

Auction and barbecue biggest year ever



Volunteers of the lone community help with the annual auction. The auction and barbecue raised more than \$21,000. Photo by Joyce Hughes

By Anne Morter
The 32nd annual Lone Auction and Barbecue was the biggest one yet, according to event chairperson Judy Rea. Despite intermittent rain showers, a large crowd gathered at the Willows Grange Hall to take part in the day full of activities.

The crowd began to gather around 9 a.m. as people came early to the Country Store in search of treasures. Shoppers were allowed to look and even guard merchandise but no one was allowed to pick up their items until the bell rang promptly at 10 a.m. By the time the bell rang, the hall was packed and the selection of homemade baked goods, crafts and handwork as well as good assortment of "pre-owned" items were quickly snapped up. At 10:30 a.m. Frank and Gary

Bettencourt of Triad Auctioneers in Arlington got the main event, the auction, underway. The list of auction items was endless. This year's auction lasted until 5:30 p.m., about an hour and a half longer than usual. Big ticket items included a camper, an Audi that came with another Audi for parts, a large assortment of antiques and the featured quilt.

The auction stopped at 12:30 p.m. and the crowd followed their noses to the tantalizing scent of the barbecued beef dinner. About 430 pounds of beef, wrapped in burlap and foil, were put in the pit to cook the night before and carefully tended by church members, Virgil Morgan and Harold Rietmann. Dinner also included baked beans, salads, French bread and cookies. About 440 people took a break in the

bidding to enjoy the feast.

Preparations for this annual fund-raising event for the Lone United Church of Christ traditionally begin in January with quilt plans. A chairman is appointed in March but some people doing woodwork and crafts work year round on their projects. The antique committee also works year round, first locating goods and then restoring them. The auction and barbecue once again avoided rain despite a blustery week and an unfavorable forecast. In the 32 years, it has rained only once, back in the early years of the event, and lightly sprinkled Saturday.

Rea said she was pleased with the outcome. She noted that not only were sales at an all-time high but the Country Store was cleaned out nicely and the clean-up went quickly that evening.

Scholarship Trust group to meet

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust will hold its annual meeting Monday, June 20 at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County School District office building in Lexington. The agenda for the meeting will include the selection of a recipient for a \$500 scholarship for the Lexington Community Scholarship; election of board member to fulfill the unexpired term of Roger Helmer; a change in the bylaws; and a review of plans for the coming year.

The members of the board of directors invite persons who are interested in the scholarship program to attend the meeting. Members include: Rev. Stan Hoobing, Bill Rietmann, Bob Kahl, Jim Swanson, Dana Reid, George Koffler and Roger Helmer.

Oregon Together plans meeting

The Heppner Lexington Oregon Together Group will hold its June meeting Monday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of Hope Lutheran Church.

The purpose of the meeting is to plan some drug and alcohol free teenage dances and other activities for the 1994-95 school year. The group will discuss an information brochure and assess its progress to date.

Any individual or organization who has an interest in drug and alcohol free programs and events for the youth of the community is welcome to attend and learn more about Oregon Together and its projects. Those who cannot attend but are interested in the program and would like to volunteer to help on a project should contact Rev. Stan Hoobing 676-9940 or 676-5069.

My Two Cents Worth

By Louis Carlson, Morrow County Judge

In my eight years as county Judge, there has been one consistent request from the public to the county court, not to "create" new positions and enlarge "government". Even though we make every effort to do this, citizens from every corner of the county are complaining about violations of the county zoning ordinances. In plain talk, junk yards in back yards, goats, cattle, pigs and horses being raised within city limits. The gripe is that "my neighbors violation of county ordinances is devaluing my property and causing me great inconvenience and ruining my peace of mind."

Since this request for enforcement of our ordinances has been unrelenting, especially from the Boardman and Irrigon areas, the court has decided to establish a full time position of code enforcement officer. This person will respond to complaints from local citizens about trash accumulations, animal violations, junk yard violations, etc. We are currently in the process of developing a job description, wage classification and determining whether the position will be in the planning department or in the sheriff's department. Comments from you will be welcome in my office. As always, there is the good and the bad. The good is that we will enforce code violations, the bad is that it will mean one more employee and a wage for that person. What do you think?

Special services at Christian Life Center

A series of special services, featuring the Gemme Family from Longmont, Colorado, are planned at the Christian Life Center in June. Services will be 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, June 12, and 7 p.m. June 13, 14

and 15. The Gemme Family travels fulltime throughout the U.S. ministering in word and music. Pastor Van Cleave invites everyone to attend the special services.

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Piano students perform at recitals

Local piano teachers held recitals for their students recently. Carley Drake held her recital June 6 at the United Methodist Church. Students performing were as follows:

Lindsey Clough, "The Long Trail", "Comin' Round the Mountain," with Carley Drake; Madison Bailey, "Good King Wencelas", "Air", "Blue Bells of Scotland"; Brett Barber, "Swans on the Lake", "Chopsticks" with Amy and Carley Drake; Shanna Rietmann, "The Baseball League"; Meghan Bailey, "Air", "The Puppet Dance", "Turkey in the Straw" with Carley Drake; Claire Anderson, "The Dainty Dance", "Jesus Loves Me" with Carley Drake; Shelley Rietmann, "Under the Sea", "Swedish Clap Dance" with Carley Drake; Casey Ingraham, "Polka", "I'll Do Anything for Love"; Stephanie Clough, "The Wind Beneath My Wings", "Choo

Choo Boogie"; Amy Drake, "Save the Best For Last", "America The Beautiful"; Kim Pointer, "Stand By Me", "Heaven is a Place on Earth".

Deborah Wryn held her recital May 25 at Heppner High School. Students performing were as follows: Sally Calvert, "A Whole New World", "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring"; Vince Berretta, "The Golden Trumpet", "Ghostbuster's Theme"; Camille Sykes, "Irish Washerwoman", "Show Me The Way"; Kelly Rafferty, "Hymn of Peace"; Danielle McDowell, "Beauty and the Beast", "Indian Serenade"; Kaylee Zumwalt, "Moonlight Sonata", "Chariots of Fire"; Doug Orwick, "Raspberry Rondo", "Axel F"; Allison Sykes, "The Blue Danube", "Love Can Build A Bridge"; Andrea Miles, "The Entertainer", "Theme from Symphony No. 6-Pathetique; and Deborah Wryn, "Kei's Song".

Coordinating council updates plan

The next meeting of the Heppner Coordinating Council will be Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 a.m. at the GEODC office.

The council will continue working on the update of the Heppner Strategic Plan. A working draft of the plans goals and strategies has been completed. The council is now working on developing specific action plans designed to implement the goals and strategies of the Heppner Strategic Plan.

Master gardener program begins

A Master Gardener will be available to answer questions on Monday afternoons, 1-4 p.m. at the Morrow County Extension office, beginning June 13, extending through June and July.

Gardeners are welcome to bring problem plants to the Extension office or contact the Master Gardener at 676-9642.

The Master Gardener program is sponsored by Oregon State University. Master Gardeners are expected to donate time to the community in exchange for a week-long training.


For more information, contact the Morrow County Extension office, 676-9642.

The public is welcome to attend the meetings of the Heppner Coordinating Council.

Health plan topic of meeting

Melissa Stewart, representing Health Choice Inc., will be at the St. Patrick's senior center in Heppner Thursday, June 16 at 9:30 a.m. to explain the Oregon




Health plan which is now in effect. The health plan affects low income and senior citizens. Anyone with any questions should attend this meeting.



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