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## Fire breaks out at Heppner residence



Fire breaks out in roof at a Heppner residence

The Heppner Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at a residence at 61245 Highway 207 near Heppner the morning of

## BEO to award scholarship

The Bank of Eastern Oregon will award \$3,000 to deserving high school seniors this spring in an ongoing scholarship program sponsored and funded by the bank.

Graduating seniors from high schools in Heppner, Lone, Arlington, Condon, Spray, Fossil and Boardman are eligible to apply for six \$500 scholarships this spring.

Students should contact their guidance counselor at their high school to access scholarship applications.

Criteria for the scholarship include the requirement that the student must be planning to enroll in programs in either agriculture or business. Judging will be done on the basis of scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

Application deadline is April

## Baseball Tryouts this Saturday

Baseball, softball and T-ball tryouts will be held in Heppner this Saturday.

Baseball minor league tryouts will be held at 11 a.m. at Shad Hisler field, and T-ball tryouts will be held at 12 noon at the same field.

Minor league softball tryouts will be held at 11 a.m. at the Softball field.

Anyone with further questions can contact Rick Paulus.

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The students will furnish a list of their awards and affiliation in community groups, a copy of their high school transcript, and a narrative of their future college and career plans. The final information required is a 300 word, or less, essay on "What is the major problem facing agriculture in the 1990's?" or "What is the major problem facing the United States economy in the 1990's?"

This is the sixth year that the Bank of Eastern Oregon has sponsored scholarships and \$3,000 is the most ever awarded for this program, said a bank news release.

## Beginning golf class set

A beginning golf class will be offered by Blue Mountain Community College, beginning Thursday, April 1, at Willow Creek Country Club.

The class is set for Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. for eight weeks and will cover the basics of the rules, play and etiquette of the game.

Tom Shear, a former Heppner High School golf coach, is the instructor. Cost is \$36 per person with a \$20 temporary membership payable to WCCC for all non-members.

To register or for more information, contact Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator, at 422-7040.

March 29. The house sustained fire damage to the roof.

## Easter egg hunts set

Easter egg hunts have been planned for children in Lone and Heppner on Saturday, April 3. Both of the hunts begin promptly at 10 a.m.

In Lone, kids through kindergarten age will hunt on the St. William Church lawn. Kids in first through fourth grade will hunt at the city park.

"Prizes and lots of eggs will be available for everyone," said a spokesperson.

The Lone egg hunt is sponsored by the Lone Extension group.

In Heppner preschool and kindergartners will hunt at the Heppner City Park; first and second graders at the Heppner Middle School lower field; and third and fourth graders at Hager park.

The Easter Bunny will make his annual visit to the Heppner City Park.

## Resume class scheduled

A free resume workshop is scheduled for Friday, April 9, at Heppner High School from 1-4 p.m. The class is designed for people wishing to write a resume for the first time or those wanting to update an older version. Participants should bring a written work and/or volunteer history to class.

Space for the class is limited so preregistration is required. To register or for more information, contact Anne Morter, BMCC Coordinator, at 422-7040.

## Cross overlooking Heppner marks fifth anniversary



Cross placed on March 26, 1994

Friday, March 26, marked the fifth anniversary of the placing of a new cross on Cross Hill overlooking Heppner. The cross was first erected on March 26, 1994.

Welding of the cross, which was comprised of "truck reaches" was donated by Joe Miller of Miller and Sons Welding. Bill McDowell, with the use of heavy equipment donated by Columbia Basin Electric, erected the cross and Kinzua Corporation, Pettyjohn's Builders, Columbia Basin Electric, Horseshoe Hereford Ranch, Jay Coil, John Britt and Guy Van Arsdale donated materials. Bob Jepsen and Bob DeSpain had been working on the idea for about a year and on the project itself for the last several weeks. George Jeffries and John Edmondson also helped with installation.

When the current cross was erected, it had been a year since a cross "watched over" Heppner. Mention of a cross was discovered by Marsha Sweek in a 1931 Gazette-Times, but it was not known if the cross was at the same site. That cross was placed by youth from the Episcopal, Methodist and Church of Christ churches. Bob Kelly (Kay Robinson's brother), Bill Ulrich, Herb Schunk, Dick Ferguson, Sid VanSchoiack and Jack Aiken were members of a Boy Scout troop that put a cross on the hill in 1939. Scoutmaster Martin Clark was also minister of the Christian Church at that time.

The current cross, which is painted white, is 25 feet tall and weighs over a ton. It was set five feet underground in a three-foot cement square. Lighting for the cross was originally provided by a generator, but is now permanent.

## SWCD, Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Thursday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Umatilla Electric Conference room, 203 E. Boardman Ave. in Boardman.

Agenda items include: Conservation Reserve Program assistance, Environmental Quality Incentive Program, manager's report, weed report, agency reports and other business.

The meeting is open to the public.

## Parent/teacher conference

Parent-teacher conferences will be held at Heppner High School on Monday, April 5, from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. There will be an hour dinner break from 4-5 p.m. Parents may pick up report cards during conferences.



Left to right: Bob and Aloha DeSpain, Bill and Merilee McDowell and Bob and Suzanne Jepsen

## Irish sister city sought

As Heppner celebrates its Irish-ness each spring, a missing component is a current strong connection to Ireland. So, a search for a "Gá Baile" (Gaelic, pronounced approximately, "ga vay-la"), twin city, on the Emerald Isle is underway.

Whoever first submits the name of the community that Heppner City Council selects as an Irish twin city will win \$75.

If that community chooses not to reciprocate with Heppner, contacts will be made with other entries until a community accepts the offer, and whoever submitted that community's name will win \$50.

The hunt is on. "Let's find a community:

-That has citizens who want to be involved person-to-person with Heppner's citizens-students, city officials, business owners and employees, retired, senior citizens, school officials, organizational leaders... The young, the old, the in-between," said Chamber of Commerce director Claudia Hughes.

"-That will want to exchange educational, cultural, business, professional and technical information and experiences.

"-That has a common desire for friendship, goodwill and cooperation.

"-That will be able to identify with Heppner in some important ways. (We probably want a town about our size, probably agriculturally based, located geographically in a similar

setting?) Seems that the more the communities have in common, the more the individuals will enjoy communicating with one another."

"By next spring, we all could have increased the number of people we know and the knowledge we have of another culture," continued Hughes. "We could invite our new friends, a delegation, to join us for our St. Pat's Weekend celebration. We could form a delegation to represent Heppner over there in the future."

Following, according to Hughes, are the easy-to-follow steps:

1. Find an Irish town that seems a twin to Heppner.

2. Submit the selection with all the reasons for choosing it.

3. Have your selection to the book store by city hall by June 17.

4. The city council will select the winning Irish community. (The city council, might, depending on number of entries and the difficulty in making a final choice, ask entrants to present their choices to the council at a meeting.)

5. The winner will receive \$75.

6. The city council will contact the Irish community. (If Heppner's offer is not accepted, the search, using the submitted selections, will continue. When a relationship is established with a community, the person/group who chose that community will receive \$50.)

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