

Relay Challenge planned at RHS in June

The first annual Morrow County 24 hour relay challenge will be on Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14, at the Riverside High School Track in Boardman. The 24 hour relay challenge is a community event that will bring together people of all ages and abilities and will benefit early intervention and prevention programs.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

The recent card party held at the Rebekah Hall was well-attended. Prizes were given and refreshments served. Prizes were won by: women's high, Ginger Keithley; second high, Verna Brinda; men's high, Vern Keithley; and second high, Ed Hunt.

Charlene Whitney, and Kimberly Whitney, returned home last week from a few days with her parents, Cecil and Delpha Jones.

Lee Wagenblast and Helen Krueger were Easter day visitors for dinner and visiting at the Steve Wagenblast home. Also present were Amy from Spokane, and David, Becky and friend Julie, students at Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande. Helen lives at the Hermiston Terrace in Hermiston.

Recent visitors at the Bill Padberg home were Bill and Bonnie Klinger, Wade Padberg, and Mike and Brenda Padberg.

Travis Harrison was a patient Friday in Good Shepherd Community Hospital suffering from a broken collarbone.

4-H News

The Tasty Quintet

By Kristal Temple

The Tasty Quintet had its eighth meeting on April 3. Jessica and Shelby Krebs came and told club members how to get ready for fair. They told about many contests and exhibits. They brought several recipe boxes and books and talked to the group about putting theirs together. Shelby showed how to do a cooking contest and the measuring contest. The Tasty Quintet is looking forward to the fair now.

Their next meeting is Friday, April 17.

The Barnyarders Swine Club

By Dan Jepsen

The Barnyarders Swine Club met on Tuesday, April 7. The club talked about locating, purchasing and raising pigs. Leader Bill Jepsen also talked to members about getting their pigs wormed. Most members have located or already purchased pigs.

Treasurer Emily Unruh also reported that \$250 was deposited for the club's work at the sheep dog trials; \$100 was given to the new livestock building project at the fairgrounds. There was a discussion on what emblem to put on the plaque for the club's donation.

After this, the meeting was adjourned and members split into groups to play a game called "Pass the Pigs." Candy eggs and other prizes were given to the winners.

Each participant will run or walk on mile, then pass a baton to the next member, and so on. Its process will continue for the entire 24 hour period.

While the teams are circling the track, a giant community picnic will take place with continuous entertainment, food and camping. It will also offer people a chance to meet others who believe in a healthy lifestyle.

All team organization fees and any matching contributions from businesses and sponsors will go to support youth services and activities.

All relay walkers, runners, volunteers may receive complimentary food and beverages at a team refresher station, dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. Visitors will be charged a small fee for food and beverages. There will also be a snack bar.

Riverside's field will be transformed into a giant campground with all the comforts such as bathrooms, showers and entertainment free to all participants. The area will be safe, secure, and staffed with medical and security personnel during the event, said a spokesperson.

Anyone interested in forming a team, may pick up an application at the local high school or County Behavioral Health Office. A team consists of 10 members; team captains must collect all team contributions and deliver the total team registration fees to: 24 Hour Relay Challenge, PO Box 469, Heppner, OR 97836. Those who do not have enough people for a team, may contact the team participation coordinators who will find a team for them to join - Charissa Gates 422-7534, or Terri Benetto, 422-7004.

Registration is \$350 per team or \$35 per participant. To register as a team submit the registration fee in advance along with a team registration form. Sponsors can help with the cost of the team fees.

All team participants and volunteers will receive: "a colorful T-shirt; refreshments and entertainment during the relay, recognition and awards, new friends, and a sense of belonging," said a news release.

For more information, call the 24 hour relay directors: Dar Merrill, 676-9675; Marilyn Bader Nesse, 676-9161 or 481-2911; or Heidi Kurtz, 676-9835.

Lexington Grange to hold meeting

By Delpha Jones

Lexington Grange will meet on Monday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck supper. Justice of the Peace candidates Charlotte Gray and Ron Osgood will be introduced. Candidates for District Attorney will also be introduced.

Pomona Grange will meet in Spray on Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m. A program is planned along with the business meeting.

Garden Club plans plant exchange

The Heppner Garden Club will host its annual plant exchange on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

This is a forum for all gardeners in the local area, whether members of the club or not, to share their knowledge of gardening and pass on some of their favorite plants, said a club spokesperson. There is no money involved, since this is not a fund raising event. Their only request is that you bring something - flower, houseplant, vegetable, herb, perennial, or annual - to exchange. You may take home as many plants as you like, you do not need to have an even swap.

"This is also an excellent opportunity for beginners interested in starting their own gardens," said the spokesperson.

"Not only are there free plants for the taking, but there are catalogues and books to browse and you can tap into years of gardening experience or find out what grows successfully in this area by visiting with other local gardeners.

"We may even convince a master gardener or two to be on hand, share their expertise and identify your mystery plants," they added.

This year, everyone who brings in a plant can register to win an herb garden. The winner will be drawn at 3 p.m.

Obituary

Nellie Jones

Nellie J. Jones, 89, of Heppner, died Friday, April 10, 1998, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner. At her request, there will be no services.

She was born December 9, 1908, at Waverly, New York, the daughter of Joseph and Maude Page Babcock. She was raised and attended school in Waverly. The family moved to Heppner in 1922.

She lived in Medford and Seattle before returning to Heppner in the early 1950s.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathryn McRoberts, of Heppner; and a sister, Eunice Plank, of Salem; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. One grandchild preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Heppner, OR 97836. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business:

Betty Ayers, 39, Lexington-Initiating a False Report, \$302 fine;

Corey Johansen, 23, Pilot Rock-Violation of the Basic Speed Rule, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$72 fine;

Marla Anderson, 28, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Speed Rule, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$106 fine;

Kirsti Brannon, 24, Lexington-Failure to Wear Safety Belt, \$54 fine;

Glen Harvey, Jr., 28, Veneta-Illegal U-turn, Failure to Renew Registration, Driving Uninsured, \$156 fine;

Robyn Curtis, 28, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$72 fine;

Robert Backlund, 21, Lexington-Failure to Wear Seatbelt, Driving Uninsured, \$126 fine;

Beth Backlund, 26, Lexington, Violation of the Basic Rule, 45 mph in a 35 mph zone, \$54 fine.

Bluegrass group to conduct service

The Seventh-day Adventist Church will host the Bluegrass Gospel group during their worship service on Saturday, April 18, at 11 a.m.

The group, who will conduct the service, consists of: Dan

Darrikhuma, Mission, accordion; Clint Dickerson, Milton-Freewater, guitar; Tim Greenlaw, College Place, WA, guitar; Steve Wagner, Walla Walla, WA, banjo; and Steve Dickerson, College Place, WA, bass fiddle. Everyone is invited to attend.

Manager

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CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all my friends and family for their prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and flowers during my recent surgery.

How wonderful to live in such a kind and caring community.

Kay Robinson
4-15-1c

We would like to thank the ambulance crew, the hospital staff, Dr., and Marge Kenny for their help during Bob's trip to the hospital.

Yvonne and Bob Lovgren
4-15-1c

Heartworks House would like to thank everyone who donated, helped with, or brought goodies at our bake sale last Friday. We would like to thank Murray's drugstore for letting us hold our sale there and for letting us display our art in their window. We would also like to thank those wonderful individuals who donated an easel and art supplies to our class. A special thanks to Nansea Odinet for all her help and for giving us such wonderful ideas. Thank you, the community, for your help and support.

Heartworks House-
Mark, Astrid and Jean
4-15-1p

Thanks to everyone for their prayers, flowers and cards during my hospital stay and a very special thanks to my daughter and son-in-law and my sister, Betty, for all their help after my return home.

June Bellenbrock
4-15-1c

Once again the Easter Bunny spread hundreds and hundreds of eggs over the church lawn and city park in Ione. Thanks to your generous donations, it was another successful hunt.

Thank you!
Shelly Key & Sharon Rietmann

What a great place to live where neighbors and friends are so loving and caring. Again, many thanks to these people for the food, cards, calls and prayers for the Drs and nurses of the hospital, Stuart Dick for his visits, my great family Charlene, Ken, Connie and Chris, and those great friends, Bob and Luella Taylor and the many others who remembered.

God Bless You All!
Cecil and Delpha Jones
4-15-1x

NOTICES

Free counseling for victims of abuse and sexual assault. 24 hr. Crisis Line: 1-800-833-1161. Shelter available.

5-7-52c

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4-8-2c

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