

Crop insurance meeting slated

A crop insurance information meeting, sponsored by Wheatland Insurance, and Rain and Hail Insurance, will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall in

lone. The meeting will cover the 1997 crop insurance changes. Pie and coffee will be served after the meeting. All producers are welcome to attend.

All Saints plan potluck, speaker

All Saints Episcopal Church, Heppner, will host a guest speaker at a potluck on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. The Reverend Doctor John Brackett will be the church's guest for a seminar on stewardship and stewardship planning.

Father Brackett, who comes to Heppner from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is the author of two books about stewardship, the last entitled, "On the Pilgrim's Way: Christian Stewardship and the Tithe". He has spoken to national audiences, consulted throughout the country and serves as a priest and pastor in his hometown. Father Brackett will speak "to a Christian understanding of the use of God's resources," said a

news release, and will respond to questions and discuss how to plan for stewardship education in the local congregation.

The potluck and program are open to all churches and people in the community. "This is an opportunity to interact with someone whose ideas and scholarship are nationally recognized," said the Reverend Al Miller of All Saints.

On Sunday, Sept. 22, All Saints will sponsor a youth activity night at 7 p.m. for middle school and high school youth. Youth will gather for fellowship, learning and activities. All youth and adults who would like to help or support are invited to visit and are welcome to bring a friend.

Garden Club to sponsor first show

By Merlyn Robinson

Heppner Garden Club members will hold their first public flower show and tea Sept. 21-22 at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. This show, entitled "Thirty Bloomin' Years," celebrates this club's 30th birthday.

Nationwide, garden clubs have been formed to promote gardening interests, educate in areas of horticulture and conservation, and to assist in creative expression with the use of plant materials.

The show denotes 30 years of accomplishments, according to charter member, Jane Rawlins, who is show chairman. The Heppner Garden Club was first organized in September of 1966 by the Wallace Wolffs, the Bill Rawlins, Ed Gontys and Jack and Rita Sumner. Others soon joined. To date, there have been 99 members. Current membership is 25.

Accomplishments include the beautification of Heppner, especially Main Street, where flowers and trees have been planted and tended. Two eye-catching niches are filled with planters next to the Post Office and Murray's Drug. Flowering planters also enhance the decor at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The club was instrumental in landscaping a slope at the upper end of Gale Street, known as Gontys' Corner. Likewise, memorial trees have been planted to grace parks.

Over the years, the club has supervised the county fair floral department, decorated fair booths and floats, and provided Main Street decorations during St. Patrick's celebrations. Club members annually provided table decorations for major events, such as the Memorial day dinner, Town and Country, and membership meetings of Columbia Basin

Electric Co-op and the Morrow County Grain Growers. Flowers have been used to grace tables at the Senior Center, as well as for weddings, anniversaries and other celebrations. During gardening week, flowers are placed in the library, the banks and business houses. New teachers are also given bouquets and welcome baskets of vegetables from club members' gardens.

A gardening shelf was initiated at the library as a resource, and education tours have been staged, both locally and in Portland and eastern Washington. This year, the club sponsored a Blue Star Memorial Marker as a tribute to armed forces members. This marker is installed at the mini-park at the lower edge of Heppner, with a capsule inside that contains the names of those who gave their lives during military service.

The Christmas season has been highlighted by wreath-making workshops sponsored by the club. Since 1969, these arrangements grace many doorways. People also have the opportunity to make their own arrangements from the variety of greens and materials furnished. Proceeds from this workshop and other fund raisers are used to fund a \$500 scholarship offered to a graduating senior planning to major in any phase of plant study. The club also gives \$100 donations annually to several non-profit organizations.

Garden bounty is now shared at the plant exchange each year. In addition, there have been workshops on making wreaths, dried arrangements in baskets and a six session course on flower arrangements. It's easy to see how the green thumbs of garden club members have enhanced the community and brought beauty into the lives of many.

Legion Auxiliary plans meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will have their first meeting for the year Monday, Sept. 23, with a potluck with the Legion beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The new slate of officers for the coming year are: Evelyn Sweek, president; Rita Hedman, vice-president; and Bebe Munkers, secretary/treasurer.

Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month beginning with a 6:30 p.m. potluck

in the basement of the Heppner Methodist Church. All members are invited to attend.

The Auxiliary is seeking new members and welcomes anyone who is eligible to join. To be eligible, one must have a family member that has been affiliated with the military. Anyone who meets this requirement and is interested in joining should contact one of the officers.

AWANA club to resume meetings

The AWANA club year will begin Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Lexington Baptist Church from 6:30-8 p.m. Meetings will continue at the same time on Wednesday evenings until April 30.

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to attend. Club activities include various games around the AWANA game circle, working in handbooks and Bi-

ble stories.

For more information, call Loren Unruh, 676-9873, or Lexington Baptist Church, 989-8555.

AWANA is a non-denominational Bible-based club sponsored by Lexington Baptist Church. Leaders from the Heppner First Christian Church, Christian Life Center, and All Saints Episcopal Church are also involved.

Arts and Crafts Club plans activities

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club (MCCACC) will have the fairgrounds annex open Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for people who have paintings which need finishing, repair, or input and ideas.

Crafters are invited to bring in their projects as well. Anyone interested in arts and crafts is invited to stop by and see what is going on.

The next meeting of the MCCACC will be held the same day (Sept. 25) at 1 p.m. in the coffee room at Yaw's with lunch to follow at 1:30 p.m. Plans will be made for the

upcoming arts and crafts sale to be held Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Heppner, and for the watercolor workshop scheduled Oct. 2-3.

Members are reminded to get their white elephant articles and arts and crafts items ready, and to bring two dozen cookies to the church the morning of the sale. The sale of cookies and white elephant articles will go to benefit the club.

Liz Love of Heppner was the winner of the high point prize for artwork at the fair. She received a silver jewelry box from Peterson's Jewelers.

Oddfellows and Rebekah lodges meet

By Delpha Jones

Lexington Oddfellows Lodge and Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday evening for the first meeting of the fall season.

The Oddfellows voted to donate to the flag pole at the mini park in Heppner.

The Rebekahs made plans for a busy October. They will be guests with the Oddfellows to the Heppner Oddfellow meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19, when the Grand master of the Oregon State Oddfellows will be present.

A letter was read concerning the McNary District meeting to be held at the Integrity Lodge Hall in Milton-Freewater on Saturday, Oct. 12, starting at 9 a.m. The president of the Rebekah Assembly will make an official visit. There will be an initiation in the morning, to which the neighboring lodges are invited to bring any member for initiation. Betty Schubert of Integrity Lodge is chairman for the district

meeting. Officers from Holly attending are Delpha Jones, past chairman; Virginia Peck, L.S. past chairman; Kathy Clark, right altar bearer; and Geri Martin, left altar bearer.

A letter was also received from the state president announcing her visit to Holly on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 6:30 p.m.

Plans were discussed for the fall and winter card parties starting on Saturday evening, Oct. 5. Geri Martin presented Kathy Clark with her Past Noble Grand jewel in appreciation for her past year's work in the office of Noble Grand.

Refreshments were served by Leila Palmer and Dorothy Jackson. This being the birthday month, gifts were exchanged.

On Saturday, the Past Grand Noble Club of Holly went to Condon, where they enjoyed dinner and visiting. Those attending were Virginia Peck, Luella Taylor, Delpha Jones, and the hostesses, Geri Martin and Kathy Clark.

Local fall term BMCC classes offered

Fall term for Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) officially gets underway next week, with classes offered in Morrow County. Along with classes of local interest, an ever-expanding selection of distance education courses are being offered to students. Distance education classes are conducted via videotape or on the Internet, giving non-traditional students access to college degrees that previously would have required trips to a campus. Interested students should contact Anne Morter, Morrow County BMCC coordinator at 422-7040, for more information.

In the local area, "Basics of Home Brewing" is a new offering, starting Wednesday, Sept. 25 at the Lone Fire Hall. Participants can learn the procedures used and equipment needed to learn the hobby of home brewing. Jim McElligott will instruct the class. Tuition is \$20 plus a \$20 supply fee. The book, "Joy of Home Brewing," is recommended and is available from the instructor. Students must be 21 years of age to participate.

"Handgun Proficiency" will be offered on two consecutive Saturdays, Oct. 12 and 19. The first session, which covers laws and safety aspects, will be held at the school district office in Lexington. The second session is a required firing session,

and will be held at the firing range in Boardman. This class fulfills the proficiency requirements for obtaining a concealed weapons permit. Instructor is Deputy Steve Myren. Tuition is \$35 per person.

Computer class offering for October include "Extending the Use of the Macintosh" and "How to Choose the Best Software for Your Kids," both taught by Sarah Carlson. "Extend the Mac" is a 10 hour class, held Thursday, Oct. 17 from 5-9 p.m., and Friday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Heppner Elementary. It reviews the Macintosh operating system, plus the use of INITs, CDEVs and peripheral equipment. Macintosh software, shareware and freeware will be available for examination. Cost is \$45.

"Choose the Best Software" can help consumers make more informed decisions about purchasing software for home or school use. With hundreds of titles available, this class can help consumers get something that is educational and will hold a child's interest. A large selection will be available for perusal, and during the Friday morning session, children will be welcome to try out titles first-hand. The class will be held Thursday, Oct. 24 from 5-9 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Heppner Elementary. Cost is \$45.

St. Patrick's, St. William's to begin religious ed. programs

St. Patrick's Parish, Heppner, and St. William's Parish, lone, will begin their catechetical programs on Sunday, Sept. 22.

Classes at St. William's for grade school students will be held following the 8:45 a.m. Mass; at St. Patrick's, the classes will be held in the parish hall from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Jeri McElligott is the director of religious education at St. William's; the teachers helping her will be Eileen McElligott, Lucy Tworek and Anita Orem.

This year both parishes are following a program named "Getting Ready For Sunday." This program is aimed at helping children "to effectively listen to, understand and respond to God's Word," said Father Gerry Condon. "It is intended to make the Holy Scripture meaningful for the students. It provides instruction, motivation and a prayerful explanation of the Sunday Liturgy of the Word," he said.

This program will be used for grades K-6. Linda Kenny will be the director of religious education. Teachers will include Shanny Miller, Bill Kuhn, Mary Haguewood, Jan Huddleston, Betty Hickerson, Kay Proctor, John and Ann Murray,

and Kathy Britt.

Sevent and eighth grades will be taught by Kathy Cutsforth and Nikki Sweeney. The program for this class is published by the Journal Press and will deal with the Mass, the sacraments and prayer.

Classes for high school students, The Young Patriots, will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 23. These classes will be held each Wednesday in the parish hall at 7:30 p.m. The students will begin with a four-week program of study of the letters of St. Paul to the Corinthians. This program will be conducted by Father Condon and Kathy Cutsforth.


Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church, or wishing to inquire into the teachings of the Catholic Church are invited to meet at St. Patrick's parish office, on Monday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. This series of presentations will be given by Father Condon.

A further adult study of family relationships will begin on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish office. All adults are welcome to participate.


For further information on any of these programs, contact Father Condon, 676-9462.

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