

Lone High School prom court crowned



Photo by Theresa Hams
Lone Prom Court: (L-R) back row-Prince Jake McElligott, Princess Tiffani Jones, Queen Katie Garrett, King Nathan Rietmann; crown bearers Stephanie Archer and Matthew Hams

By Nova Rietmann
The Lone High School Prom court was crowned during the dance held Saturday, May 2, at the Lone Legion Hall. Queen was

Katie Garrett and king, Nathan Rietmann. Prince, standing in for Len Rietmann, was Jake McElligott; princess was Tiffani

Jones. The crown bearers were Stephanie Archer and Matthew Hams.

The prom theme was "Welcome to the Jungle".

IUCC auction to rebuild sanctuary

Every year since 1962, the Lone United Church of Christ has held an auction and barbecue to help support its mission and maintenance. This year's auction on June 6 has an added purpose: the rebuilding of the church's sanctuary, which was burned out on April 23.

Church members and friends yearly donate arts and crafts,

Forum deadline May 11

The deadline for candidates to submit questionnaires for the candidates' forum to appear in the May 13 Gazette-Times will be Monday, May 11, at 5 p.m.

Candidates may stop by the Gazette office at 147 W. Willow, Heppner, or return questionnaires by mail at P.O. Box 337, Heppner 97836. FAX 541-676-9211 or E-mail apnl@rapidsolve.net.

homemade baked goods, services and merchandise to the church's cause. In addition, community members always help prepare a buffet meal for about 400 people that features pit barbecued beef.

Auction chairwoman Jannie Allen says she anticipates a larger than normal attendance this year in response to the church's need.

"There are so many talented people locally who may want to help," she said. "We want them to know that this is a good year to do it."

Artists, bakers, and crafters with questions or who would like items to be picked up may call Allen at 422-7563 or Lea Mathieu at 422-7215. Merchandise donations may be picked up by calling Ken Nelson at 989-8494 or Joe Rietmann at 422-7435.

IUCC prepares quilt for auction



Helen Heideman working on the IUCC quilt
By Nova Rietmann

The Lone United Church of Christ is preparing for the 36 annual church auction to be set on June 6.

Due to the recent fire in the UCC church, the quilt is being sewn by church members in Bill Rietmann's living room.

The quilt is a king or queen-size spread in an Irish chain design. The quilt will be auctioned off in June.

Chamber to host internet program

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will meet next Tuesday in Dave Fowler's computer classroom at Heppner High School for a special program: The Internet, World Wide Web and Heppner.

Fowler, George Koffler, Greg Sweet, and David Sykes will moderate the program, which will explore internet and WWW opportunities for Heppner organizations and businesses.

Sack lunches will be provided.

Highway opens

Oregon Highway 218, between Fossil and Antelope, is now open to one lane of traffic. Travellers through the area should watch for on-coming traffic through the work zone.

The road was closed April 25 due to a rock slide. The Oregon Dept. of Transportation is building a permanent repair for the slide, which first occurred in 1997.

Program on loggers scheduled



Twilo Scofield

"Loggers in the West: Oregon's Timber Beasts," a presentation by Twilo Scofield, will be given Thursday, May 14, at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Museum in Heppner.

The program is made possible by the Oregon Council for the Humanities, an affiliate of the

National Endowment for the Humanities.

"From the time when Oregon Coast explorers looked at its straight conifers and saw ship masts, Northwest people have avidly harvested the region's rich timber resources. Early pioneers cursed seedlings that sprouted in their cleared farm land, yet were ready customers of sawmills started to satisfy a growing population. Even now, as the need for lumber persists, technology brings change to the forest, replacing timber toppers and water flumes with helicopters and computers," said a news release.

In this presentation, Twilo Scofield uses stories, songs and customs to portray the changing lifestyles of the Oregon logger.

Scofield is the co-author of "The Well-Traveled Casket", a diverse collection of Oregon folk traditions, tales and songs.

For more information about the program, contact the Morrow County Museum at 676-5524, 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The public is invited to attend and admission is free.

Carlson presented service award

Clinton Carlson, the National Weather Service cooperative observer at Ione, was presented a 15-year length-of-service award on April 23 at his ranch south of Ione. The award was presented by Ann Adams, cooperative program manager at the National Weather Service office in Pendleton.

Carlson has provided daily precipitation observations since April 1 from his ranch, located about 18 miles south of Ione and 25 miles west of Heppner.

Precipitation records at the Ione 18S station date back to 1935. Carlson is the third generation from his family to take observations for the National Weather Service. These reports are part of the National Weather Service's volunteer Cooperative Observation Program that totals nearly 11,000 citizens nationally.

Cooperative weather observers collect and record on a daily basis, precipitation, temperature and in some cases, river readings. The data is used to forecast

tomorrow's weather today as well as defining the climate of the nation.

Oregon's cooperative weather observers can be found on rural farms, at highway maintenance stations, fish hatcheries, radio stations and water treatment plants, to name just a few, said NWS.

Heppner FFA elects officers

The Heppner Future Farmers of America (FFA) recently held elections for 1998-99 officers, with the following results: president, Kristi Worden; vice president, Corey Miller; secretary, Scott VanWinkle; treasurer, Josh Hill; reporter, Jeff Currin; sentinel, Stanley Cutsforth.

Heppner FFA upcoming events include the FFA spring barbecue on Thursday, May 14 at noon, and the FFA parent/member banquet on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Tan Hermens

Plain Speaking #7 HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Because of the huge distances we drive out here, Lynn Lundquist should have known higher gas taxes would hit Eastern Oregon especially hard. But that didn't stop him from voting **twice** for the Democrat Governor and ODOT's proposed huge gas tax increase.

Their planned "highway robbery" bill (HB 3163) included a 37% gas tax increase, doubling auto registration fees, and a road tax added to our phone bills! The crazy part of this boondoggle was that **the bill didn't specify any real projects!** No one -- especially Lundquist -- would say what the money was for. Fortunately, their cash grab was stopped by common sense in the conservative Senate.

While Lundquist was voting for more taxes, he was neglecting other obvious problems, **like the weight/mile tax.** Even though Oregon is the only state left which still relies solely on a weight/mile tax for commercial vehicles, Lynn refused to join in with other legislators who would have reformed this outdated cumbersome system.

We need to replace the weight/ mile tax with a responsible formula for taxing diesel fuel without increasing taxes on diesel for farm-licensed vehicles. Truckers would be relieved of the incredible amount of red tape and costs associated with the weight mile tax and, yet, pay for their share of road maintenance.

In any event, **we simply do not need any gas tax increases.** Oregon already has one of the highest gas taxes in the country which brings in hundreds of millions in revenue every year. What we need to do is spend those dollars on asphalt and concrete, instead of blowing it on light rail and "birkenstock" projects in the Valley.

If you see me on the campaign highway, give me a wave. I'm the one in the dirty diesel pick up! Call me at home if you have questions or want to help out, (541) 934-2275.

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