

Dance set at senior center

A dance will be held at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner on Friday, April 30 at 8 p.m.

Admission for the dance, which features live music is \$2. Those attending are asked to bring finger food for snacks.

Wranglers hold first playday

The Wranglers Riding Club held their first spring playday on Sunday April 18. After a potluck lunch an election of officers was held. Janet Greenup was elected president; Terra Adams, vice president; Judy Eckman, secretary and Judy Barber treasurer.

The next playday will be April 25 followed by playdays May 2 and 9. There will be Friday night playdays in June, a trail ride in the summer and cowboy breakfast August 22.

Playdays start at noon with a potluck. Events start at 1 p.m.

The Wranglers welcome new members to join. For further information contact any officer.

Following are results of the first playday:

Six and under: barrels, first-Brandon Davis, second-Kristal Temple; poles first-Brandon Davis, second-Kristal Temple; figure 8 first-Brandon Davis, second-Kristal Temple.

7 & 8 year olds: barrels first-Kelsey Greenup, second-Brett Barber, third-Lacey Davis, fourth-Donald Adams; poles first-Brett Barber, second-Kelsey Greenup, third-Lacey Davis, fourth-Cody Walton; figure 8 first-Kelsey Greenup, second-Brett Barber, third-Lacey Davis, fourth-Donald Adams.

9 & 10 year olds: barrels first-Blake Knowles, second-Shad Hisler, third-Sarah Eckman, fourth-Krista Adams; poles first-Blake Knowles, second-Shad Hisler, third-Sarah Eckman, fourth-Dustin Haguewood; figure 8 first-Blake Knowles, second-Shad Hisler, third-Amy Papineau; fourth-Krista Adams.

11 & 12 year olds: barrels first-Annie Hisler, second-Brian Knowles, third-Jaylene Papineau, fourth-Jill Barber; poles first-Jaylene Papineau, second-Jill Barber, third-Heather Davis, fourth-Annie Hisler; figure 8 first-Annie Hisler, second-Brian Knowles, third-Kathleen Greenup, fourth-Jaylene Papineau.

13-15 year olds: barrels first-Stephanie Haguewood, second-Shannon Walton, third-Char Coe;

poles first-Stephanie Haguewood, second-Char Coe; figure 8 first Shannon Walton, second-Stephanie Haguewood.

16 and over: barrels first-Jenni Ashbeck, second-Dick Temple, third-Laurel Temple, fourth-Terri Gentry; poles first-Dick Temple, second-Shelley Ashbeck, third-Jenni Ashbeck, fourth-Terri Gentry; figure 8 first-Shelley Ashbeck, second-Dick Temple, third-Jenni Ashbeck.

Grange week April 18-24

By Delpha Jones

All throughout the United States this week people are celebrating Grange week. This marks the 31st anniversary of Grange week which is celebrated April 18-24 by 4,000 grange communities.

The Grange was founded in 1867 the first fraternal farm organization in the country. There are now over 300,000 members in 37 states.

"Celebrations, special displays, and open meetings to let non-members know that we are proud of the Grange, its accomplishments, contributions to improve the quality of life and to challenge members to re-dedicate themselves in continuing to do their part in meeting county, state and national issues for a better America," said a Grange spokesperson.

Lexington Grange opened its Grange week with a booster night Monday, April 19 and the presentation of 50-year members with golden sheath certificates and pins.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, chamber manager

"God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things, right now I am so far behind; I will never die." Then again, if you're an 'A' type, who knows. Do you ever have those fragmented weeks? This week meant hosting 50 visiting 8th graders at the ranch and sharing our business with them. There are some wonderful students. This is the 13th year for the exchange. Enjoy visiting with them as they pass through your businesses and show them what small towns are all about.

Speaking of small towns, Cycle Oregon is at hand again. A meeting in The Dalles last Tuesday moved planning right up to the front burner. A Cycle Oregon team will be in Heppner Monday April 26 to look at the meal site and to begin making concrete plans. The 2000 plus cyclists will be in Heppner for lunch and lone for dinner and breakfast. Our entire county will possibly be involved on this endeavor. Anyone up for participating in "an all night lunch making project, Monday, Sept. 13?" The date for the cyclists is Tuesday, September 14 (the week of the Pendleton Round-Up).

Next week chamber will be honoring secretaries. All bosses are encouraged to bring their secretaries to lunch. Guest speaker will be Denny Newell, GEODC.

Thought for the week: "You know you're getting older when your happy hour is a nap."

Ione club goes international

By Anne Morter

The Ione High School International Club went international over spring break last month, jetting to London for a whirlwind tour of the city. Eight students, Michelle Kandle, Erika Bergstrom, Crystal Minster, Tanja Anderson, Nicole Hudson, Jim Logan, Jason Proudfoot and Brian Holtz plus two adult leaders, Kelly and Nancy Swarat left Portland on March 20 and returned March 25 after spending three glorious days in London.

Kelly Swarat, social studies teacher at Ione, founded the International Club as a way of providing students with a look at other cultures, races and types of living. The London idea was born last October and students have been raising funds as a group and individually since then to make it a reality. Fund raisers included the usual car wash and bake sale and the unusual, cleaning of cattle trailers. In between, there was bingo night and jobs were held down by many of the travelers. Of the \$1,000 package cost, approximately half was raised by the group and the other half was left up to the individual.

The group traveled with about 30 students from Indiana and Illinois. As part of their package, a tour director stayed with them for the entire time. The package also included at least one guided tour, this one on a bus. Some of the sights they saw were Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, Parliament, Tower Bridge, London Bridge and the British Museum. They also had the opportunity to take a walking tour and to use the "Underground" or subway. Despite all this sightseeing, Swarat said that the students had free time for shopping, investigating street vendors and to find the Hard Rock Cafe.

The group stayed at a tourist hotel where each room had a small "water closet" or bathroom. According to Swarat, many of the tourist hotels in Europe only have one bathroom per floor so they felt lucky to have private bathrooms, no matter how small.

Swarat says the trip went smoothly and the group "had a blast." Erika Bergstrom commented that she really enjoyed the trip. "I loved it. It was beautiful there." Erika's experience was that much more meaningful, since she almost ended up staying home. At 4:30 p.m. the day before they were due to depart, Erika, who was already in Portland, discovered she had left her tickets in her room at home. In the excitement to pack, she "overlooked" her tickets. After a few frantic phone calls, the tickets and Erika were reunited in plenty of time. Erika was impressed with the friendliness of the people she met there, especially since she said they had been warned that the people might treat Americans coldly. She said that people were very interested in where they were from. One person asked if Oregon was near Chicago and another guessed it was close to Florida.

Michelle Kandle, a junior, also said the trip was a great experience. "I'd take it again and I'd tell anyone else to take it," says Michelle. She was quite impressed with the cleanliness of such a big city. She said that she saw people sweeping the streets almost constantly, and even between the cars.

Swarat envisions a trip like this, although not always to London, every other year. He tells the students that this is the best time for them to travel especially since students are offered special rates on travel packages.

Irrigon man convicted of sex crimes

Jose Luis Lomas-Torres, 37, Irrigon, was convicted of several counts of Rape, Child Sexual Abuse and Unlawful Penetration on Thursday, April 8 according to Morrow County District Attorney Earl Woods, Jr.

Lomas-Torres was convicted of two counts of first degree rape, one count of first degree attempted sodomy, three counts of first degree sexual abuse and two counts of unlawful sexual

penetration against his one-year old daughter and six-year old niece between Sept. and December, 1992. He was found not guilty on one count of rape and two additional charges of sexual abuse.

Lomas-Torres is lodged at Franklin County awaiting sentencing. Woods said that Lomas-Torres could receive up to 100 years in jail if the sentences run consecutively.

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