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**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

How did February get here so soon? Yes, the groundhog saw his shadow, but Heppner was ready to be energized with a steady dose of sunshine. The weather seems to be constantly reminding us that man does not and cannot control everything. A good lesson.

However, if anyone has the inside track, leprechauns have requested a very warm day for Saturday, March 15. Plans are moving forward at a rapid pace.

The Heppner St. Patrick's Committee is in need of chairpersons for the races prior to the parade (O'Shanty, O'Hanky Planky, and Bartender's races); a group to handle concessions at the sheepdog trials; and energetic bodies to make sure the leprechauns circulate during the weekend. There are many areas where volunteers are needed, the parade, the auction, wee leprechaun care, musical talent, etc. It would be interesting to know just how many work on the annual "green" happening. Many are tired and wish they could just play for a change, but being of sturdy stock they keep going and are determined to make this 15th celebration the best ever.

Cara Osmin has agreed to co-chair the annual event. (She may have been concerned about the sanity of the author of this column.) The Skaggs crew are sharing "the garage", again. Dave Sykes and Jim Farley are lining up a great KUMA coffee hour. Bob Kahl continues to chair the parade; he's done it for so many years that the leprechauns should carry him on their shoulders way out in front. Molly Rill is hard at work arranging entertainment. Her family is happy to learn the Arts Council will be offering assistance in the entertainment area this year. A full afternoon of music is planned, with the evening featuring the return of the former Wham-a-Diddle Dingbats, now known as the Cascadia Folk Quartet.

Judie Laughlin has sent the button design off to press. This 15th will be a collector's item. Gwen Healy will soon be announcing the Irish family. Doris Brosnan, auction chair, is wanting to help you clean your garage and attic for hot items; and the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust will again be cooking the barbecue, chaired by Molly Rhea. Treasurer, Donna Osmin, pays the bills. This is getting too long, so come to the next St. Pat's Committee meeting on Thursday, February 13, at 6 p.m. to be a part of Heppner's festivities.

And next week, Chamber focus. The Board had an intense goal-setting session and new officers

and members are ready to roll. Members who have renewed for 1997 are appreciated. We look forward to welcoming many new members this year, so everyone will be on board for a successful Main Street renovation campaign. Thought for the week: "Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night".

**Stress, subject of lone Topic Club**

"How to Handle Stress" was the subject for discussion at the lone Topic Club meeting held on January 22 at the home of Kerry Rietmann with Lea Mathieu-Peterson as co-hostess.

Mathieu-Peterson stated that since many people in today's society deal with stress daily it is a problem that must be addressed. Each one of us has our own means of dealing with stress, she said, such as taking on a special task, meditating, reading inspirational material, exercising or doing something for someone else. Since some people cannot solve their problems alone there are agencies that will counsel them and help them. In Morrow County there is the Behavioral Health Service Clinic located in the county annex building. Shelley Rietmann, chairman of the board of directors spoke to the group about this agency. She said that the agency is headed by Gary Oberg with a staff of counsellors who service all of Morrow County and Fossil. One of their objectives is to help change the image of mental health so that it is no longer a stigma to seek counseling but an acceptable response to a stress problem. They especially are interested in trying to help children and families solve problem before they reach the point of no return. Many cases are referred by schools, governmental agencies and medical personnel but they are also available for private citizens by appointment.

At the meeting two members gave thumbnail sketches of books they had read recently. A report on the library showed many books have been taken out by three and four olds and kindergarten children. The library will be open from 3-4 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday during February.

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**Valentines to benefit preschool HHS plans dance, play**

Creative Care Preschool of Lone will deliver Valentines in Lone, Lexington and Heppner again this year on Thursday, Feb. 13, and Friday, Feb. 14. Delivery is free within the city limits of those towns. Out-of-town deliver is available for an additional charge.

Several gift options are available. The first is a ceramic Valentine's mug with a small amount of candy, topped with a festive mylar balloon for \$6. The second is a five inch stuffed animal with a small selection of Hershey's candy tied to an 18 inch Valentine balloon for \$5. The last option is an 18 inch mylar Valentine's balloon weighted with a "smidgen" of candy for \$4.

All proceeds go to fund Creative Care Preschool, a private non-profit organization. Orders should be received by Wednesday, Feb. 12, but the selection is best if orders are received sooner, say sponsors.

Orders may be placed with Anne Molter, 422-7429, Miss Cutsforth, 989-8104, Shannon Lancaster, 676-5834, or Michelle Raible, 422-7037.

by Lonnie Rill

Sadie Hawkins is coming to all the high school girls and guys. HHS is having an old fashion dance where the female takes the man's place for a night. February 8 is the night when the dance is being held at Heppner High in the cafeteria. The dance will be held from 9-12 Saturday night. Cost is \$3 per person or \$5 for a couple. Those bringing a visitor will need a guest pass. Mr. Anthony has guest passes for out of town date or friend.

"Murder in Magnolias" is the new play that the HHS drama club is performing the February 7 and 8. The plays will be at 7 p.m. and desserts will be served between acts and will be donated by the Honor Society. The play is a "Southern spoof" directed by Brandi Marshall and assistant director Eric Schonbacher. The story is a mystery with a touch of comedy, and even some murder. Everyone is invited to come and see how it turns out at HHS.

**With Sincere Appreciation**

The Cowboy Christmas Ball of 1996, held in Hermiston, was supported by individuals from all communities. The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County, Heppner, wants to express their gratitude for the undertaking of this organization this past Christmas. Thirty-six children, served by our agency, received gifts that were purchased, wrapped, labeled and delivered to the Neighborhood Center, allowing these children to share in the joy of Christmas.

Through our doors, the community benefits from these contributions by assisting the poor and low-income persons.

We cherish your time and effort. In recognition, our gratitude is being expressed with a big THANK YOU!

Warm Regards,

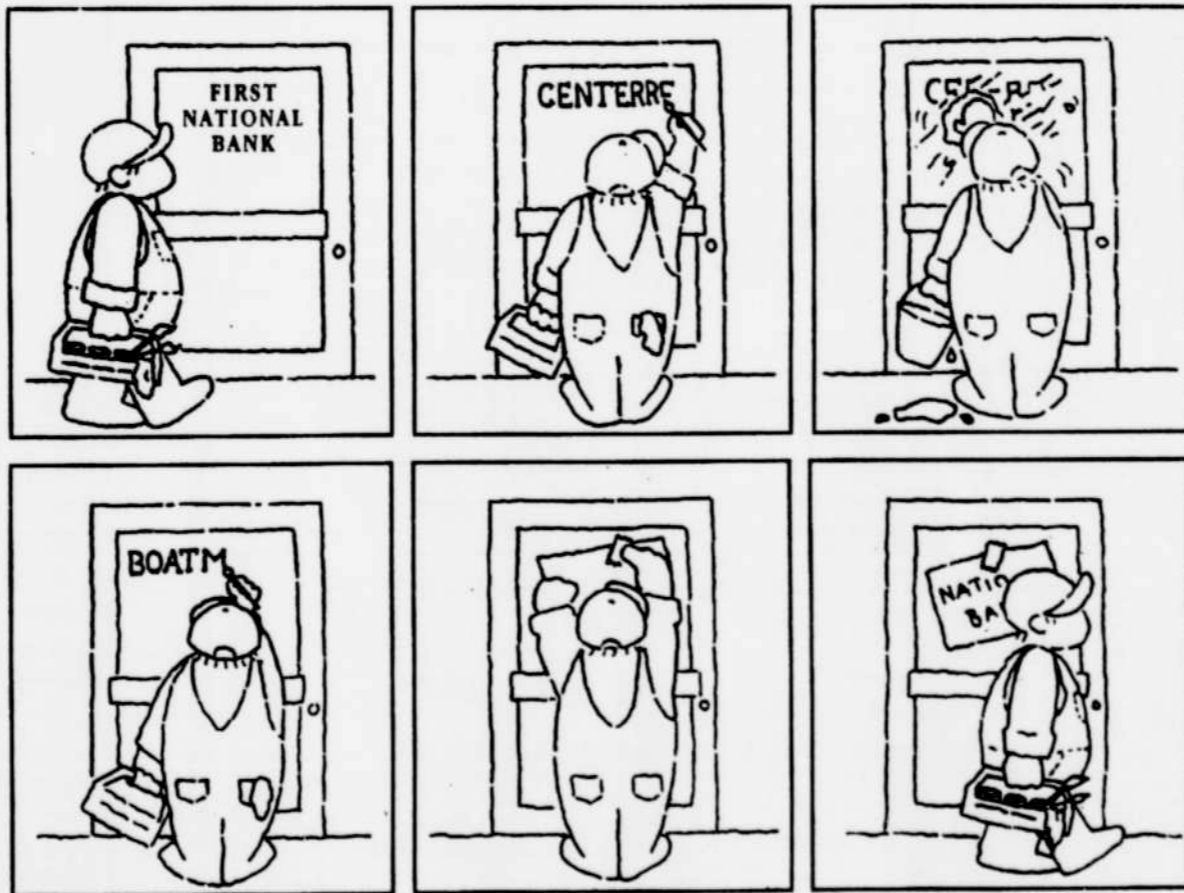
Janice Skaggs, Coordinator

Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Center, Heppner

**Come Share With Us At  
Willow Creek Baptist Church**  
Worship Service at 3 p.m.  
Meeting in the 7th-day Adventist Church  
560 North Minor

**Share The Joys of Love**  
VALENTINE'S WEEK  
February 8-14, 1997  
AFS Valentine Treat™ Bouquet  
Let that special someone know you care, with this delightful floral arrangement.  
See our fine selection of flowers, candy and wines for that special someone  
Check Out Our Special Valentine's Day Promotion  
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February 6:  
**Ladies Night. Dinner from 6-8 p.m. by Butter Creek Ladies. Planning for 100th Annual. Come out and help by volunteering a few hours.**

February 7:  
**Regular dining off the menu.**

February 8:  
**LAS VEGAS-STYLE BUFFET SPECIAL. Numerous meat and salad items. All-You-Can-Eat for \$6.50. Why the bargain? To let you know what you have been missing if you haven't dined at the Elks!**

February 14-15-16:  
**100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Lots of food, music, socializing and fun.**

**Heppner Elks 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main