

## 'Last Supper' tableau presented



A tableau of the "Last Supper"

Three local churches with a shared ministry, Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal, joined together at All Saints church on Thursday, April 1, to present a Maundy Thursday service, which included a dramatic portrayal of a tableau of the painting by Leonardo DaVinci, "The Last Supper."

The tableau featured men from the three churches who portrayed Jesus and His disciples. Chris Rauch portrayed Simon Peter, Dale Holland, II-John; Louis Carlson-James; Duane Neiffer-Andrew; Thomas Currin-Phillip; Steve Hill-Bartholomew; Rick Peterson-Thomas; Duane

Disque-Matthew; David Phillips-James the Less; John Edmundson-Thadeus; Bob Jepsen-Simon; Rick Minster-Judas; and The Rev. Dick Metz, pastor of the Hope-Valby Parish-Jesus.

Robanai Disque narrated the program and Donna McCurdy, George Nairns and Shirley Palmer were directors.

Costumes were provided by Marcia Anderson, Donna Bergstrom, Donna McCurdy, Krystal Nairns, Shirley Palmer, Mary Phillips, Millie Rauch and Judy Rickert. Betty Carlson, Suzanne Jepsen, Pauline

Matheny, George Nairns and Jane Rawlins were in charge of the props.

The All Saints Altar Guild made the communion bread and the set was constructed by Bob DeSpain, Bill McDowell and Bob Nairns, who also did the lighting.

Fran Barnett, Rick Britt and Sonja McCabe did the videotaping and photography. Gail Hughes was organist and Marnie Anderson and Ned and Kathy Clark assisted in communion. Pastor Metz led the service.

## 4-H members named ambassadors

The Oregon 4-H Ambassador program has selected 112 outstanding Oregon 4-H members from across the state to participate in its activities during the coming year. Those chosen this year include Keith Baker from Boardman and Shelby Krebs from Ione.

"This group represents 4-H members from 25 counties in this prestigious program and is a reflection of an increase in 4-H membership in recent years," said Duane Johnson, Oregon State University Extension 4-H youth development specialist.

In 1998, more than 57,000 youths took part in 4-H programs, an increase of 7,000 over the previous year.

"Participation in the Ambassador program is the highest honor a 4-H member can earn," Johnson said. To become an ambassador, 4-H members must undergo a rigorous review of their accomplishments in 4-H and in community and school activities. Ambassadors must be at least in the 10th grade. The ambassadors play an important role in the OSU Extension 4-H Youth Program. They promote the 4-H program throughout the state and provide leadership for

a variety of state, county and local activities.

Included among those activities are speaking about 4-H to community groups, setting up 4-H displays in stores and shopping centers, promoting 4-H activities on radio and television talk shows and recruiting new 4-H members. In addition, the ambassadors train 4-H leaders and members and provide leadership for 4-H educational programs at the county and state level.

The new ambassadors will learn more about their responsibilities to help represent and promote the 4-H program at the 4-H Ambassador Weekend, June 18-20 at Linfield College in McMinnville. The weekend, sponsored by the Oregon Farm Credit System, will also include classes on life skill development, work force preparation, and citizenship, Johnson said. The focus of this year's training includes communications, teamwork, resume development, and youth leadership in community and state issues.

Some of the ambassadors will be invited to participate in the 1999 National 4-H Youth Congress in Memphis later this year.

## Preschool kids plan hop-a-thon

Children of the Heppner Preschool will participate in the Muscular Dystrophy association's annual "Hop-a-Thon" program to benefit local muscular dystrophy patients on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 13-14, beginning at 10 a.m.

In this recreational group activity, children have a "hopping" good time while helping youngsters who are unable to hop or walk because of muscular dystrophy. MDA provides free education materials and staff support for the Hop-a-Thon and related classroom activities.

The Hop-a-Thon program is one that involves the whole family as parents help their children collect donations from friends, family members, neighbors and area businesses.

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat 40 neuromuscular diseases through

programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services and far-reaching professional and public health education. In addition to funding groundbreaking research, MDA maintains some 230 clinics nationwide, including one at OHSU and Shriners Hospital, both in the Portland area, and other programs of support and services for children and adults affected by neuromuscular diseases, according to an MDA news release.

## Rolling Hills Run planned for April 24

The annual Rolling Hills Run will be held Saturday, April 24, in Heppner. The 3.1 or 6.2 mile fun run/walk will get underway at Heppner Elementary School beginning at 9 a.m. 10K walkers may start at 8:30 a.m.

Participants are asked to pre-register by April 16, but late registration is also available from 7-8:30 a.m. at the school. The entry fee is \$10 each for the first two family members; \$8.50 for each additional member; and \$12 each for late registration for the first two family members.

Breakfast is included in registration and will also be

available to the public at a cost of \$3.50 each from 6-10 a.m.

The race course will go from Heppner Elementary School, up and back along the Heppner-Pilot Rock Highway, and finish at the Heppner Elk's Club.

Plaques, door prizes and ribbons will be awarded. Awards will be given to 5K and 10K runners for first, second and third places overall, the oldest male and female and youngest male and female. Prizes will be awarded to every race participant.

The event will include time splits. Two aid stations are planned along the way.

The Rolling Hills Run is sponsored by the EMT Association of South Morrow County. Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of ambulance live-saving equipment for the South Morrow County Response Teams.

Send registration forms to the Morrow County EMT Association, P.O. Box 562, Lexington, OR 97839. For more information, call 989-8526 or 989-8555.

## House in Heppner sought for group home for disabled youth

RISE, Inc., a not-for-profit agency based out of Salt Lake City, is seeking a house in Heppner in which to locate a group home for developmentally disabled youth. RISE has contracted with the state of Oregon to open the home. The home, which RISE hopes to lease on a long-term basis, would house three youth and six to nine staff who would provide one-on-one care 24-hours a day.

According to Patti Pappas, case manager with Morrow County Behavioral Health, the three youth who have been identified as needing a home have developmental disabilities, such as mental retardation, deficits in communication skills or learning disabilities, and may also have physical disabilities. She said that the youth have reached a crisis situation where they cannot live at home because their families can no longer take care of them or the town in which they live cannot provide the support they need.

The home would house no more than three adolescents, either all girls or all boys, but not boys and girls at the same time.

Pappas says that RISE wants to find a home for the youth in a smaller community, such as Heppner, which is more grounded and stable, and perhaps more welcoming of people with disabilities, but near a larger community, such as Hermiston, which can provide additional support services. The kids are placed as close to their own home as possible, within the eastern region, which goes from The Dalles to Ontario and all the way south, with the exception of Lake County.

According to Pappas, the goal at the group home is to teach the youth independent living skills, such as hygiene, grooming, shopping, cooking and cleaning, or even just appropriate behavior with the hope that they could someday live on their own. She adds that one-on-one care is ideal for the young people. "I would love to see everyone with a developmental disability to have one-on-one care, because these people just flourish," said Pappas. At the home, the trained staff would provide one-on-one care during the daytime hours and one to two people would be awake and on duty during the evening hours. "RISE is very conscientious towards the community," she added. RISE already has a group home established in the Hermiston area.

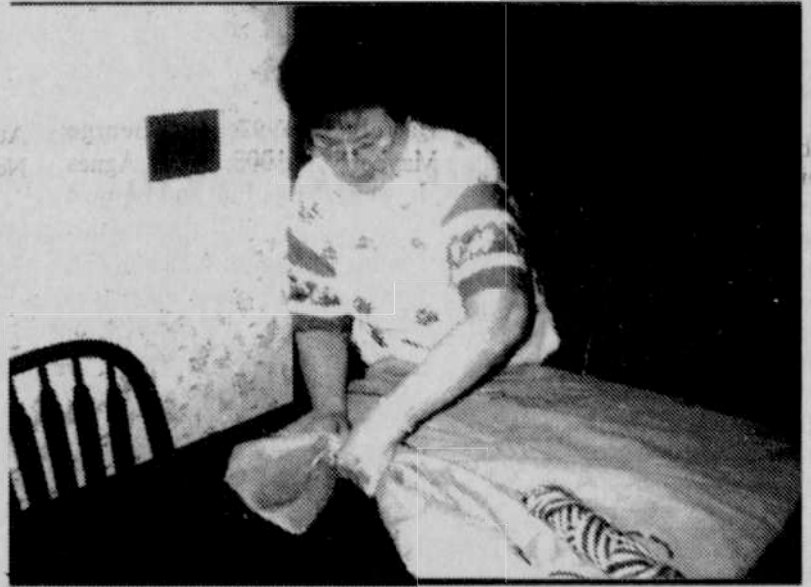
While RISE operates the home, Pappas and the Morrow County Behavioral Health Office will oversee services, with the exception of educational services, for any developmentally disabled children in the home. Pappas said that the plan is for the kids to attend local schools and become as involved as possible in school activities.

While the program is designed to help developmentally disabled children and is not an economic development issue, placement of such a home would benefit the local economy, Pappas says that RISE wants staff who already live in Heppner and are established in the community. In addition to employing six to nine people, the group home would patronize the local health clinic, dental office, hospital, pharmacy, grocery and other retail stores and recreational facilities such as the bowling alley.

Pappas, who will oversee the facility, has extensive experience in working with the developmentally disabled. She received an associate of arts degree in liberal arts from Blue

Mountain Community College. In 1982 she received a bachelor of science degree in psychology with a minor in special education from Western Oregon University at Monmouth. She held a teaching certificate in special education for six years and held a teaching certificate in Idaho for special education, early childhood education and early childhood special education. She worked three years at Fairview Training Center, a state institution for mentally retarded people, similar to the now-closed Eastern Oregon Training Center in Pendleton. In Boise she ran an in-home living skill training program for three years and then for an additional three years, before coming on board as a case manager with MCBH, was administrator at a 15-bed facility for people with physical as well as mental disabilities. She also worked at a vocational rehabilitation recycling center in Salem. A graduate of Heppner High School, Pappas chose her career path because of the experiences she had working at a day camp for mentally handicapped kids.

## Legion Auxiliary donates to vets



Jean Jepsen sews lab robes for veterans

The members of the Ione American Legion Auxiliary Unit #95 recently made and donated 32 lap robes to the Veterans Hospital in Walla Walla, Wa. The lap robes will be used for veterans who come to the hospital to obtain medical help.

Members of the Auxiliary working on this project were: Phyllis Dudley, Robin Dudley, June Crowell, Vera Lou Rietmann, Helen Crawford, Irene Holtz, Mildred Eubanks, Eunice McElligott, Lois Allen and Jean Jepsen.

## Road Dept. plans project

The Morrow County Road Department plans to start a major road building project on the north section of Valby Road, beginning April 12.

The project, which encompasses 2-1/2 miles of Valby Road from its junction with Brenner Canyon Road to its junction at Gooseberry Road, will include the removal and replacement of Barlow Canyon Bridge.

A detour will be available from Gooseberry and Olden roads to the Brenner Canyon/Valby Junction. The detour will be clearly marked, according to a news release from the Public Works Department.

The project will be in progress for approximately four weeks, from April 12-May 7.

For more information, call 541-989-9500.

## Heppner, Ione school activities

Ione and Heppner schools have released the following school schedules for April:

### Ione Schools

Wednesday, April 7-Kindergarten through 12th grade eye exams.

Thursday, April 8-Soroptimist Senior Girls' Luncheon, noon, All Saints Episcopal Church, Heppner; district math contest, Ione, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 12-Morrow County School District Board meeting, Ione High School, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14-Ione Site Council meeting, 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 15-Blue Mountain Community College Skills Contest, grades nine-12, Pendleton.

Wednesday, April 21-Ione Junior-Senior Banquet, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28-Band festival.

Saturday, May 1-Prom, Legion Hall, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

### Heppner High School

Wednesday, April 7-Advisory Committee, Heppner Elementary School.

Thursday, April 8-District math contest, Ione; Soroptimist Senior Girls' Luncheon, All Saints Episcopal Church, Heppner, noon.

Monday, April 12-Morrow County School District Board meeting, Ione High School, 7:30 p.m.; levels testing begins for seventh-ninth grades, April 12-16.

Wednesday, April 14-Heppner High School Site Council, 7 p.m.; Booster Club, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 15-BMCC Skills Challenge, Pendleton.

Wednesday, April 21-Knowledge Master.

Saturday, April 24-Prom, Heppner Junior High School, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., public viewing and crowning of royalty, 10:30 p.m.; Centennial-Heppner Junior High School eighth grade exchange begins, April 24-30.

Wednesday, April 28-Tri-Co music, Heppner Junior High.

Friday, April 30-writing festival at Portland.

## Singspiration

### planned April 11

The Community Singspiration for April will be hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, on Sunday, April 11, at 7 p.m.

"If you have an urge to sing or play an instrument in public, this is your opportunity," said a Singspiration spokesperson. "Otherwise, just come and enjoy the group singing."

Refreshments will follow.

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## Grange certificates to be presented

By Delpha Jones

The Oregon State Grange master, Ed Luttrell, will be present at the next Grange meeting to award certificates to 25, 50 and 70 year members at the Lexington Grange Hall. Honorees and their families are invited to attend.

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*Wedding Tables*

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*Madara Dawn Rill  
and Kurt Allen Albertson  
April 17th*

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*Alecia Colleen Tarnashy  
and Craig Kelly Angell  
May 1st*

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*Randi LeBoeuf  
and Jonathan Garrett  
May 1st*

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*Stormy Jo Howard  
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