

Country Club wins Leprechaun's Choice

The Willow Creek Country Club ran away with the Leprechaun's Choice award in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Heppner on Saturday, March 13. They won a \$25 prize.

First place in the Irish group category went to the leprechauns from the St. Patrick's pageant, "Erin Came to County Morrow".

Dusty Rhodes was the Irish individual character entry winner.

The antique auto pre-1945 entry winner was the Pendleton Shrine Club. Second in that category was Darrell Vinson. The post-1945 first place award went to Craig Thompson. Second place was Kent Bowers.

The Camp Fire boys and girls won first place in the float category. Second place went to the Hardman Community Center.

The Dessert Shrine Club, Hermiston, won first place in the cars category. The U.S. Forest Service entry was second.

Kayla Sweeney and Chelsey Hedman were first in the bike category and Sandra Van Liew/Windy Acres was first in the animal division.

Howard Gilliam took first place in the golf cart entries and Raymond Reid was second.

The teams and wagons division was won by Joe Yocom, Morrow County Oregon Trail Committee.

First place winners took home a \$15 prize and second place finishers received \$10 each.



Sandra Van Liew brings her "Windy Acres" down the street during the parade



Leprechauns choice award, Willow Creek Country Club

New manager for Les Schwab hired



Clockwise-Jeff, Angela, Jon and Marcia DeBo

Jon DeBo of Grants Pass has been hired as the new manager at the Heppner Les Schwab store. He replaces Chuck Short who took a management position with Les Schwab at Enterprise.

DeBo, who was born and raised in Grants Pass, has worked for Les Schwab for 10 years, most recently as assistant manager there.

Jon and his wife, Marcia, have two children, Angela, 14, who will be a freshman at Heppner

High School and Jeff, nine who will be a fourth grader at Heppner Elementary. Marcia was born in Montana and raised at Rogue River.

"The short time I have been in Heppner I have found to be a real pleasure," commented Jon. "The people are so friendly and accepting. Please feel free to stop by and say hello. I am here to serve you the best I can. My family and I are excited to be here," he added.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Heppner has many exhausted "leprechauns" this week. Many, many thanks to one and all. For you, I share "The Legend of the Leprechaun" from Irish Blessings:

If you should be walking along a wooded path some moonlit night in spring and hear the faint tap-tapping of a tiny hammer, you might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of an Irish leprechaun, the elfin shoemaker, whose roguish tricks are the delight of Irish story-telling.

According to legend, the leprechaun has a pot of gold hidden somewhere, and he must give up his treasure to the one who catches him. You'll have to step lively and think quickly to capture a leprechaun's gold though, because this sly little fellow will fool you into looking away for an instant while he escapes into the forest.

A story is told of the man who compelled a leprechaun to take him to the very bush where the gold was buried. The man tied a red handkerchief to the bush in order to recognize the spot again and ran home for a spade. He was gone only three minutes, but when he returned to dig, there was a red handkerchief on every bush in the field.

As long as there are Irishmen to believe in the "little folk" there will be leprechauns to reflect the wonderful Irish sense of fun and many a new story of leprechaun shenanigans will be added to Irish folklore each year.

The St. Patrick's Committee "wrap-up" meeting will be March 31. Anyone else who has information and suggestions to share for 1994 please come by and visit. And a happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all.

Next week at Chamber: Carol Michael Bennett will be doing a program entitled "Your Privacy (or lack of it) in the Electronic Age." "Privacy is the right to individuals to decide what information about themselves will be communicated to others." This program promises to be very enlightening and will give some ways to protect our privacy. Chamber meets at noon at the Elks.

Xeriscaping topic of meeting

"Xeriscaping not only conserves water but also saves much time and energy used in caring for our yards and gardens," Eva Lou Greiner told Heppner Garden Club members at their March 1 meeting at the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Greiner, director of District 10 of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, presented the major principles of xeriscaping, which is landscaping to conserve water. When planning landscapes or refitting them, Greiner recommended adding soil amendments to achieve greater water-holding capacity of the soil, choosing plants that are relatively drought-resistant, limiting turf areas, mulching to retain water, and using irrigation practices that apply water directly to the roots of plants, such as drip systems to replace sprinklers. These practices can reduce water consumption by up to 80 percent and significantly reduce the time

and effort needed for garden work.

Some plants she recommended for turf areas were fescues or ground covers; for shrubs, barberry, sumac, firethorn and yucca. Trees recommended were Russian olive and honey locust. Among flowers mentioned were alyssum, black-eyed Susan, coropsis, shasta daisy, delphinium, sedums, yarrow and native wildflowers.

Pastor Stan Hoobing explained the South Morrow Scholarship Fund and the group voted that \$250 be used toward a match of \$2,000 now available to the fund. Nella Britt was welcomed as a new member. Plans were made for shamrocks to decorate Main Street planters for St. Patrick's weekend.

Hostesses for the potluck meeting were Cathy Dowrey and Ida Farra.

The April 5 meeting will study "The World of Creativity", a study of creative floral designs.

Women's Aglow interest asked

Women interested in starting a Women's Aglow Fellowship, a Christian women's group,

meeting in the Heppner area should contact Valerie Goodwin collect, 987-2713 at Dayville.

Marilyn Gardner wins O'Ducky race

Marilyn Gardner, Hermiston, won first place and \$100 in the St. Patrick's O'Ducky Race held Saturday during the St. Patrick's weekend. Gardner's plastic duck was the first to cross the finish line on Willow Creek.

Second place was Gene Orwick, Lexington, who won \$75 and third went to Sonya Lawson, Heppner, who won \$50.

O'Ducky T-shirts went to fourth through eighth place finishers: Travis Mosley, Steve Ball, Mahaley Huddleston, Arlet Campbell and Kristina Sweeney.

Fire does extensive damage

A fire that broke out at the home of Fred and Nadine Toombs, 162 Rock Street in Heppner, did "extensive smoke and heat damage," according to a Heppner volunteer Fire Department spokesperson.

The fire, which started from a woodstove around 10 a.m. Sunday, March 14, resulted in

damage to the contents of the home and some damage to the walls.

Seventeen firemen with three pumpers responded to the scene. According to the spokesperson, the fire was under control within 20 minutes, with another hour and a half mop up.

Myrtle McMillan wins leprechaun

Myrtle McMillan of Lexington was the winner of the 3 foot tall wooden leprechaun raffled by

People for the Pool. The leprechaun was crafted and donated by Marty Mitchell.

People for the Pool now has "Support Our Pool" T-shirts for sale at Sears in Heppner. The T-shirts are available in adult and children's sizes.

BOWLING

Dime A Dozen	W	L
March 7		
# 8	31	9
# 7	25	15
# 3	24	16
# 5	22	18
# 1	17	23
# 11	15	25
# 6	14	26
# 4	12	28

High game: Harry Hartley 196 and Alvina Padberg 173.
High series: Harry Hartley 510 and Alvina Padberg 488.
High team game: # 8, 750.
High team series: # 8, 2088.
Splits converted: Gerald Hoett 5-7; Monique Devin 5-10; John Breidenbach 3-10; Alvina Padberg 5-6 and 3-10; Nicki Hartley 3-10; Ray Banka 5-7.

March 14	W	L
# 8	34	10
# 7	28	16
# 3	25	19
# 5	23	21
# 2	20	24
# 4	16	28
# 1	15	29
# 6	15	29

High game: Doug Gunderson 210 and Judy Rickert 205.
High series: Gerald Hoett 544 and Noia Binschus 536.
High team game #8, 802.
High team series #8, 2247.
Splits converted: Ellis McRoberts 5-6; Duck Lusher 6-7-10; Tom Wilson 5-8-10; Darlene Scroggins 3-10 and 5-6; Gerald Hoett 5-7 and 3-10; Rhonda Garrett 3-10; Earl Garrett 6-7.

Thursday Night Ladies	W	L
Kinzua	20 1/2	7 1/2
B & C	16	12
MCCG	15 1/2	12 1/2
Tazmo's	10	18
Bedrock Bowlers	6	22

High game: Kathy Cutsforth 211.
High series: Kathy Cutsforth 505.
Splits converted: Diana Hoett 5-7; Kathy Cutsforth 3-10.

Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:
March 15: Stephen Jay Brownfield, 45, Heppner; and Luanne Marie Marshall, 38, Hermiston.

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