

Kindergarten plans visitation

The Heppner Elementary School kindergarten will have its spring visitation and registration on Thursday, April 20.

Next year's students will have a 20 minute visit with the teacher, Mrs. Warren, while the parents fill out forms and hand in immunization records and birth certificates to the

office.

Call the office for an appointment time. The groups will be kept small so Warren can get to meet each child and each one will get a positive feeling about school.

Mrs. Warren asks that parents prepare their child for a fun visit to "their new school"

Bike-a-thon in lone set April 30

The annual lone "Wheels for Life" Bike-a-thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, is scheduled for Sunday, April 30. Anne Morter and Janet Thompson of lone will coordinate the event and are urging all residents to support this important community event.

The routes for the ride will remain the same as in past years, with a one mile circuit on the city streets of lone for less experienced riders and a 22 mile point-to-point route from Ruggs to lone for those up to the challenge, says Morter. Riders will be supervised on both routes and refreshments will be provided. Walkers, runners, strollers and skaters are also welcome to participate.

Pledge sheets are available at local business in lone and at Morrow County Title and Abstract in Heppner.

St. Jude Children's Hospital, founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, is the largest non-profit childhood cancer research center in

America in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success. All findings and information gained at the hospital are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world. Thanks to St. Jude Hospital, children who have leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, sickle-cell anemia, and other life-threatening diseases now have a better chance to live.

This year's Bike-A-Thon poster child, eight year old Shauna Richters, represents all of the patients treated at St. Jude Hospital. Shauna was diagnosed with Wilms' tumor, a malignant growth on her left kidney, in December of 1990. Shauna is in remission from her cancer and completed her chemotherapy (anti-cancer drugs) in June 1991. She is doing well and returns to St. Jude Hospital every six months for checkups. Shauna celebrated her last chemotherapy treatment with a present she had eagerly looked forward to, a new bike.

For more information contact Morter 422-7429, or Thompson, 422-7549.

Russian professors to discuss war

Two Russian professors and a retired U.S. foreign service officer will meet with students at Heppner High School Wednesday, April 19, to discuss the Cold War.

Professor Nina Nikolaevna Kazakova, with the Department of Foreign Languages at the State Pedagogical Institute at Kirov, Russia, Professor Stanislav Vladimirovich Silinsky, professor of philology (the study of literature, linguistics or speech) at St. Petersburg State University at St. Petersburg, Russia, both Fulbright research Scholars at the University of

Oregon, and Robert Willner, retired U.S. Foreign Service officer and executive director of the Oregon International Council, will be at the high school from 10 a.m. to noon. They plan to make a presentation to juniors and seniors based on a list of questions about the Cold War compiled by the high school teachers.

The program was arranged through Heppner High School language arts teacher Linda Dutcher who was selected to participate in an Oregon International Council workshop on the Cold War.

Give correct social security number

You'll avoid delay in your federal income tax refund if the Social Security number on your tax return is correct, reminds Alice Mills Morrow, Oregon State University Extension family economics specialist. The Internal Revenue Service will make sure you provided the correct Social Security number before it pays your refund.

In past years, IRS matched names and social security numbers of taxpayers and their spouses. This year, it will also check the names and numbers of all dependents listed on refunds. Dependents age one and older must have a social security number. Check the Social Security number on your W-2 statement. If it does not match the one on your card, tell your employer.

Mustangs split 1-1 with Sherman

The Heppner Mustangs went 1-1 against Sherman losing the first game at Sherman on Tuesday, April 5, 1-6 in a game filled with errors but came back to win at home April 6, 6-4.

At Moro, Heppner's defense had trouble with some costly errors that converted into runs. Senior pitcher Chris Dickenson struck out seven in his effort to maintain his winning record on the mound ending his 10 game winning streak. Trent Hughes was the lone run for the Mustangs. Dickenson sacrificed to score Hughes, who got in base with a single, in the first inning. Ryan Nevala and Dickenson both doubled in the second sixth respectively. Jim Garrett of lone had a single in the seventh.

The Mustangs got back at the Huskies when they came to town April 6. This time the Huskies were plagued with costly errors. Rod Zumwalt scored off a sacrifice by Chad Skroch in the first to get the Mustangs on the score board. Zumwalt, Dickenson and Skroch, all had RBI's in the second scoring Jon Hanna, Josh Coiner and Zumwalt to make the score 4-0 at the end of two. Heppner held the Huskies in the first four innings but Sherman's Greenwood scored in the fifth with a solo homerun. Sherman scored two more runs in the sixth threatening the Mustangs 3-4.

The Mustangs came back in the bottom of the sixth with Ryan Nevala scoring Dickenson and Skroch on a single to make the score 6-3. The last run of the game would go to Sherman as Shull parked one over the fence for another solo home run for the Huskies. Heppner's defense held the Huskies 6-4, while Chad Skroch and Jon Hanna took the win for Heppner.



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Off the Wall

By Mervyn Robinson

Heppner city ordinances dating back into the 1880s have been updated or repealed in the organization of some 500 plus regulations. One outdated law that was still on the books prohibited borrowing the city fire department's horses--the kind that eat hay and are not diesel fueled.

Back then perhaps an industrious person thought that those idle horses needed exercise. So in order to cultivate a garden spot that person hooked up those hayburners to a walking plow. There must not have been any spare horses to pull a manual pumper when a fire broke out.

Judging from some of the town's disastrous fires of that era, a bucket brigade was just about as effective as using that antique equipment. Quite a contrast to the city's updated fire department. Dedicated volunteer firefighters today routinely train and test equipment to ensure preparedness.

However firefighters are no longer permitted to ride on the back of a fire truck due to safety precautions. Compare that to when fire fighters rushed to harness horses and galloped to fires, minus protective clothing, with coat tails flying.

Local government has been cognizant of the need to update equipment and nullify regulations that are no longer applicable. Yet I wonder if there are ordinances that prohibit spitting on sidewalks or if a building permit is needed to construct a tree house. As to the city's dog problem, it seems that Fido, no matter how obnoxious, can retain his freedom as long as he keeps his owner's identity a secret.

Like other changes, it seems that young people reared on cement sidewalks now need to be introduced to nature. Those lessons used to come naturally when youngsters played baseball on a rocky field or wallowed in the dust while shooting marbles.

Kids today wouldn't know how to hand hoe a potato patch or clean out a chicken house, but as much as I used to procrastinate at those tasks, it was very obvious as the where the food on the table came from.

This month Morrow County will be hosting Centennial Middle School eighth graders to educate them about agriculture and forestry. Too bad this can't include all urban dwellers who seem to think all food and other commodities are produced in a supermarket.

In the past those urban youngsters have expressed surprise in finding out that people here don't still live in log cabins, a popular notion to romanticize the west. Even some of our own town youngsters don't grasp that all agriculture production isn't done with big, expensive equipment. It still takes manual work to build fences, rogue wheat, brand cattle and produce lumber along with assembly line workers in food processing plants.

Many of those city youngsters may go away believing that rural lifestyles are for the birds. However I'm sure most folks here would agree that our less stressful and less fearful environment has many advantages when it comes to turning our youth into productive citizens.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



The senior focus on health group met at the the senior center office Wed. morning, April 5. Further plans for the Health Fair which will be held at the center May 4, were made.

Blood pressures were taken by the Home Health nurse before lunch. One hundred thirteen meals were served at the dinner April 5. Six meals were home delivered. Members of the Catholic Church served. The hostesses were Lynn Bibby and Elsie Huston. The meal site committee met following the meal.

The menu for Wed., April 19 will be beans and wieners, potato salad, corn, corn bread, fruit and cookies. Members of the Baptist church will serve.

There was one table of pinocle played Friday afternoon. Ten seniors watched the movie "White Fang 2" Sunday night.

Saturday evening, April 8 was a good turnout for the party at the senior center. Everyone enjoyed hearing Tim Cundell sing. What a beautiful voice he has. The seniors appreciated him sharing his time and talents with them. Many enjoyed dancing to his music. Irene Anhorn presented Tim with some teddy bears to carry in his patrol car to give to traumatized children.

The small senior bus driven by Dot Halvorsen took seven seniors to the Irrigon meal site for lunch Monday, April 10.

The AARP driver's refresher course "55 Alive" will be held at the senior center May 11 and 12. Sign up forms are in the center office.

Several senior bus trips to meal sites in the area are planned. The next two are to Spray, April 20 and Arlington May 2. Departure time for both is 9:30 a.m. Signup sheets are in the office.

Other dates to remember: Monday, knitting 7:30-9 p.m.; Tues. and Thurs., exercise 10 a.m.; Wed., blood pressures, 11 a.m.-noon; lunch at noon, quilting 1 p.m.; Fri., cards 2 p.m.; Sunday movie, 7 p.m.

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