

## Ione Youth Group presents service awards

Niki Sullivan and Jessica Krebs are the 1999 recipients of the Outstanding Service Award given by Ione Ecumenical Youth Group. "The award is the highest honor given by the group and reflects four years of full participation and sincere commitment and service to others," said a youth group spokesperson.

Sullivan and Krebs, both seniors at Ione High School, have regularly attended meetings and sold and delivered Christmas trees to make money for group projects. They have helped with the annual food drive to benefit the Neighborhood Center and helped with the Jason Halvorsen Scholarship Bazaar by setting up and serving in the kitchen the day of the sale. They have also volunteered at the Topic Club fund raiser for the Ione Public Library.

Sullivan has been actively involved in the Human Face, a pledge walk that benefits the Burnside community, and has shoveled snow for senior citizens. Throughout her high school years she has made four trips to Burnside to serve the poor. She has also been a reader at church.

Krebs helped paint the playground equipment at the school. She made her first trip to the Burnside area in February, where she worked in a soup kitchen and helped pass out hygiene kits to the poor.

Sullivan is a member of St. William's Catholic Church, where she will be confirmed in May. Krebs is a member of the Ione United Church of Christ.



Niki Sullivan prepares pie to serve at the Jason Halvorsen Scholarship Bazaar



Jessica Krebs bussing tables at Blanchet House soup kitchen in Portland

## Gardeners invited to plant exchange

All gardeners in this area may again bring plants to the sixth annual town plant exchange on Saturday, April 17 at the St. Patrick's Senior Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Plants include bulbs, corms, pips, tubers and roots.

This event is sponsored by the Heppner Garden Club members who will be available to answer questions and "talk gardening". One spokesperson stressed that this is not a sale. Gardeners bring plants and exchange for others. Gardeners are encouraged to bring the names of their plants, especially if they are unusual species or varieties.

Coffee, tea and cookies will be served during the exchange.

## W.C.C.C. Golf

### WCCC Men's Play Sunday, March 28

First low gross-Greg Grant 70; second low gross-a tie between Ray Reed, Ron Bowman and Dave Pranger 72.

First low net-Les Paustian 56; second low net-a tie between Tom Sturgeon and Don Finley 58; third low net-Jason Hanna 62.

Least putts: Les Paustian 24. K.P. #4-#13: Greg Grant 17'1".

Long drive #6-#15: Russ Morgan.

## Aerobics class cancelled

The Blue Mountain Community College low impact aerobics class scheduled to begin on April 5 has been canceled due to an injury to the instructor. Anyone who might be interested in teaching aerobics may contact Anne Morter, area BMCC coordinator at 422-7040.

## Daylight savings

Daylight savings time will begin Easter morning, this Sunday, April 4. Everyone is reminded to "spring ahead" and turn clocks ahead one hour.

### April 3rd - Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Preschool at the Heppner city park; 1-2 grades at the Lower Field; 3-4 grades at Hager Park. The Easter Bunny will be making his annual visit to the city park!

Also on Saturday, April 3rd: Installation of Officers at 4 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Music (Full Tilt Audio) from 8-11 p.m.

**BINGO IS BACK! Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.**



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## Grange conference

On Saturday, April 10, Greenfield Grange will host the Oregon State leadership conference for the Wheatland Pomona area. The meeting is from 5-9 p.m. This will provide an opportunity to ask questions.

## Garden Club to have potluck

Heppner Garden Club will meet Monday, April 5 at 6 p.m. for a potluck dinner at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The educational program will be "companion planting" by Janel Lacey. District 10 director Joanne Fitzgerald will be a guest. The club will also make final plans for the town plant exchange on Saturday, April 17.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## Births

Edgar Antonio Barrera-a son Edgar Antonio was born to Ana and Edgar Barrera of Boardman on March 11, 1999 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 0 oz.

## Deacon Heideman now Country Companies agent

Deacon Heideman of Pendleton, formerly of Ione, has been named an agent for the Country Companies insurance group.

As part of his training, Heideman recently completed the insurance group's new agent school. The school is designed to help agents expand their knowledge about the Country Companies insurance products, enhance their communication skills and guide them toward successfully setting and achieving goals, said a Country Companies news release.

Heideman earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural sciences from Oregon State University at Corvallis in 1998. He was recently married to Erin Hansell of Hermiston and he is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Hermiston. He grew up in Ione on a large dry-land wheat ranch.

Heideman serves clients from the Country Companies office at 815 S.W. Court, Pendleton. The office phone number is (541) 564-1410.



Deacon Heideman

Heideman says he looks forward to opening a Country Companies office in Hermiston soon.

The Country Companies are a group of companies providing insurance products and financial services including life, auto, home, farm, ranch, disability income and commercial insurance and annuities.

The Country Companies have been included in A.M. Best's highest rating category, (superior), for more than 50 years, according to the release. A. M. Best is an independent insurance industry analyst.

The insurance group's products and services are endorsed by the Oregon Farm Bureau, the release continued.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Chamber of Commerce members and others interested in learning how Burns coped with the loss of their lumber mill 10 years ago will be traveling south this week to visit with a group of people in Burns. When change occurs, all avenues need to be pursued to find the answers and the Chamber of Commerce is at work doing just that.

Legislative issues the Heppner Chamber has been involved in this year include opposition to the breaching of the Snake and Columbia River dams, support of bringing the Pioneer train service back to eastern Oregon, opposition to HB2050, and transportation issues.

The Chamber also holds monthly phone sessions with Senator Ted Ferrioli and Rep. Lynn Lundquist. Chamber Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28. Stop by the Chamber for more information.

It's been requested by the Wee Bit O'Ireland St. Patrick's committee that mention be made in this column about the mystery of the missing Irish flags. That's right, the orange, green and white ones that deck the street during the annual celebration. Seems that Gwen Healy made about 24 of them and this year only 14 were available when put out; a week later 10 were left. Now, the committee knows that in the wee hours of the morning some strange antics occur and they are sure that by the next afternoon some are wondering how they came to be in possession of an Irish flag. Should that be the case with anyone reading this, or if a flag is rolled up resting in a corner of your establishment, please return it to The Shoe Box where it will be stored until 2000. No questions asked.

April 6, noon, Kate's, is Chamber's monthly all-entireties-report session. Come visit. We invite interested persons to come see what the organization is about. An investment in the Chamber is an investment in your community.

Brrrr. There are signs of spring with daffodils, tulips and crocus appearing through the snow. Maybe by the weekend the sun will shine. The Chamber of Commerce wishes you a happy Easter.

## Local student competes in cheerleading championship

The Graceland College cheerleaders and dancers will attend the annual NCA Collegiate National Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida, April 1-5.

Traci Dickenson, daughter of Steve and Kathi Dickenson of Heppner, is a member of the Graceland College cheer squad. The National Cheerleaders Association invited the Graceland team to attend its NCA Collegiate National Championship because of their outstanding performance at a summer cheerleading and dance camp, said a Graceland news release.

The NCA Collegiate National Championship will air on CBS Sports on April 17 from 1-2 p.m. (EST). The USA Network will air a 30-minute show highlighting cheer and dance routines from Division 1, 11, junior college and all-girl on Saturday, May 29, from 9-10 a.m. (all time zones).

Graceland College is a four-

year liberal arts school headquartered in Lamoni, Iowa. The student enrollment is approximately 1,400.

## OSU lists honor students

Names of students who have made the scholastic honor roll winter term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 343 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 1,717 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work. Local students on the honor roll include:

Boardman-3.5 or better, Lara E. Fritz, freshman, university exploratory study; Marta C. Nilson, sophomore, liberal arts.

Heppner-straight-A average, Phillip A. Spicerkuhn, junior, science.

Ione-3.5 or better, Aaron D. Heideman, senior, agricultural sciences; Alison M. Sullivan, senior, home economics and education.

Irrigon-straight-A average, Michelle R. Brown, senior, health and human performance; 3.5 or Better, Roberto H. Garcilazo, sophomore, business.

## Grains meeting date changed

A meeting of the Oregon Grains Commission, previously scheduled for April 7, will be held on Tuesday, April 6, at 11 a.m. at the Kingstad Meeting Center, Airport Center, 5933 Win Sivers Drive, Portland.

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