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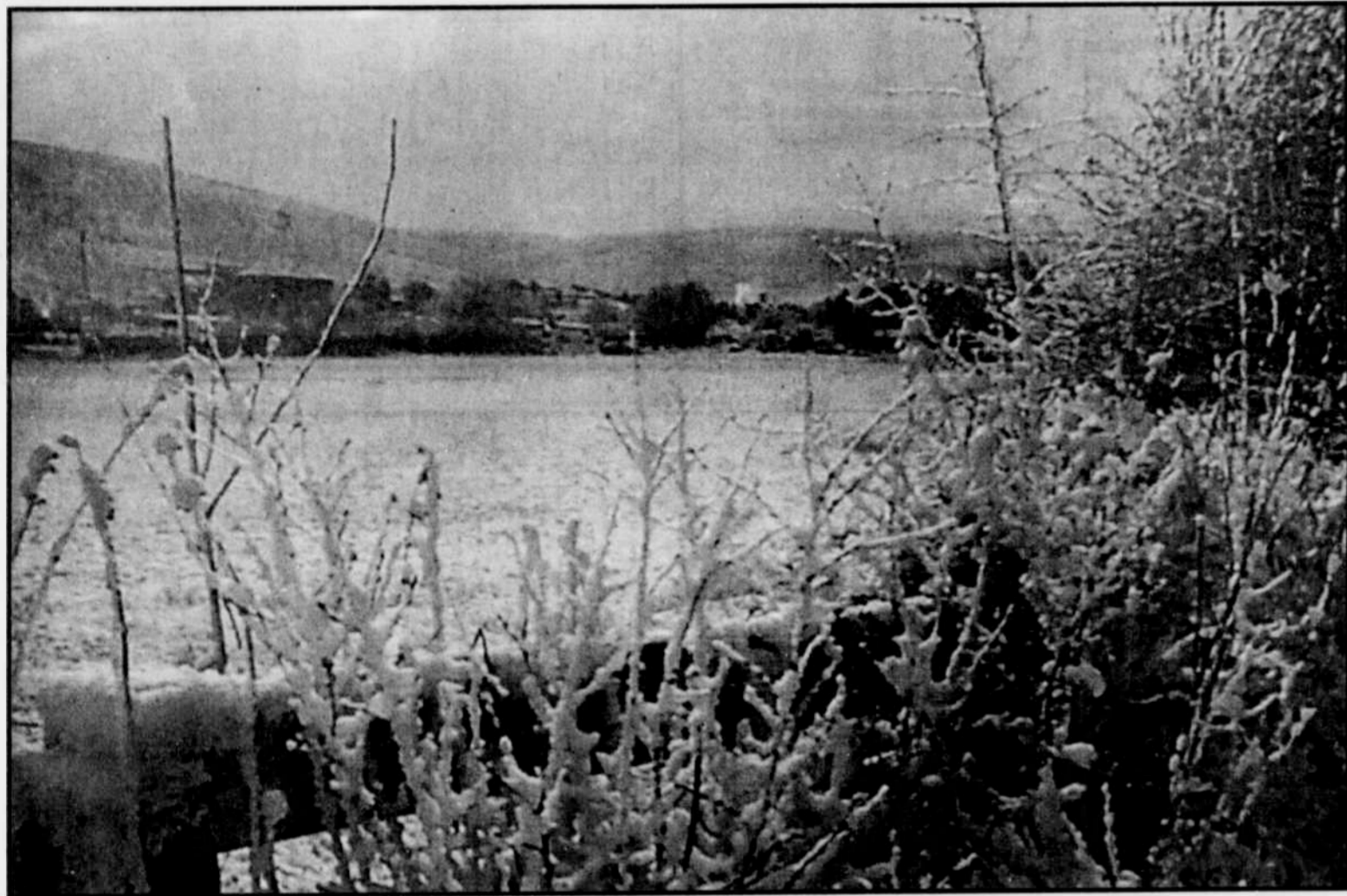
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Mother Nature played a cruel April Fool's joke on the Heppner area as residents awoke to snowfall Friday, April 4. The snow had melted by afternoon

Task force holds drug raid Allens to travel to Ecuador

The Blue Mountain Drug Task Force arrested two men at a residence near Boardman on drug charges around 6:30 a.m. April 2.

Fidel Ramirez De La Cruz, 48, was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance and one count of a felon in possession of a firearm. Bail was set at \$7,500 for each count.

Michael Robert Nelson, 39, was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance. Bail for Nelson was also set at \$7,500 for each count.

Both men were lodged at the Umatilla County Jail in

Pendleton.

Task force officers also seized six firearms and what is believed to be methamphetamine.

Thirteen officers from Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT), the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and the Boardman Police Department served the search warrant after a two-month undercover investigation by the drug task force.

A third subject at the residence was questioned and released after no evidence was found that he was involved in the drug activity at the residence, said a Morrow County Sheriff's Office news release.

Local DMV office hours change

The Heppner Department of Motor Vehicles' office has new hours. The office will now be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. The office will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

Office manager Carla Callahan said that the more consistent hours should provide better service for the same hours.

The office was previously open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Singspiration to be held in Lexington

The monthly Singpiration for April will be held at the Lexington Baptist Church on Sunday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

This service is a time of musical choices and specials for all to enjoy. People of all faiths are invited to attend and "blend your voice with others in making a joyful noise," said a spokesperson.

Those who can bring a special number are invited to do so.

Refreshments will be served following the sing.

Steve and Elizabeth Allen of lone will be traveling to Ecuador for three weeks in August with a group sponsored by the Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The group of 15 young people and adults will be led by the Rev. Lois VanLeer of the First Congregational Church of Corvallis.

This is Rev. VanLeer's third trip to Ecuador. On this excursion the participants will be building additions to two churches, one of which is in the Andes Mountains and the other

in an urban area. One of the adults making the trip is Mathew Nelson, a former minister in lone.

On Sunday, April 20, there will be an Ecuadorian meal at the lone United Church of Christ to help raise funds for the trip to Ecuador. The dinner begins at noon and will include paella (a rice dish with chicken and seafood - some will be just chicken), green salad, homemade rolls, banana dessert and coffee and punch.

For more information, call the Allens at 422-7563.

Plans set for historical society trip

Plans are completed for the Morrow County Historical Society trip planned for May 2-4.

The group will be at Newport

for the Loyalty Day celebration and will visit the Smithsonian display in Portland, the glass blower at the Salishan and other points of interest.

Anyone interested in the trip may call either Ruth McCabe in lone, or Delpha Jones in Lexington.

Commission plans meeting

The monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at the Heppner High School library from 7-9 p.m.

The main item of business will be the 1997 requests for proposals. The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

For more information, call 676-9675.

Rolling Hills Run planned April 26

The 1997 Rolling Hills Run will be held Saturday, April 26 at Heppner.

This annual 5 and 10 K run/walk is held as a benefit by the South Morrow County EMT Association to raise money for equipment purchases for ambulances stationed at Heppner and Lexington and the first response vehicle stationed at lone.

This year's race will begin at the Heppner Elementary School and follow the traditional route up Hinton Creek. "If you have not walked or run this area you will find the peaceful, rolling terrain with sparse traffic well worth the trip," said organizer Bill Sheirbon. While some years have been windy, weather is frequently cooperative for this race, he said.

As in years past, this event will feature a breakfast; door prizes for participants; and ribbons, plaques, and prizes for event winners. "If you don't take home some kind of prize at this event, you didn't participate," said Sheirbon.

While the breakfast is included in the registration fee for

Library week set for April 13-19

The Heppner Library will celebrate National Library Week April 13-19.

Anyone who signs up for a library card during Library Week has a chance to win a book bag.

For more information, call the library, 676-9964.

run/walk participants, breakfast will also be available to the public beginning at 8 a.m. at the Heppner Elk's Club.

Everyone is invited to "Come join us for breakfast and stick around to meet the racers after they finish their event."

In addition to the race, EMTs will be raffling off a gas barbecue. The winner of this barbecue, which is valued at \$550 and was donated by the Morrow County Grain Growers for this fund raiser, will be announced at the race morning breakfast. Tickets for the barbecue can be purchased at Gardner's Men's Wear in Heppner, from any EMT member or the day of the race at the Elk's Club. Tickets are \$1 apiece or \$5 for six tickets.

Early registration for this race is encouraged and will save money. Early registration forms may be obtained by writing Rolling Hills Run, c/o Glenn Anderson, Lexington, OR 97839 or call Anderson at 543-989-8555.

For more information about this race call Sheirbon at 541-989-8526 evenings and weekends.

Animal health clinic slated

Rod Schobert and Pfizer Inc. are sponsoring an animal health clinic and dinner at Yaw's Restaurant in Heppner, April 15, at 6 p.m.

The program will follow dinner, which will be hosted by Pfizer, Inc., and conclude around 9 p.m.

Dr. Dick Temple will discuss "The Three Major Factors Effecting Survival in the Beef Cattle Industry." Bill Broderick, Morrow County Extension agent, will talk about "Questions That Can Lead To Management Changes." Rod Schobert will discuss "New Pfizer Products."

Those planning to attend should RSVP by April 11 at the Morrow County Extension Office, 676-9642.

Following is the agenda for the evening: 6 p.m.-dinner hosted by Pfizer; 7 p.m.- Dr. Dick Temple, "The Three Major Factors Effecting Survival in the Beef Cattle Industry"; 7:30 p.m.- Bill Broderick, "Questions That Can Lead To Management Changes"; 8 p.m., Rod Schobert, "New Pfizer Products"; 8:45 p.m., Questions?

Garden plots available in Heppner

The Oregon State University/Blue Mountain Master Gardeners announce that gardening plots will be available for planting by the end of April. The garden plots are to be used for individual gardens, community projects and educational programs.

The community garden site was donated by the city of Heppner, and is sponsored by the Blue Mountain Master Gardeners. It is located on Riverside across from the new Little League park. Water will be available.

Anyone interested in renting a plot should contact Master Gardeners John Murray, 676-9158, or Mark Tailless, 422-7114.

Babe Ruth baseball starting season

Anyone between the ages of 13-15 interested in playing Babe Ruth baseball this season should contact Rick Johnston, 676-5562, before Sunday, April 20.

All players from the Lone-Lexington-Heppner area are invited to participate.

T-ball, minor baseball tryouts set

T-ball and minor league tryouts will be held this Saturday, April 12, at 9 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

If a child cannot make the tryouts, contact Rollie Marshall, 676-9125, or John Murray, 676-9158, to ensure that the child is placed on a team.

Those who have not yet registered for t-ball or minors must have a registration form on file with the Willow Creek Little League before April 12.

Bereavement teleconference planned

On Wednesday, April 16, Pioneer Memorial Hospital (PMH) in Heppner will join 2,000 other organizations across the United States and Canada as a local host for the fourth annual National Bereavement Teleconference, sponsored by the Hospice Foundation of America. The teleconference will be held in the PMH conference room from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Living with Grief: When Illness Is Prolonged", a live-via-satellite video teleconference, will focus on grief and bereavement issues associated with prolonged illness, including cancer, AIDS, and Alzheimer's disease. It will be moderated by

Cokie Roberts of ABC News and will feature a "distinguished" panel of experts.

The teleconference is co-sponsored by the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC), in cooperation with the American Medical Association, and funded in part by a grant from Project on Death in America.

Last year's teleconference was seen by 120,000 people in over 2,000 communities.

"Everyone has been touched by grief associated with prolonged illness," said Jack D. Gordon, president of the Hospice Foundation of America. "We want to do what we can to assist individuals in morning, as well as physicians and nurses, clergy, social workers, and teachers who deal with these issues professionally, so they can respond effectively to survivors in need and take care of themselves as well."

In addition to hospices, teleconference sites will include hospitals, state offices on aging, community colleges, and funeral homes.

During the two-and-one-half hour teleconference, Roberts will moderate the panel discussion. There will also be opportunities for viewers to participate during the interactive call-in segments. The panel will include Betty Davies, Ph.D., professor of nursing at the University of British Columbia; Kenneth J. Doka, Ph.D., Lutheran minister and professor of gerontology at the College of New Rochelle; Dr. William Lacer, Jr., a founding father of the American Hospice Movement; and Therese A. Rando, Ph.D., clinical psychologist and executive director of the Institute for the Study and Treatment of Loss.

The Hospice Foundation of America is a non-profit organization established to assist those who cope either personally or professionally with terminal illness and the process of death, grief and bereavement. It is dedicated to providing leadership in the development of hospice care for the terminally ill through education, research and philanthropic programs.

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