

Ione Youth Group receives Ecumenical Ministries award



1999 Ione Youth Group members with their award: L to R (Back): Cathy Halvorsen, Mark McElligott, Miranda McElligott, Camie Burrigot, Niki Sullivan, Nikki McElligott, Brad Burrigot, Jeremy Rietmann, Jeremiah McElligott, Corey Morgan, Shelby Krebs, Jeri McElligott and Allison Halvorsen. L to R (Front) Salli McElligott, Adrienne Swanson, Katie Tworek, Jessica Krebs, Colin McElligott.

Representatives from Ione Youth Group traveled to Portland on Feb. 4 to receive the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Service Award. The group received the award in recognition of their special achievements in supporting ecumenical ministries in Oregon. Anne Morter of St. William's Catholic Church nominated the group. The awards banquet was held at Valley Presbyterian Church.

Cathy Halvorsen and Jeri McElligott are co-leaders of Ione Youth Group, which currently draws youth from St. William's, Ione United Church of Christ and Valby Lutheran Church. The group usually has 20-25 members who support their community by shoveling snow for senior citizens, conducting a canned food drive and helping with community events. They participate in a pledge-walk to raise money for Outreach Ministry of Burnside and make at least one service trip to the Burnside area every year. They also explore other faiths and discuss social issues.

Attending the banquet, along with Halvorsen and McElligott, were youth group members Katie Tworek, Jessica Krebs and the Rev. Paul Clay of the United Church of Christ.

Degree team here

By Delpha Jones

A degree team from the state offices was present Sunday at the Lexington Grange Hall for the purpose of giving the fifth Pomona degree.

The team came from the following granges: Sandy, Springwater, Frogpond and Clarkes.

The degree team master was Nina Staples; overseer, Don McKinnon; steward, Clarence Buchanan; assistant steward, Tim Sullivan; LAS, Ann Dickson; lecturer, Jean Nelson; chaplain, Zelma McDaniel; treasurer, Cecil Jones; secretary, Delpha Jones; executive, Tiny McDonough; musician, Ruth Newman; spectator, Scott Dickson; gatekeeper, Scott Dickson; Ceres, Joyce Buchanan; Pomona, Trisha Kingsborough; and Flora, Verna Brinda.

"The work was most impressive as the team know their charges by heart and the musician provided fine music," said a spokesperson.

Those taking the degree were Linda Harshman, Jere LaDoux from Willows, and Tom and Dorothy Wilson and Jeanette and Archie Padberg, Lexington.

The group expressed their thanks for the dinner and hospitality.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

-- Mrs. Williams is recuperating at her home after recent major surgery.

-- Bob and Luella Taylor met their children in Pendleton on Saturday and all enjoyed dinner and visiting.

HHS site council discusses requests

The Heppner High School Site Council discussed teachers' conference requests at the site council meeting February 10.

HHS Principal Ron Anthony submitted two conference requests, both for sports-related workshops. The first involved the All Sport Volleyball Clinic for coaches Lana Orr and Terri Gentry. This clinic will be held February 19-21 in Seattle, Washington, and will cost \$454.

The second request was for HHS athletic director Dale Conklin to attend the Oregon Athletic Association of Coaches conference in Sun River April 18-20. The cost would be \$175.

Discussion centered around whether the monies earmarked for use in improving staff education should be used for athletics. However, it was noted that coaches also teach and that they need to be aware of current methods and rule changes. Both requests were granted.

Anthony mentioned that he also will be going to a workshop-the Crisis Response Clinic to be held at the ESD. Because the registration fee of \$15 was due on February 8, prior to the meeting, Anthony pre-approved the amount needed, which was unanimously agreed upon by the council.

Discussion then centered on types of inservices needed for the 1999-2000 school year. Anthony had asked for suggestions from his staff at the last high school staff meeting, but received no responses. Site Council member and teacher Steve Brownfield suggested that interdisciplinary, cross-curricular instruction be a topic for an inservice. He mentioned that teachers can grade papers in their subject areas, but may need

help assessing the students' ability in outside areas. An example would be correcting the syntax and grammar of a science research paper. Other topics brought up for inservice were computers and the grade machine program.

Anthony explained next year's 20-minute reading/advisor period. Each teacher at HHS has been assigned eight students to advise. These students will work with this teacher until the students graduate. A 20-minute period will be set aside everyday for advisor meetings and class meetings. Any time left in the period would be used for reading in the Accelerated Readers Program.

The ninth graders will be taking state tests at the end of this month. Because these tests will be in four-hour blocks, a suggestion was made to provide refreshments for students during their break.

The senior trip was also mentioned. According to Anthony, the school board is now reviewing the senior trip policy. This was done partly because of the cost of this year's trip (\$17,000). It was brought up that at some time in the past, classes had money making projects in the expectation that the money would be used to finance the prom. Any money left over was used toward the senior trip.

Present were members Steve Brownfield, Tanya Scanlon, Ron Anthony, Jason Just, Ginger Bowman, Marianne Kahl, April Sykes and Molly Rhea. Also present was Kelly Merrill, advisory board member. Member Charlie Anderson and Juan Elguezabal were not in attendance.

Ripkas enroll in Angus herd program

Gerald and Judith Ripka, Ione, have recently been enrolled in the Angus Herd Improvement Records program of the American Angus Association, reports Richard L. "Dick" Spader, executive vice-president of the national breed registry organization in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) is a comprehensive evaluation program used by registered Angus breeders to help them keep records of reproduction, and growth rate on individual animals. Each year hundreds of Angus breeders use AHIR records to produce more profitable, efficient Angus seedstock.

By weighing calves at 205

days of age and again at a year of age, breeders not only identify the cattle that grow the fastest and most efficiently, they also identify cows that regularly produce above average calves, and bulls that sire outstanding calves, said an association news release.

The American Angus Association in 1957 was the first beef breed organization to offer its members production records program, according to the release. Since that date, the AHIR program has grown to the point that breeders report more than a half million birth, weaning and yearling weights each year, they said. The information is processed by the association's computerized data processing systems.

Holly Rebekah meets

By Delpha Jones

Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday evening with the Noble Grand Kathy Clark presiding.

Plans were further discussed for the president's visit in April. Plans were also made to honor the 50 year members at the president's visit. Around 7-8 people are eligible.

Bertha Blades, the DDP of the McNary District, will be present at the second meeting in March to qualify the officers-elect to their respective offices and install the officers for the coming year. Mrs. Blades is from Integrity Lodge in Milton-Freewater.

Gun Club news

The Morrow County Gun Club held their weekly shoot on Saturday, Feb. 20 at the club in Lexington.

Results of the 16 yard shoot are as follows: first a tie between Mark Schlichting and Harvey Childers, 24 of 25; second Kacy Childers, 23 of 25; third Curt Day, 22 of 25.

Twenty yard handicap results were: first Kacy Childers, 23 of 25, and second Mark Schlichting, 21 of 25.

Twenty-three yard handicap results: first Kacy Childers, 21 of 25; second a tie between Curt Day and Mark Schlichting, 19 of 25.

The next scheduled shoot will be Saturday, Feb. 27 at noon.

St. Pat's committee to meet

The Wee Bit O' Ireland St. Patrick's Committee, co-chaired by Cara Osmin and Claudia Hughes, will meet Saturday, February 27, at 8 a.m. at Twice Upon A Time Bookstore in Heppner. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

"There's a job for everyone," says Hughes. Key chairpersons will report and publicity will be the topic.

Auction chair Doris Brosnan's committee is busy soliciting items of all shapes, sizes, ages and textures to make the auction the best ever.

Parade chair Bob Kahl is receiving entries daily for the annual "green parade", organizing judges, getting street closure permits, etc. Judie Laughlin, who sent out parade entries, is busy making the buttons. Remember, buttons give you a change to win \$100 pot o' gold drawings and admit you to entertainment Saturday and Sunday.

Mary Hamilton, formerly of Heppner, who now resides in Walla Walla, continues to chair the sheepdog trails, located on the Thompson Ranch.

KUMA Coffee hour long-time chair Dave Sykes is organizing another great morning with old favorites and new voices. John Doherty and the Irish Singers will return to the coffee hour and, along with Mountain Aire, be featured during the Ceili. Mike Duffy will again MC the Ceili.

It wouldn't be St. Pat's without Farley's Social Hour, the man who started this whole festive weekend. 'Tis truly the reunion spot, thanks to chairpersons Shanny Miller and Trish Huddleston.

A new race event, the O' Murphy Pace has been added to the Bartender and O'Hanky-Planky races, chaired by Kathy Cutsforth. Entrants greatly contribute to the festivities of the day.

Scores of other chairpersons and behind-the-scenes workers doing everything from cooking, serving, hosting, planning games, organizing events, and providing music to make this annual Wee Bit O'Ireland in Heppner Oregon possible. 'Tis a great community and county.

Volunteers needed

By Doris Brosnan

To give public recognition to volunteers, call 676-5886. Let our community know who is offering you a helping hand.

This week, these needs exist: -Volunteers to work on research and writing for The Morrow County Chronicles. Call 676-5886.

-Volunteers to help with senior meal-site set up on Wednesdays and St. Patrick Senior Center Bingo on Fridays. Call 676-5313.

-Volunteers to work at the luncheon at the Senior Center during St. Patrick's Celebration weekend. Call 676-9030.

-Volunteers to sell raffle tickets for the quilt and substitute office workers for the senior center. Call 676-5405 or 676-9030.

-Anyone willing to loan home videos of previous St. Pat's Celebration. Call 676-5536.

-Volunteers to help with the construction of the fairgrounds multi-purpose building. Call 676-9474.

-Volunteers to be leprechauns on St. Pat's Weekend. Call Delanne at 676-9187.

To list your volunteer needs, call 676-5886.

Garden Club to have speaker

The program for the March 1 meeting of Heppner Garden Club will be on "Early Spring Patio Gardens and Color Bowls."

Tom Shear, former Eugene plant nurseryman, will be the guest speaker.

Many people may remember Shear as a former art teacher and high school golf coach. Now he and his wife, Ruby, (formerly Fullerton) have moved here to retire.

The public is welcome to attend at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick Senior Center.



L-R: Jeri McElligott, Cathy Halvorsen, Jessica Krebs and Katie Tworek at the Ecumenical Ministry of Oregon awards banquet.

Shriners kick off 1999 football season

Redmond was the setting for the start of the 47th annual Shrine East-West Football Associations' activities. Shriners from throughout the state representing three Shrine temple jurisdictions met to kick off the 1999 football season.

Also present were six of Oregon high schools' league winning coaches who are responsible for the selection of the players from A, AA and AAA leagues. Players are considered on the basis of their grade point average, athletic ability, attitude, civic input and social congeniality.

The players' squad for each team consists of 30 young men, backed up by an alternate squad of 30. If a player becomes disqualified for any reason, or cannot attend, he is replaced from the alternate line-up. If a coach fails to submit the name of his eligible players, he denies them an opportunity to participate in the event, said a Shrine news release.

Coaching for the East team will be led by Bob Macauley of Sisters, Capital Conference. Assisting him will be Randy Morgan of Enterprise, Wapiti Conference, and Dave Courtney, Crane, Olde Oregon Conference. The West team will be headed by John Woodward of Tillamook, Val-Co. Assisting him will be Max Wall of Monroe, Tri-Co, and Tim France, Powers, Sky Line Conference.

The 1998 season produced \$85,000 in support of Shrine Hospitals for Children. The East-West game has maintained a second place standing for fund raising in North America and is the world's largest philanthropy, according to the release.

The Portland office of Adidas International supplied game jerseys and jackets for players and alternate squads, polo shirts and jackets for coaches, team managers, student managers and committee members, shorts and caps for coaches, team managers and student managers. Their donation added more than \$7,000 to the hospital contributions. Adidas International has committed their support to the 1999 season, continued the release.

1999 first team East players include:

Columbia Basin Conference 2A-Derek Gunderson, 5'7", 155 pound, wide receiver/defensive back, Heppner High School, Brandon King, 5'11", 210,

offensive lineman/defensive lineman, Weston-McEwen, and Seth Boyer, 6', 180, running back/linebacker, Culver;

Wapiti 2A-Travis Beach, 6'4", 225, tight end/defensive end, Enterprise, Wes Jennings, 6'7", 260, OL/DL, Joseph, Josh Burrigot, 6'3", 245, OL/DL, Imbler;

Big Sky 1A-Josh Cobb, 5'11", 214, RB/LB, Dufur;

Greater Oregon League 3A-Isaac Stinnett, 6', 190, OL/DL, Grant Union, James Glascock, 5'11", 200, offensive guard/DL, Vale, Drew Barr, 6'1", 190, RB/LB, Baker;

Big Fir 2A-Gabe LeMay, 6', 180, RB/LB, Yoncalla, Neil Elliott, 6'1" 185, WR/DB, Gold Beach, Marc Griffith, 6'1", 210, center/DL, Glendale;

Capital 3A-David Martin, 5'11" 186, RB/outside linebacker, and Bryce Gardinier, 6'4", 187, safety, both Sisters, Jason Couits, 5'11", 203, quarterback/DB, Central, Nathan Aman, 6'1", 185, DB/TE, Sweet Home, Steve Nanez, 5'11", 160, RB/center, North Marion;

Sky Em 3A-Joe Copley, 6'4", 200, WR/S, Marist, Kyle Kinion, 6'4", 240, OL/DL, Junction City, Russ Romas, 6'4", 325, OL/defensive tackle, Sutherlin, Hank Heath, 6', 190, offensive guard/LB, Elmira;

Skyline 3A-Ron Wessels, 6'7", 245, TE/DL, Rogue River, Ryan Juhl, 6'0", 190, RB/LB, Henley, Andy Sakraida, 6'1", 203, inside linebacker/TE, Hidden Valley

South Cascade 2A-Justin Pyle, 6', 180, RB/DB, Lost River, Jeff Bentley, 6'3", 215, TE/DE, Chiloquin, Tim Milojevich, 6'3", 245, OL/DL, Cascade Christian; Old Oregon 1A-Glen Adams, 6'1", 180, TE/DE, Crane, Jeremy Smith, 6'4", 250, OL/DL, Cove.

Keith Christianson, 6', 175, RB/LB, Sherman County, was selected as an East alternate for the Columbia Basin Conference.

Dustin Lulay, 6', 190, end, Regis, was chosen among the first team West picks for the Tri-River League.

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