



It's hard to believe, with the thermometer hovering around 70 degrees Tuesday, March 1, that a surprise snow storm created this winter scene in Heppner last Friday.

## St. Pat's plan family enrichment retreat

A family enrichment retreat will be presented at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner March 5 and 6. Saturday will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m., and Sunday will be from noon to 3 p.m. The retreat will be conducted by Mitch and Kathy Finley.

Mitch Finley has an M.A. in theology and has written for many magazines and papers, including "America", "Notre Dame Magazine", "Catholic Digest", "St. Anthony Messenger", "Liguorian", "The Christian Science

Monitor" and "Outdoor Life." He is also the author of several books: "Married Love: A Special Way Of Being Alive", "Time Capsules Of The Church", "Living Scripture" and "Your Family in Focus".

Kathy Finley has a B.A. in theology, and an M.A. in religious education and counseling psychology. She is an adjunct instructor in the religious studies department of Gonzaga University. She and her husband are popular speakers on topics such as parish family ministry,

the spirituality of marriage, Christian parenting, family spirituality and the parish-household connection. They believe in the interdependent relationship that exists between the parish and the households that constitute the parish.

Those wishing to register should contact Fr. Gerry Condon at P.O. Box 633, Heppner, or phone 676-9462 before March 2. The cost of registration is \$5 which includes lunch on Saturday.

## Services planned at Hope, Valby

"Cleaning Up From Beginning to End" is the theme of this week's sermon at Hope and Valby Lutheran Churches. Pastor Stan Hoobing's sermon is based on scripture reading from John 2:13-22. The congregations will also observe Holy Communion.

Adult Bible study at Valby begins at 8:15 a.m. with worship at 9 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion and Sunday school at Hope Lutheran church begins at 11

a.m. During the weeks before Easter, the congregations are holding special mid-week services on the "Seven Last Words" of Jesus on the theme of "Words That Last Forever". Soup supper will begin at 6 p.m. with service at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, at Valby and Wednesdays at Hope. The word for March 8 and 9 is "Forsaken" "My God, My God, Why hast Thou Forsaken Me?" Visitors and friends are welcome.

## Scholarship fund seeks donations

The Lexington voter precinct scholarship committee is seeking donations to their recently established scholarship fund.

The fund was started with \$4,000 from the Lexington tip-page fees from the Finley Buttes Landfill project and the committee members say they would like to see the fund grow to at least \$10,000. With \$10,000 the

scholarship could probably continue indefinitely by using the interest and never touching the principal, said a committee member.

Students who have completed one year of schooling above the high school level and whose parents live in the Lexington voter precinct are eligible to apply for the \$500 scholarship which will be administered by the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust. Application forms may be picked up at the school district office in Lexington or at Heppner or Lone high schools. Deadline for applications to be turned in at the school district office in Lexington is 5 p.m. March 23.

## Historical Society plans tour to Poulsbo, WA.

Deadline for registration for the Morrow County Historical Society tour to Poulsbo, WA, is rapidly approaching. Those interested in attending should call Delpha Jones, 989-8189, to reserve their spot by March 10.

The tour will depart on Friday, May 6. On the first day a continental breakfast will be served

at the Memaloose rest area, compliments of the Historical Society. Travelers will board the Mount Hood Railroad for a scenic ride to Parkdale and will enjoy breakfast at McMenamins, a restored 1911 county poor farm, which is now a bed and breakfast, restaurant and pub. The destination that evening is

Poulsbo. After breakfast on their own Saturday morning, May 7, travelers will leave for Bremerton, where a surprise awaits, courtesy of the Historical Society. Then they will board a ferry for Blake Island, where they will enjoy a freshly baked salmon buffet. A no-host dinner will be in Poulsbo that evening.

The final day the travelers will be treated to a Mother's Day champagne brunch in Olympia.

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## HES students to compete in contest

Heppner elementary school students will be competing in a television/public service announcement contest co-sponsored by Keep Oregon Green (KOG) and Oregon Cable Television Association (OCTA).

There are three levels of competition: K-6, 6-9, and 9-12; and two categories, individual and group. Results will be announced April 1.

Statewide winners in the group contest will receive camcorders, television sets or VCRs with remotes for their classroom or school programs. Winning entries will be aired on local cable television stations and the community college telecommunication system.

"This contest is a good example of Oregon's new school reform in action with schools, state agencies, and private industry working together to provide opportunities for students to learn by doing, in context with work based learning and advancement towards a certificate of mastery," said a news release from Keep Oregon Green.

## HEDC make plans for mill closure

Heppner Economic Development Corporation has announced that it has done some preplanning to help those persons employed by Kinzua Corporation and associated timber workers, in the event of the closure of the Kinzua Mill.

HEDC has met twice with service providers, including the Oregon Employment Department, GEODC, CAPECO, Mid-Columbia Employment and Training, OEDD, Blue Mountain Community College, Port of Morrow and others who might be able to offer transitional help to timber product workers in the event of a layoff.

As a result of these meetings,

## Master Gardener training slated

A master gardener training is set for March 28 to April 1 at the North Lexington Grange. Interested gardeners should register by March 15 with the Morrow County Extension office, 676-9642. There is a \$15 charge.

The master gardener program is a state-wide program administered by the Oregon State University Extension Service. In exchange for 35 to 40 hours of instruction in various aspects of gardening, participants are expected to spend a like amount of time doing community service related to gardening.

Master gardeners may repay their debt by answering horticulture questions, by presenting gardening workshops, by planting community gardens, or by doing any project that is acceptable to both the Master Gardener and the Extension Office.

For more information, including an agenda, contact the extension office.

if the sale of the Kinzua Mill goes through and the mills is closed, an HEDC news release said that representatives of the Employment Department who handle unemployment, CAPECO, JPTA and Blue Mountain Community College will meet with employees and with the community within a week of any notice of closure. An office will be staffed in Heppner to allow employees to sign up for unemployment, job retraining and other benefits, said the release. The initial meeting with the employees will take place at the mill site and resources will be made available in Heppner to work with employees for replacement income. Support will be offered by GEODC and the Small Business Development Center of Blue Mountain Community College for any employees who may

be considering their own business, the release continued.

HEDC says it will continue to work with the Port of Morrow, the Oregon Economic Development Department and the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation to replace jobs in the community and make it possible for citizens to stay. HEDC officers stress that these arrangements are to be prepared for the worst case scenario. HEDC continues to be optimistic that any sale of Kinzua will result in a viable economic base for this area, the release said.

Anyone with questions may contact Cliff Green, Fred Toombs, or Ann Spicer. For specific questions relating to unemployment benefits or job training benefits contact the appropriate agency.

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**TOP TEN QUESTIONS ABOUT SCHOOL BOND ISSUE**

# 4 Will the school district tear down the "Old Irrigon School" if this bond levy passes?

No. The School Board has agreed to keep the "Old Irrigon School" and work with the City of Irrigon to maintain it for both community and school use.

# 3 Do we have any current school bonds to pay off?

No. The last bond levy for the Morrow County School District was paid off in 1993. The tax rate has already gone down \$.69 per \$1,000 since these bonds were paid off.

Look for questions 2 & 1 in next week's paper  
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