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Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Those Heppner hills are turning green and it's long past time to think green. Preparations are underway for another great St. Patrick's celebration in Heppner. The brochures are available around town or at the Heppner Chamber office. It takes a moment to address them to friends and relatives. Put them to work ... the more hands on deck, the faster the job gets done, and there's more opportunity for fun for one and all.

Auction items are needed--diners, weekend stays, unique offerings from far and wide or that attic treasure. The Chamber and the Heppner St. Patrick's committee greatly appreciate donations as they contribute to both the celebration, local needs, and the Chamber's marketing of the event to keep it ongoing into the year 2000 and beyond.

Do you have legislative issues you wish to discuss with your senator and representative? Telephone forums have been scheduled monthly with both Senator Ted Ferrioli and Representative Lynn Lundquist. These will occur the second and third Tuesdays during the Chamber of Commerce weekly luncheon. Lundquist will be on line February 23.

Chamber of Commerce membership is open to all businesses and individuals interested in creating a positive environment, keeping the area thriving, working together for the good of the community and surrounding areas and keeping the lines of communication open. To learn more about the organization or to join, call for a brochure, more information, or a member visit call 676-5536. Together we make a difference.

Looking for things to do until its gardening or golf weather? How about the therapy pool, the walking tour, the museum or a line or two of bowling. All give you a bit of exercise and fun at the same time.

Thought for the Week: "One of the advantages that bowling has over golf is that you seldom lose a bowling ball."

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BUCKNUM'S TAVERN, HEPPNER

Katie Bacon presides over Arlington Rodeo

By Merlyn Robinson

Like her South Morrow County peers who are who are on 1999 rodeo courts, Queen Katie Bacon of the Arlington Saddle Club is a busy teenager with a love of horses and rodeos.

Katie is the 16-year-old daughter of Bill and Marcy Bacon, Ione. She has two older brothers, Jake and Joe. Among her many supporters are her grandmothers, Kathleen Bacon, Redmond, and Wilma Bauer, Mt. Vernon.

Queen Katie will reign over the May 1 and 2 Jackpot Rodeo at the Arlington Saddle Club grounds. This is the 52nd year of this rodeo that has a long, colorful history.

Katie will also officiate at the Cayuse Junior Rodeo on June 5 and 6 and the Senior Pro Rodeo on June 12 and 13. These events are all sponsored by the Arlington Saddle Club at their newly renovated grounds. Plans are underway to add arena lighting for nighttime events. The Arlington Saddle Club has scheduled a Neubert Horse Clinic on March 26, 27 and 28; an open trail ride in May and a July 4 play day for all ages, in addition to other activities this year.

Katie has a full agenda ahead representing Arlington at parades which include Spray, Fossil, The Dalles, Goldendale, Elgin, Heppner and Pendleton. But when she is not wearing that crown, her whole family takes to the road so she can compete in barrel racing and pole bending at junior and high school rodeos.

Riding and rodeos come naturally for Katie. Her parents both competed in junior and high school rodeos. Bill also was a college rodeo contestant while attending Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

Katie began riding alone at age three. But Marcy quips that their daughter was indoctrinated to horseback riding before Katie was born.

This busy sophomore is an honor roll student and is the vice president of OSSOM. She plays volleyball and is a member of the Future Business Leaders Association. Her hobbies include reading and writing stories, working with horses and participating in high school and junior rodeos. She has also been an active 4-H member with sheep, sewing and horse projects.

Among her wins in open horse show competition was the high



point youth award at a Fossil horse show. Katie has also served as a pennant bearer for two years, helping to promote the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo in Heppner.

Katie will be riding her Appaloosa/Thoroughbred gelding named Jack. This is a multi-talented horse that Katie uses for ranch work, barrel racing, pole bending, 4-H and parades without missing a stride.

Katie follows in the footsteps of another Ione lass, Sybil Krebs, who was the 1998

Arlington Saddle Club queen.

This year Katie will be rubbing elbows at parades and luncheons with friends and acquaintances from South Morrow County on other courts who are all ambassadors for a preferred Eastern Oregon lifestyle.

"I appreciate the opportunity to represent Arlington Saddle Club for 1999," says Katie. "I'd like to invite everyone to the May 1 and 2 rodeo and to all the other great family-oriented events scheduled for this year. It's definitely going to be a great year."

Sunshine draws shooters to gun club

The sunshine brought a lot of shooters out to the weekly shoot at the Morrow County Gun Club (MCGC) in Lexington on Feb. 13.

The results of the 16 yard event are as follows: first, Harvey Childers; second, a three-way tie between Curt Day, Mark Schlichting and Rob Ashbeck; third, a two-way tie between Matt Clark and Bob Krein.

Results of the 20 yard handicap are: first, a two-way tie between Matt Clark and Mark Schlichting; second, Harvey Childers; third, a two-way tie be-

tween Curt Day and Rob Ashbeck.

Results of the ladies' shoot are: first, Lorri (Day) Branstetter, second, Sandi Day.

Four Annie Oakleys were shot with Tony Greenup, Bob Krein, Curt Day and Bill Greenup each winning one. Tony Greenup also won the golf round.

The MCGC is gearing up for their meat shoot on Saturday, March 6 and a money shoot on Saturday, April 10.

The next shoot will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, at noon.

Oil painting workshops slated

Oil painting workshops sponsored by the Morrow County Arts & Crafts Club will take place April 9-10 and Sept. 23-24 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds annex.

Instructors will be Betty Crosswhite and Robert Walton, both well known in the Northwest.

A club luncheon meeting will be held Thursday, February 25, at

1 p.m. at Yaw's.

Anyone interested may find out more details at the meeting or call Betty Mills or Bebe Munkers.

Members of the club are reminded to bring their arts and crafts projects to the St. Patrick's sale to be held at the Les Schwab showroom on Saturday, March 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also needed from the members is the donation of two dozen cookies

Morrow County Grain Growers

**Customer Appreciation Day
1999 Door Prize Winners**

- Keg-a-Que: April Sykes
- Director Chairs: Bob Correa & Dean Wright
- Lunch Box/Thermos: Beverly Wright
- Case IH Coats: Bob Jepsen, Sam Schmidt, Gail Hughes, Mildred Eubanks, Dick Graham
- Plasma Cutter: Barney Lindsay
- Battery Charger: Michelle Rucker
- Oil Change: Linda Neiffer & Kelly Sager
- Drill: Jerry Healy
- Snake Light: Gene Hall
- Fence Charger: Sam Myers
- Booster Cables: Rick Drake & John Moyer
- Exide Jacket: Virginia Peck
- Toys: Heath Stillman, Baillie Keithley, & Zach Orem

Morrow County Grain Growers
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Pelican: Guess somebody has to show those flightless fowls the sights.

Carl: And y'know, everywhere I go I see you and your friendly bank.

Pelican: Yep, we've landed in a lot of places besides Klamath Falls lately

Carl: Maybe I'll look you up when I head to Garibaldi next week.

Pelican: Til then, fly low and avoid the radar

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Obituary

Louise C. Earwood

Louise Caroline Earwood, 93, of Boardman, died Monday, February 15, 1999, at her daughter's home in Boardman.

The funeral will be 11 a.m. Saturday, February 20, 1999 at the Boardman Community Church. Private family burial will be at Riverview Cemetery in Boardman.

She was born March 7, 1905, at Amboy, Minnesota, to Herman and Caroline Rehbein Steinke.

When she was nine years old, the family moved from Minnesota to the Homedale, Idaho, area.

On September 25, 1929, she married Ralph Earwood at Condon. They moved to Boardman in 1935. She had lived at the home of her daughter, Shirley Sheadel, the past five years.

Mrs. Earwood was a member of the Boardman Community Church, Boardman Garden Club and Boardman Ladies Aid.

She enjoyed gardening and children.

Survivors include son, Kenneth of Tucson, Arizona; daughters, Margaret Downey of Boardman, Elnora Califf of Skamania, Washington, and Shirley Sheadel of Boardman; brother, Rudolph Steinke of Warrenton; sisters, Hattie Wood of Roseburg, Verna Strahm of Phoenix, Arizona, and Dorothy Bassett in California; 15 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Her husband, Ralph, died in 1954; a daughter, Betty Jean, died in 1942, and four brothers and two sisters also preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boardman Community Church, P.O. Box 233, Boardman, OR. 97818.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Men's breakfast planned

The Men's Breakfast will be held at First Christian Church in Heppner this Sunday, Feb. 21, at 8 a.m.

The breakfast is sponsored by First Christian Church, the Christian Life Center and the Church of the Nazarene.

"Come and have a time of fellowship with Christian men and have a meal as well," said a spokesperson. All men in the community are welcome to come.