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Vietnam veterans to be honored

All area Vietnam veterans are invited to be guests of honor at a banquet planned for them this Friday, Dec. 30, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club. A social hour will begin at 7:30 p.m., following the women's alumni basketball game.

Banquet organizer Susie Ward stresses that the banquet will honor all those who served in Vietnam, not just those who are Heppner High School alumni. There will not be a charge for the banquet for veterans. The veterans will be guests of the Heppner Alumni Association, in cooperation with Heppner service organizations and individuals.

Ward asks Vietnam veterans and anyone who knows of a Vietnam veteran to call her at 676-9826, so she can extend them all a special invitation to the banquet.

Mayor Bob Jepsen has declared the week of Dec. 30 through Jan. 5 as "Heppner Area Vietnam Veterans Week" and Dec. 30 as "David Clark Memorial Day". Mayor Jepsen



David Clark

will be in attendance at the banquet and will make a special presentation to David Clark's parents. Clark, a 1966 Heppner High School graduate, was killed August 25, 1967, in combat in Vietnam. According to Stuart Dick, alumni tournament organizer, Clark left college to enlist in the army and, while in combat, "consistently took the place of married bud-

dies in tank combat patrols." The day he was killed he was taking the place of a married soldier, said Dick.

The public is also invited to attend the banquet. Tickets at \$10 each are available from John and Sonja McCabe, 676-5231, or at the door.

HHS alumni veterans include: 1963-Harold Gray, Gene Wallace; 1964-Bill Weatherford, Larry Muessig, Richard Clark, Ken Smith; 1965-Chris Brown, Greg Pierce, Jay Ball, Sherrill McDonald and Frank Robinson, both deceased, Dale Adlard; 1966-David Clark and Dan McBride, Simon Winters, Mike Burcham and Doug Drake; 1967-Gary Ball, Jim Doherty and Roger Leonnig; 1968-Mike Alsop and Cary Davis; 1969-Bill Baker, Gary Ball and Rick Witherrite; 1970-Hal Bergstrom, Phil Ayers and Jim Hams; 1971-Bruce Marquardt. Heppner area Vietnam veterans include: Carl Martin, David Sykes, Reece Schultz, George Norris, Paul Sumner, Earl R. Woods, Jr., and Bill Ewing.

Pool issues to go before voters

The Willow Creek Park District Board voted Thursday, Dec. 22, to place two swimming pool issues on the March 28 election.

The board voted to put a \$975,000 pool construction levy and a three-year operating levy at \$36,000 a year before the voters. The two issues will be tied together, so one issue can-

not pass if the other doesn't. Park board members were concerned that if the construction levy passed and the operating levy didn't, there would be no money to operate the pool and vice versa.

The pool option approved earlier calls for an uncovered zero-depth pool, which slopes much like a beach and is

wheelchair accessible, a water slide and a facility which houses the changing rooms, a meeting room and a therapy pool which may be used year-round.

The park district encompasses South Morrow County and includes the towns of Heppner, Lexington and Ione.

ASCS gets new name, Natural Resources Conservation Service

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service has had a name change. The new agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service was authorized as part of USDA's reorganization in October by Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy.

"Our new name more accurately reflects what we do," said Paul W. Johnson, chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. "Our responsibilities go further than soil conservation. They have for some time."

While the agency has focused on soil conservation for the past 60 years, it has also been the key federal agency to offer technical help on private lands for improvements to water, wildlife habitat, woodlands, grasslands and other resources connected to the land. More

recently, the agency has worked with the nation's private landowners to increase acreage of grasslands, wetlands and forest lands through USDA programs.

"More than 75 percent of the land in this country is privately owned. Those private landowners are the key to our environmental well-being," Johnson said. "We will continue to build on our 60 years of experience with a unique relationship between the federal government and those landowners, as well as our partnership with local conservation districts," Johnson added.

The new Natural Resources Conservation Service will continue to have responsibility for all the programs of the former Soil Conservation Service. In addition, several other programs have been transferred to

it: the Wetland Reserve Program, the Water Bank Program, the Forestry Incentives Program, the Colorado River Salinity Control Program, and the Farms for the Future Program.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service will increasingly look at all resources on private lands as its resource conservationists help private landowners on a voluntary basis. "We will continue to be the American people's link to private lands, as helping caretakers of the land. But we think of land itself as a core constituent. I think we speak for the land with a capital 'L' to go beyond to soil resource," Johnson said. "What's done on our vast acreage of private lands encompasses so much more-our water, our forest lands, our wildlife, our air and our quality of life."

MSW/MWCD board to meet

An emergency meeting of the Morrow Soil and Water and Weed Control District boards will be held Thursday, December 29 at 9 a.m. in the

Pettyjohn office building, conference room. Proposed budget cuts for the '95-96 year will be discussed. Attendance is important, said a spokesperson.

'Quicken' class offered

One of the most popular financial management software systems, Quicken, will be offered for agriculture producers on January 5, 19 and 26. The class is offered by the OSU/Umatilla County Extension Service and the Farm Management Department of Blue Mountain Community College, according to Mike Stoltz and Alan Nelson respectively.

The classes will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Hermiston campus of BMCC. Pre-registration is required by calling 278-5403 Extension or 276-1260 BMCC. The class size will be limited to 16 farms, two people to a computer for a total of 32. The cost will be \$80 per farm and will include the Quicken software, about a \$45 value. Space will be allocated on a first come first served basis, said Stoltz and Nelson.

This class will primarily benefit those producers who want to advance from a hand accounting system while learning the highest selling software. "This is probably not a replacement for very complex agriculture accounting systems that many of our large producers use," said Stoltz. It will also be an opportunity for those with new computers or those considering a computer purchase to learn how to use it.

According to Nelson, if people do not have a computer but are considering a purchase arrangements can be made with BMCC to use a computer in the meantime.

"The Quicken program can produce quality records, free of arithmetic mistakes, that fit right into a farm management program and meet requirements of lenders," said Nelson.

Instructors will be Dr. Bart Eleveld of the Oregon State University Agriculture and Resource Economics Department, Allen Nelson, farm management instructor at BMCC, and Mike Stoltz, OSU/Umatilla County Extension agent.

Lutheran Aid Assoc. donates to family



L-R: Roland Bergstrom and Betty and Gale Gray

Roland Bergstrom of the Aid Association for Lutherans, presented a check to Betty and Gale Gray of Ione recently.

Aid Association for Lutherans Branch-09601 held a "Helping Hands" brunch at Valby Lutheran church Nov. 13 for the benefit of Betty and Gale Gray of Ione. The Grays own Beecher's Cafe in Ione.

Gale Gray is undergoing extensive treatments for cancer and this benefit was held to help defray the cost of the

treatments.

A total of \$1,902 was donated from the church and the people of the surrounding community and Aid Association for Lutherans gave an additional \$1,600 to bring the total check to \$3,502.

Aid Association for Lutherans is a membership organization which exists solely for the benefit of its members and their beneficiaries and for social and benevolent purposes, said a spokesperson.

Geography bee finalists chosen

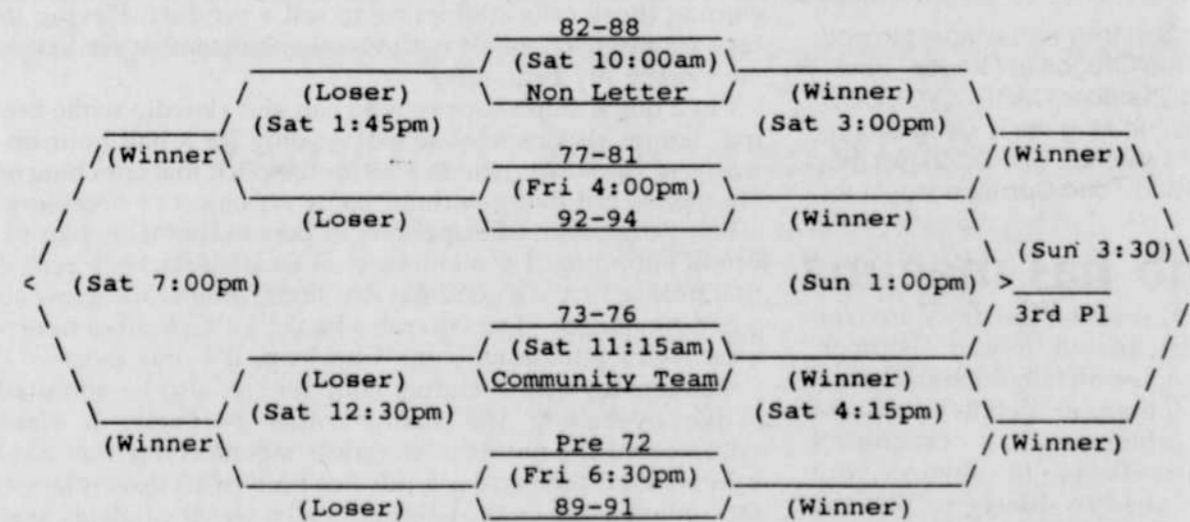
Students at Heppner Elementary and Middle school grades four through eight, took a written test during the week of Dec. 12-16 to determine the participants in the School Geography Bee. The school champion will take a written test to determine qualification for the Oregon Geography Bee later in the spring. Al Beck, junior high social studies teacher, developed the qualifying test and will present the official questions during the school bee. It will be held

sometime during the week of January 9-13.

Top students in each grade were: Daniel Jepsen, fourth; Jessica Gutierrez, fifth; Craig Scott sixth; Eric Rollis, seventh; and a tie between Kris Paullus and Tim Dickenson, eighth. Other finalists selected on the basis of scores were: Ben Goodyear, Jeff Currin, Matt Van Liew, Matt Jepsen, Jake Roy, Corey Miller and Abby Kahl, seventh graders and Jody Maddern, fifth grade.

Alumni tournament gets underway

MEN'S BASKETBALL BRACKET



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Fri 5:15 pm	Sat 5:30 pm	Sun 2:15 pm
Team A vs Team C	Team B vs Team C	Team A vs Team B

The 7th annual Heppner Alumni Basketball/Volleyball tournament will be held this Thursday, Dec. 29, through Sunday, Jan. 1, at Heppner High School and Heppner Junior High.

Men's basketball will get underway Friday at 4 p.m. with the classes of 1977-81 versus the classes of 1992-94. The cham-

pionship game will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m. A Heppner area men's basketball team will compete in the tournament for the first time.

Women's volleyball will begin Saturday, Dec. 31, at 10 a.m. at the junior high and will conclude at 2 p.m.

Also in conjunction with

alumni games, basketball clinics were held Dec. 27 for Colt basketball players and will be held Dec. 28 and 29 for seventh and eighth grade players. Gene Heliker, San Diego, formerly of Heppner, will direct the clinic with assistance from Heppner coaches and players.

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