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Scouts spruce up community



The Heppner Cub Scout Wolf Pack Den 2, in the process of fulfilling some of the requirements to get their Wolf Badge, is also helping the community spruce up for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Celebration. The Scouts, all second graders, picked up trash at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Tuesday, Feb. 16. Pictured above (left to right) are: Back row-Jordan Lemon Shepherd, Spencer Palmer, Joe Pranger and Luke Young; Front row-Seth Morgan, Grant Smith and Chris Hickerson. The boys were assisted by Debbie Young, Betty Hickerson and Tina Palmer. Their leaders are Dave Pranger and Karen Morgan. The community is reminded that the Scouts' annual Blue and Gold Banquet will be held Sunday, February 28, at 5 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club. The evening will feature the father-son cake bake and raffle.

United Church of Christ to build new church

On April 23, 1998 the Lone United Church of Christ caught on fire during a treacherous thunderstorm. The fire brought help from the Heppner, Lexington and Lone Fire departments.

"Since the first Sunday after the fire, the congregation has been gratefully worshipping at St. William's Catholic Church," said a church spokesperson. "The

members of IUCC have spent a great deal of time cleaning, inventorying, praying and planning for the future."

At the annual meeting of the Lone United Church of Christ on January 31, the Building Committee gave their recommendation to those in attendance to move forward with a new church building,

rather than repairing the existing church. The vote, taken by secret ballot, was 100 percent in favor of a new building and the Building Committee was instructed to move forward to accomplish that task.

The Building Committee members include: Linda LaRue, chairperson; Alice Harper, secretary; Ken Nelson, Keith Morter and Bill Rietmann.

Mill employees Motorcycle races set career meeting for ST. Pat's weekend planned

Representatives from Blue Mountain Lumber and Boardman Chip Company will be in Heppner to meet with Pioneer Resources Employees to discuss career opportunities available in the their company.

Attendees will receive information regarding salary ranges, benefits, job descriptions and other employment requirements.

Two sessions will be held on Monday, February 22 from 2-3 p.m. and 5-6 p.m., in the Operations Center Conference Room at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner.

It all started many years ago with a bet. An Irishman made a wager. "I bet a motorcycle could out-run a horse while racing through a clover leaf barrel pattern." This is what started the St. Paddy's motocross races.

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee took the idea and started a yearly St. Paddy's motocross race. This tradition continues on in Heppner during the famous St. Patrick's Day celebration.

The race has developed into a large St. Paddy's weekend activity. Last year the race supported 95 entries and 157 combined entries. This was up 40 from the year before.

The success of the event is attributed to the varied race classes, age groups, awards and sponsors. The races entertain family and friends and are assured to supply plenty of laughs, competition and talents of all ranges, said an event spokesperson.

The St. Paddy's Motocross Race will have 29 classes in all. The classes are very similar this year with only one change. The youth classes have been divided even further to supply a more even competition. Each division will have eight-years-and-under, nine-15 years, all-age women's and open classes.

The divisions will consist of a Four-Wheeler Heat Race, Motorcycle Heat Race, Four-Wheeler Drag Race, Motorcycle Drag Race, Motorcycle Barrel Race, Four-Wheeler Barrel Race and a Three-Wheeler Barrel Race. Heat races will be two heats (five laps each) and main event. The 15-year-and-under barrel runs will be timed on the best of two runs; all other classes will have one run only.

Many businesses have donated gift certificates for the race awards, including Lexington Polaris, and Honda-Yamaha Cycletown and Power City Polaris, both of Hermiston. Certificates will go to the first and second place winners in all

but the 15-and-under-classes.

Trophies will be donated and given by the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo committee to all first and second place winners in the 15-and-under classes. Entry fees will be \$10 for all youth classes and \$25 for all women's and open classes. The payoffs will be a jackpot payout system and, like all motocross sports, helmets are required.

The races will start on March 13 at 2 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds after the parade and downtown activities.

Entries will be open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the rodeo office behind the arena. Admission fee will be \$ 1, which will be refunded to contestants if they are stamped.

The rodeo grounds have new rodeo grandstands, an announcer's booth, concessions, and full handicap access and facilities.

For more information on the race, call Ken Bailey at 541 - 676-5110 evenings.

"The excitement and entertainment is guaranteed to be a fun family affair," said a spokesperson. "As for that Irishman's bet? A horse can still outrun a motorcycle, so he lost his wager, but, like a true Irishman they won't stop trying and they have a lot of laughs and fun in the process."

Everyone is invited to join the festivities on March 13 and 14 in Heppner.

Assisted living board holds phone survey

The Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Facility Board recently conducted a telephone survey to assess the need for an assisted living facility in the Willow Creek Valley.

Anyone who did not get a phone call and wishes to take part in the survey may call Suzanne Jepsen, 676-9850, and a survey form will be sent.



Kara Clay, seven, pictured front, Emily Rietmann, nine, top left, and Shannon Clay, nine, right, take good care of the Beanie Babies collected by the United Church of Christ for the children at Doernbecher's Children's Hospital in Portland.

Jannie Allen of Lone, who spearheaded the project, says that so far the community response has been wonderful and she had already received 96 of the cuddly creatures by Monday.

Anyone wishing to donate a Beanie Baby may still do so by calling Allen at 422-7563 or dropping them by her home, 210 Third St. in Lone, by Monday, March 1.

Little League sign ups set

Sign-ups for the 1999 season of Heppner Little League will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 3-4, at the Heppner Neighborhood Center from 5-7 p.m.

Children who wish to play whiffle ball (four-five years old), T-ball (six-eight years old), minor league baseball and softball (eight-12 years old), major league baseball and softball (nine-12 years old) and senior softball (13-15 years old) should sign up.

All new participants need to

bring a copy of their birth certificate. Little League age is the age a player is by August 1, 1999.

The charge this year is \$25 per child with a maximum of \$50 per family. Payment is required at the time of sign-ups with no exceptions, say Little League representatives. Those who cannot afford to pay the fee, may fill out an income waiver at the time of sign-ups.

For more information, contact Cindi Doherty at 676-5122 or Gayle Gutierrez at 676-5052.

ATM installed at Klamath First



Jessie Scott, Heppner, tries out the new Automated Teller Machine installed last week at Klamath First Federal bank in Heppner.

"We're really excited," says Sharon Harrison, Klamath First Federal branch manager. "Our customers have asked for it and we're really pleased to offer the ATM. It makes it more convenient."

Harrison said that the front doors, where the ATM is located, will be open 24 hours a day. The night drop for night deposits is still available outside the bank.

St. Pat's Committee seeks local Irish talent

Musical entertainment is a big part of the annual Wee Bit 'O Ireland celebration. There will be a variety to choose from this year, beginning with the coffee hour and extending throughout the weekend.

Area individuals, groups and visitors are welcome to add to the festivities.

The afternoon Ceiligh upstairs at the Elks will feature John Doherty and the Irish Singers, followed by Mountain Aire. Both groups encourage young and old to join them between 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 13.

Michael Duffy, master of ceremonies, suggests Heppner's local talent and visitors step up on the stage with Irish music, poems, or stories to add to the festivities.

Any groups or singles who

St. Pat's events on the Internet

Those who don't yet have a printed schedule of events for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Celebration, can find out what's going on by logging on to the Heppner web site at www.heppner.net.

A complete schedule is available there.

Legion meeting

Heppner Legion and Auxiliary will meet Monday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner at the United Methodist Church basement.

The Americanism chairperson will present the program.

Anyone interested in joining the Legion or Auxiliary is welcome to attend.

Peggy Fishburn wins quilt

A quilt, raffled by the Heppner United Methodist Women, was won by Peggy Fishburn of Heppner. The quilt was handmade and donated for the raffle by Susie Cooper.



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