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### St. Jude Bike-a-thon set for April 28

The annual St. Jude "Wheels for Life" Bike-a-thon is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, with registration to begin at noon near the Ione Fire Hall.

Participants are urged to gather pledges now to raise funds for this worthwhile cause, said event organizers. Riders turning in at least \$35 worth of pledges receive a tshirt. Those turning in \$75 or more receive a sports bag and t-shirt.

Two courses are available. A one-mile circuit route within the city limits of Ione is set for younger participants, while participants feeling up to the prospect of a longer ride are invited to tour the 22 miles between Ruggs and Ione. Transportation from Ione to Ruggs will be available for bikers and riders and will leave lone at approximately 12:30 p.m. The

ride will start at 1 p.m., from both locations. Participants may also register in Ruggs. Other non-motorized forms of transportation are also welcome, such as baby strollers and rollerblades.

The St. Jude Bike-a-thon raises funds for the St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. This year's ride is dedicated to 10 year old Jason Ferguson, who was diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer in 1994. He underwent surgery and chemotherapy treatments, and is now cancer free.

Pledge sheets are available at Morrow County Title and Abstract in Heppner, the lone Market, the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione, and the Ione Post Office. For more information, contact ride coordinators, Anne Morter, 422-7429, or Janet Thompson, 422-7549.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center **Bulletin Board**

There were 100 people present for the senior dinner April 10 and six meals were home delivered. Members of the First Christian Church served. The meal ticket was won by Sue Vinson. The Senior Center board met following the meal. Blood pressures were taken before dinner.

The menu for the birthday dinner April 24 will be chicken nuggets, oven fries, peas, salad, muffins, fruity jello and cookies. Members of the Christian Life Center will serve.

The senior bus went to Condon Thursday, April 11, where 11 riders and bus driver, Ed Baker, enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner and visiting at the Condon meal site. Marian Brosnan won the free meal ticket there. The return trip was through Olex, Ione and Lexington.

One table of pinochle was in play Friday afternoon. Five seniors attended the Sunday movie, "The King and I," which was loaned by Darlene Arrington.

The bus will leave for Spray Thursday, April 25, at 10 a.m. Those interested should sign up at the Center office in plenty of time so that the Spray nutrition site can be notified as to the number attending from here.

Other dates to remember: Tuesday and Thursday exercise, 10 a.m.; Wednesday blood pressure clinic, 11 a.m., senior meal, noon; Friday cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday movie, 7 p.m.

# Vern Cook makes Heppner stop Grange week set for April 21-27



#### Beryl and Vern Cook

Former State Senator Vern Cook has announced that he will file for reelection to the Oregon Senate District 28. District 28 includes parts of Multnomah, Clackamas, Was-

Cook visited Heppner on Monday, April 15, on a campaign stop.

co and Morrow counties and all of Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Crook, Grant and Baker counties. The district runs from the eastern boundary of Troutdale to the Idaho state line.

Cook is a lawyer, having been admitted to practice in 1952 and between 1957-81 served 24 years in the House and Senate of the Oregon Legislature. He has had considerable experience in both civil and criminal practice, according to a press release. He is a former Gresham City Judge and Troutdale City attorney.

During his legislative service, Cook served as chairman of various committees including revenue and taxation, judiciary, natural resources, local government and military affairs. He began his legislative career as a member of the taxation committee and of the elecbe observed from April 21-27 in Lexington, Ione, Boardman and Spray.

National Grange Week will

"Since colonial times, Americans have considered theirs an agricultural nation," said a grange spokesperson. "The first census in 1790 showed 90 percent of the population living in rural areas. At the time of the Civil War, this had dropped to 80 percent. Today, the farmer is still an important factor in our economy even though the number of farms has dropped considerably.

"Oliver Hudson Kelley (1826-1913) is credited with establishing the Grange," the spokesperson continued. 'Even though he had no practical experience in farming, he shared the belief of others that agriculture was a noble career and that without the farmers, America's economy and moral fiber would collapse.

"In the 1850s, Kelley organized the Benton County Agricultural Society to share information about practices and farming implements. The official organization meeting was held December 4, 1867. Since that time, the Grange has flourished, becoming one of the largest organizations in the world."

The spokesperson also said the purpose of the grange is to improve the life of rural Americans by helping to secure such things as research to improve farming, rural electricity, rural mail delivery, direct election of senators, the initiative petition process, and the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Today, members still emphasize the importance of being knowledgeable about legislation, agricultural practices and topics that affect the community.

Anyone who is interested is invited to join the organization.

### Lancasters buy manufacturing business

Miller and Sons Manufactur-

He believes in taking ing has changed hands. 'positive action" to reduce Gene and Shannon Lancastcrime and recidivism, including er are the new owners of the mandatory educational promanufacturing business pregrams for all felony convicts, viously owned by Joe and Bonbounties and exemption from naRae Miller. The Millers conprosecution for those who help tinue to operate their welding, bring about the conviction of repair and excavating business. drug dealers and the funding of The Lancasters manufactur-

programs to divert youth from ing business will include custom-built flatbeds, all armor for Cook supports legislation pickups and trucks, brush 'protecting Oregon's living en-

In announcing his candidacy, Cook stated, "Senate District 28 contains many diverse areas and interests. My many years as a member of the Legislature and as a practicing lawyer make it possible for me to understand those interests and needs. With term limits now in place, my experience will be of particular value in providing

abuses." He also says he sup-

ports "putting teeth" into

Oregon's law prohibiting the

operation of motor vehicles

Cook opposes discrimination

based upon race, color, sex,

age, national origin or religion.

He opposes quotas, set-asides

and any law that give a person

a preference in employment or

contracting based upon those

same criteria.

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without liability insurance.

guards, side guards and bumpers, and a variety of custom hay forks. They will also build other agriculture-related equipment products.

"Customer satifaction is guaranteed," say the Lancasters. "Please feel free to call or stop by and see us."

The shop is located at its previous location, 235 Linden Way, phone 676-9613.

### April 18:

Fisherman's Night: Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Oysters or Baked Ham. Raffle Prizes include: Chain Saw, Custom made Fly Rod, plus many more!

### April 20:

District Deputy Meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00



bid separately. Vehicles can be seen at CBEC headquarters in Heppner from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays only. Sealed bids to be opened at 11:00 a.m. on April 22, 1996. Successful bidder notified immediately. Payment in full upon delivery, not more than 48 hours following opening of bids.

#### A potato give-away will be held Friday, April 19 at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, 441 N. Main Street. Frozen hashbrowns and french fries will be available. Donations to the Center will be accepted.

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