Lutheran will meet at 8:15 a.m. to study the morning scripture readings. The congregations will gather for morning worship at 9 a.m. During the worship service the 1993 church council members will be installed. Members of the Valby Council are Don Peterson, president; Dave Baker, vice president; Martha Peterson, secretary; Fran Barnett, treasurer; Shirley Palmer, financial secretary; and Kathy Carlson, Roland Bergstrom, Jane Rawlins and Anita Peterson.

Sunday school and worship service at Hope Lutheran will begin at 11 a.m. Pastor Hoobing will install the 1993 church council members: Steve Hill, president; Karen Dubuque, vice president; Irv Rauch, treasurer; Shelli Britt, secretary; Shirley George, financial secretary; Bob Broden, Judy Rickert and Elmer Holtz.

Pageant tickets now on sale

Tickets are on sale now at Murray's Drug for the Irish minipageant "Erin Came To County Morrow" to be presented Saturday, March 13 at 8 p.m. in the Heppner Junior High auditorium.

The show features performers aged four months to 84 years and includes some of Morrow County's top musicians and actors in concert, chorus, solo, duet, dances, and short scenes depicting the history of the Irish here. Tickets were sold out last year

several days before the show, so those wishing to attend should make their reservations soon. Some tickets have been reserved this year for out-of-town guests. The cost is \$3 for all ages and \$10 for a family.

"Erin Came To County Morrow" is produced by HIT under the direction of Chuck Nelson through the auspices of Morrow County Children and Youth Services Commission.

Meal site committee honors volunteers



L-R: Liz Grabeel and Allen Burkenbine accept award from Paul Jones



L-R: John, Ann and Meg Murray of Murray Drugs accept plaque from Paul Jones

The Heppner Senior Meal Site Committee honored around 67 volunteers at a luncheon at the St. Patrick's Senior Center on Friday, Feb. 12.

Master of ceremonies Paul Jones commented that the seniors began meeting in a "tin shed" at the rodeo grounds but they now have "one of the finest centers" around because of the support of volunteers. He also cited the

donation of \$45 thousand by the county to build the new center.

Special awards and plaques were presented to Murray Drug, represented by Ann and John Murray and Meg Murray, Central Red Apple Market, represented by Allen Burkenbine and Liz Grabeel and Court Street Market, who were unable to attend. All three businesses have "provided generous support", he said.

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Entries open for lamb cookoff

Entries are now being accepted for the third annual St. Patrick's Day Lamb Cook-Off to be held at the Farley Motor Company in Heppner on Saturday, March 13. Deadline for entries is Friday, March 5.

Entries will be accepted in three categories: barbecue, conventional and miscellaneous. Entry forms are available from

Maureen Krebs, event coordinator, Cecil Star Route, Lone, OR 97843 or the office of the Oregon Sheep Growers Association.

Adults compete for a grand prize of two nights lodging at the Driftwood Shores in Florence, donated by Lee Babcock and 3-K Livestock in Brownsville. Students school age through college compete separately for two scholarship awards, courtesy of the Oregon Sheep Commission, \$100 for first place and \$50 for second.

Judging will be on the taste, ease of preparation, appearance and appeal. Each recipe must serve 4-6. Contestants may cook their lamb dish on-site or bring it prepared to the contest area.

Entry should indicate whether any special equipment is needed for on-site cooking.

The 1992 grand prize winner was Mike Hedman, a sheep producer from Pilot Rock, with his recipe for Keith Kabobs. In the conventional category the 1992 winning recipe was Danish Blue Lamb Chops and in the miscellaneous category, the winner was a lamb salad with pepper dressing.

The Lamb Cook-off is sponsored by the Oregon Sheep Growers Association, the Oregon Sheep Commission and Heppner's St. Patrick's Day Committee. The cook-off is designed to showcase the taste and versatility of fresh American lamb.

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Off the Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

Along with the ground squirrels, I reacted to the false promise of spring when the temperature hit 60 degrees last week. But the return of a wintery blast is a reminder that it's only the middle of February. So don't store the long johns or the ear muffs just yet.

An advantage of living in the country, besides some weird get-ups to ward off the cold, is that neighbors can't see some of my antics. Last week when the bees and flies got active in the sunshine I left the house so as not to disturb these dust bugs or whatever you call those little hard-shelled insects that love to appear in the bathtub or other unexpected places.

There was no way to tell about the state of the health of the rose bushes and other plants that had been smothered in snow. Though weeds and unwanted grasses appeared lively and green, the use of a shovel produced some rather large mudballs.

I resorted to washing the car, which, like clean dishes, only lasts momentarily. My enthusiasm, like my energy, soon wore thin for other outside clean-up tasks. You can't call a spade a spade unless you can find it. And too often tools and other things are left where they were last used. Only that person, including me, can locate said items.

Those energy spurts perhaps come from a guilty feeling that I could probably do more if I tried. That fact was especially brought home to me while visiting with people when hubby was getting a check-up in the Portland Veterans Hospital recently.

As always, the hospital personnel and patients there, of all ages, are extremely friendly. One young man with wavy long hair asked if the seat beside me was reserved. I replied that the only thing holding down that spot was an assortment of magazines.

After moving the magazines, he said that he could have sat on them. And he related what happened in his attorney's office when another client asked if he was reading the newspaper on which he was sitting. He said he removed the newspaper and replied, "Yes, with a great deal of hindsight!"

As I sat on my duff, this guy was facing the reality of a growth on a lung after just recovering from major surgery. But he could be one of the fortunate ones compared with others there with terminal illnesses or limited mobility.

To keep from falling asleep and to relieve arthritic stiffness, I took a walk near the hospital entrance enjoying the balmy weather. Another impromptu discussion ensued with a young man in his 30s who was also marking time. Somehow this led to a 'state of affairs' conversation.

What surprised me was this young person's declaration that television with its tabloid-shocker type programming has led to the downfall of morality and the increase of crime in this country. People of all ages are influenced by programs and movies riddled with crime scenes and violence, he said. My head nodded in agreement when he added that this so-called type of entertainment should be censored and perhaps return to a focus on the good old days of make-believe.

As we left there, I felt fortunate that I'm not one of the wheelchair occupants, although battling the rush-hour traffic in Portland is definitely a hazard. But it's good to know that of the 256 million Americans there are still a lot of quality people out there from other walks of life who would like to see the country clean up its act.

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