

Hope, Valby plan services, activities

A parish-based program on elderly care, scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, will be postponed until the weekend of April 13-14.

John K. Meyer, president of Care Trust, Inc. of Corvallis, was scheduled to come and talk with members of Hope and Valby parishes about the program, but because of a scheduling conflict was forced to postpone.

The Valby congregation will gather Wednesday evening, March 6, at 7 p.m., at the home of Don and Martha Peterson for the third mid-week Lenten service based on the presentations of "The Parents of the Passion".

On Thursday evening, March 7, at 6:30 p.m., the congregation of Hope Lutheran

Church, Heppner, will have a mid-week Lenten Soup Supper, followed by worship service at 7:30 p.m. The father of Simon Peter will be the presentation at both Lenten services.

Sunday worship service at Valby Lutheran Church will be at 9 a.m. Pastor Stan Hoobing will deliver "Words, Words, Words", based on scripture reading of the Gospel of John 4:5-42.

Sunday worship and Sunday School at Hope is at 11 a.m. Debbie Basile will accompany the congregation in the singing of the hymns.

Visitors and friends are welcome to attend the services and events of the Lutheran parish of south Morrow County.

McElligott, Tworek receive awards



Melissa McElligott (l) and Marie Tworek

Melissa McElligott and Marie Tworek are the recipients of the Outstanding Service Award given by the Lone Ecumenical Youth Group.

McElligott and Tworek, both lone, have been active members of the group for four years. They have regularly attended meetings, sold and delivered Christmas trees to make money for service trips and shoveled snow for senior citizens. This past fall, they helped paint the lone Elementary School playground equipment and assisted Jannie Allen and Cathy Halvorsen with the Jason Halvorsen Scholarship Bazaar.

Both girls have participated in the Human Race, a fund rais-

ing walk to benefit the Burnside community. The seniors made their first service trip to the Burnside area in 1990 as sixth graders. Tworek has traveled to Portland to aid the homeless four times, and McElligott has made seven trips to Burnside.

They were both confirmed at St. William's Catholic Church last May.

Youth group members given Footstep Awards for outstanding participation and Christian spirit were freshmen Katie Tworek, Jessie Krebs and Niki Sullivan; sophomores Jake McElligott, Jenny Sullivan and Marc Orem; and juniors Kelly Morgan, Luke Swanson and Steve Allen.

1964, 1996 flooding- how it compares

Editor's note: Many people in the Pacific Northwest are comparing the flooding of December 1964 with this year's deluge. How similar are the conditions?

Loren Unruh, resource conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, has provided the following answers:

When comparing these two flood events, the difficulty is in trying to determine the amount of rain that fell and the amount of snow that was on the ground in the mountains in 1964. There were only four mountain stations in Oregon and Washington with good precipitation and snowpack records in 1964 (compared to 116 Snow Telemetered (SNOTEL) sites operating today). However, there will not be February 1996 data for these stations until next month, since these sites are not automated like the SNOTEL system. Therefore, some estimating was done in determining the current precipitation and snow amounts.

At this time it appears that the 1964 floods were much more widespread, affecting northern California, Oregon, Idaho and southern Washington. The 1996 area affected was mainly northern Oregon, southern Washington and the Panhandle of Idaho.

There was much heavier precipitation during the 1964 flood south of Corvallis; however, there was more precipitation north of Corvallis during the 1996 event. Snowpack in the Cascades appears to be higher in 1996 from some of the preliminary and estimated numbers. There was limited snow in the coast range in 1964 but 200 percent to 300 percent in 1996. This is most likely why some of the coastal mountain tributaries experienced record flooding.

The Willamette River likely did not reach 1964 levels because of the additional dams built in the 1960s and better reservoir management due to better data sources such as SNOTEL.

October and November 1964 started out very wet and warm and flooding did occur on many of the streams and rivers in Washington and Oregon. This flooding saturated the soil, allowing further precipitation events in December to go straight into the rivers. Much of

December was cold and between December 18-20, there were very cold temperatures and snow fell. This event caused much of the soil to freeze.

On Dec. 21, the "Pineapple Express" kicked in. This event was quite large and heavy rain fell from central California east through Nevada and Idaho and then north to Washington.

When the heavy rains hit, the soil moisture was either saturated or frozen; therefore, all the precipitation that fell went into the streams. Snow levels were also as high as 10,000 feet and snow melt occurred below 4,000 feet in Oregon and Washington. This event lasted until Dec. 25, when colder temperatures but continued precipitation engulfed the region.

November and December 1995 were very wet months and flooding occurred throughout Oregon and Washington. This brought the soil moisture to the saturation point, especially west of the Cascades. In January 1996, a combination of arctic air to the north and subtropical moisture to the south caused heavy snow over the Cascades. This brought the snowpack up from 50 percent to 70 percent across Oregon. Late January and early February brought bitterly cold temperatures across the Northwest. This froze the already saturated ground.

On Feb. 5, the "Pineapple Express" kicked in. This event concentrated very heavy rain over northwest Oregon. This

heavy rain fell on snowpacks in the Coast Range and the lower elevation Cascades that were 200-300 percent of average. The freezing level was an high as 10,000 feet and snow was melting substantially below 3,000 feet and moderately between 3,000-5,000 feet. East of the Cascades, less precipitation fell; however, high snowpacks and high temperatures caused widespread flooding here also.

When one compares streamflow amounts, it appears that coastal tributaries were affected much worse in the 1996 floods when compared to the 1964 floods. This is primarily due to the high amount of snow that was on the coast range. Willamette tributaries did have more snow in the basins; however, better management of the reservoirs likely contributed to lesser flooding in the Willamette Basin.

Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists the following monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

Thursday, March 7-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, March 11-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon annex, 1-4 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 12-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, March 14-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, March 18-blood pressures and immunizations, lone City Hall, 2-4 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 19-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, March 21-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 26-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, March 28-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

For the month of February

	High	Low	Precip.
2/1	11	-8	.00
2/2	10	-7	.00
2/3	18	-11	.00
2/4	17	1	.02
2/5	21	7	.04
2/6	53	24	.42
2/7	60	45	.25
2/8	60	38	.24
2/9	64	44	.22
2/10	52	24	.00
2/11	41	25	.00
2/12	47	26	.00
2/13	49	27	.00
2/14	55	28	.00
2/15	53	28	.00
2/16	55	31	.00
2/17	54	33	.06
2/18	62	42	T
2/19	60	39	T
2/20	58	37	.02
2/21	60	33	.49
2/22	48	27	.03
2/23	44	33	.07
2/24	40	26	T
2/25	39	28	.14
2/26	31	9	.15
2/27	35	11	.00
2/28	34	15	.00
2/29	36	14	.00

Jepsen competes in music contest

Matthew Jepsen, of Heppner, was one of over 150 junior and senior high school students who competed at the Northeast Oregon District 6 Solo and Ensemble Contest. The competition was held in La Grande on Saturday, March 2, at the Eastern Oregon State College campus.

Matthew, the son of Bill and Nancy Jepsen, and an eighth grader at Heppner Junior High, received a one rating on this trumpet solo entitled Sonata in B Flat by composer Henry Purcell. He was accompanied by the piano by Deborah Wryn of lone. He is a music student of Ralph Werner of Hermiston.

Competitors were rated on a scale of one to five, with one being the best rating, for their performance in one of six areas: brass, woodwinds, piano, percussion, vocal and strings. The top high school students were chosen to participate in the state band.

Pierce new chairman

Members of the Community College Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences recently elected Greg Pierce, head of the Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) Criminal Justice Dept., as their new chairperson.

Pierce noted the section has three initial areas of interest: designing a national transfer program which would articulate criminal justice curriculum between community colleges and four-year colleges and universities; developing and delivering state-of-the-art curricula and developing teaching strategies to promote independent thinking and self-esteem in criminal justice students.

Pierce, whose program attracts many students to the BMCC campus, has received national recognition for his insight into the unique concerns affecting rural community college criminal justice programs.

BMCC computer seminars slated

Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) will offer two one-day computer seminars in Morrow County in the near future. Interested students should contact BMCC coordinator Anne Morter, 422-7040, for more information or to pre-register.

Intro to the Internet is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Heppner High School. This class will give students a chance to see what is available to them on the information superhighway and just how to get there. The class is non-computer specific. Cost is \$45 per person.

On Saturday, March 16, Computer Maintenance will be offered beginning at 8 a.m. at Riverside High School in Boardman. Computers need periodic attention to keep operating properly and efficiently. The class will demonstrate how to clean and maintain your computer, both physically and "electronically". Students should plan to bring their own computers for optimal results. Cost is \$45 and preregistration is required.

Local students in college "Who's Who"

April Taylor of lone and Celeste Owen of Lexington, were among 20 students from Blue Mountain Community College who have been included in the 1996 edition of Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory included the names of the students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Federal flood aid approved for county

The federal government made Morrow County flood victims eligible for disaster assistance Monday, Feb. 26. County residents who have not already done so must report flood damage to be eligible for assistance. To report, call FEMA's National Teleregistration Center at 1-800-462-9029.

Flood damage reported to Morrow County Emergency Management includes damage to roads, pastures, livestock and fields. Willow Creek flowed over its banks above Willow Creek dam at Heppner. Hinton

and Rhea creeks were at flood stage for several days.

The dam and quick action by the emergency responders prevented extensive flooding in Heppner, lone and Lexington. Without the dam, an estimated six feet of water would have flooded those towns on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Ice jams and debris threatened to flood areas below the dam that day and night, but Heppner firefighters and public works crews from Heppner and Morrow County worked around the clock to prevent flooding.

Outhouse race set for March 16

An outhouse by any other name smells as sweet. But how fast can it travel?

St. Patrick's weekend celebrators will find out during the O'Shanty race on Saturday, March 16, at 1 p.m. on Main Street in Heppner.

Entrants in the race will decorate refrigerator boxes to look like outhouses and then will race them down Main Street with five person teams-

four to run and one to guide.

Anyone may enter the race a family, business or group. Those interested should enter at Twice Upon a Time, the bookstore on Willow Street. There is a \$10 entry fee.

Prizes will be based on the number of entries. First and second prizes will be awarded for the most creative O'Shanty.

For more information, call Peggy Johnson, 676-9815.

Country Rose joins AFS

Country Rose, located at 233 South Main in Heppner, recently joined American Floral Services, Inc. (AFS), an international flowers-by-wire service located in Oklahoma City,

OK. Trish Sweeney is the manager of the new AFS shop.

As an AFS Florist, Country Rose can arrange for delivery of fresh flowers and plants to almost anywhere in the world.

Births

Omar Barrera-a son Omar was born to Maria and Sixto Barrera of Boardman on February 9, 1996 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 0 oz.

Ryan Leo Sands-a son Ryan Leo was born to Barbara Thomas and Dick Sands of Irrigon on February 16, 1996 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 10 lbs. 14 oz.

Ryan Rochelle Dougherty-a daughter Ryan Rochelle was born to Dawna and Cliff Dougherty of Heppner on February 16, 1996 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. She joins a sister, Taighler, three years, at home. Grandparents are Maureen and Kenneth Howard, Pat and Gerry Dougherty and Oliver and Monique Devin, all Heppner. Great-grandparents are Marie Steagall, Lexington and Maurice Groves, Heppner.

Sarahi Hernandez-a daughter Sarahi was born to Leticia Mendoza and Luis Hernandez of Irrigon on February 17, 1996 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 10 lbs. 0 oz.

Development grants topic of meeting

The monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at the Morrow County School District building in Lexington from 7-9 p.m. The main topic of discussion will be the approval of the Community Development Grants.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions.

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