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Legion Hall gets new windows



Blu Blakely, of Blu Blakeley Construction, installs a window at the lone American Legion Hall. The hall is undergoing renovation with funds received from a Fred Meyer grant.

Mustangs take two from Rangers

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Dufur on Friday, April 9 and took both games of the doubleheader, 8-6 in eight innings, and 6-4 in seven innings in the nightcap.

The Mustangs avenged an earlier season loss to the Rangers and improved their record to 4-3. Heppner travels to Pendleton on Friday, April 16, to play the Bucks JVs in a doubleheader.

In the first game, the Mustangs jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two innings, only to have Dufur take a 4-3 lead in the third.

Heppner scored three runs in the top of the fifth with the help of a solo home run by Cory Bennetto to take a 6-4 lead, only to have Dufur come back to tie the game at 6-6 after five.

Tim Dickenson led off the top of the eighth with a walk and went to third on a sacrifice bunt by Blas Elguezabal. Dylan Pettyjohn tripled to score Dickenson and scored on a Derek Gunderson single.

Elguezabal got the Rangers out in the bottom of the inning to pick up the win. David Bates started the game for the Mustangs and combined with Elguezabal for 12 strikeouts.

Michael McCabe went 2-4, including a double and a triple. Gunderson went 2-5 for the Mustangs. Shane Matheny doubled and Mark McElligott tripled as the Mustangs banged out 10 hits for the game.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the top of the first in game two and hung on from there to get the win.

Dickenson went the distance to get his first win of the season, striking out 10 and walking seven.

Josh Hill was 2-3, including a double. McCabe also went 2-3. Gunderson and Allan Gribkov each doubled and Cody Bellamy tripled, as the Mustangs totaled nine hits for the game.

Statistics:
First game: Heppner-12003002 8 10 4
Dufur-00402000 6 8 3
David Bates, Blas Elguezabal (6), and Allan Gribkov; Lance Lindell, Luke Lindell (4) and Anthony.
W-Elguezabal, 1-0. L-Luke Lindell. 2B-Shane Matheny, Michael McCabe (H), Lance Lindell (D). 3B-McCabe, Dylan Pettyjohn, Mark McElligott (H), Woods (D). HR-Cory Bennetto (H); Luke Lindell (D).
Second game: Heppner-6000000 6 9 7
Dufur-2020000 4 4 1
Tim Dickenson and Gribkov; Depriest, Anthony (3) and Beauchamp.
W-Dickenson 1-2. L-Depriest. 2B-Derek Gunderson, Gribkov, Hill (H). 3B-Cody Bellamy (H). HR-none.

Marsha Sweek to speak at Boardman Chamber

Marsha Sweek, director of the Morrow County Museum, will be the featured speaker at the April 21 Boardman Chamber of Commerce meeting.

"Marsha is recognized as an expert in rural museum development and will share guidelines that have helped other communities establish historic collections and museums," says Chamber President Arlene Walters.

Kathy Moore, Boardman City manager, will also be on the agenda, inviting community participation to gather and discuss options for a city transportation plan.

Chamber of Commerce meetings are open to all interested persons. April 21 is "Secretaries Day"; chamber members are invited to bring their secretary and treat her to lunch. Taco salad will be the entree and the Driftwood RV Park Recreation Room, 800 W. Kunze Road, is the location for the noon meeting.

Anyone wishing a hot lunch must RSVP by 4 p.m., Monday April 19, to 481-2571 or 481-3014.

Proposal to aid rural stations

Senator Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) asked his fellow senators Thursday to support him in returning fuel supplies to 10 rural communities who currently have none.

The stations were closed last year when the deadline expired to remove "Leaking Underground Storage Tanks," commonly referred to as "LUST."

"We need to get rid of LUST in rural Oregon," Senator Ferrioli joked. "But more importantly, we need to return fuel to these rural communities whose only stations have been closed."

All Oregon gas stations were required to start using safe underground storage tanks in 1998 to stop leaks that have the potential to damage drinking water supplies and the environment. Many small rural stations had trouble meeting these requirements and therefore missed state imposed deadlines.

"These are mom and pop operations," stated Ferrioli. "The absence of fuel in these communities means people have to drive several miles to get fuel."

The proposal, Senate Bill 5544, provides up to \$45,000 to help the 10 stations immediately begin removing the tanks. All stations are at least five miles from other operational gas stations.

Wedding

Rill - Albertson

Mr. and Mrs. William Dean Rill, Heppner, announce the marriage of their daughter, Madora Dawn, to Kurt Allen Albertson, son of Mrs. Faye Albertson and the late George W. Albertson, on Sunday, April 17, at 4 p.m. at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Second Street and First Avenue, Ontario.

A reception will immediately follow the wedding.

The couple will live near Adrian, Oregon.

Stop smoking workshop planned

A smoking cessation workshop, "Kick Butt Day Orientation", will be held on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the Family Resource Center, 120 S. Main, Heppner.

This is a workshop for those who want to quit smoking. Couples are encouraged to participate, said Marilyn Bader-Nesse, prevention specialist.

There is a minimal fee for materials, said Bader-Nesse and scholarships will be offered. Besides education and techniques for quitting, hypnotherapy and medical management will be offered.

For further details, contact Bader-Nesse at Morrow County Behavioral Health, 676-9161.

Sci-fi Invasion held at museum



Nancy Marvel from The Dalles

Superior knowledge and numbers brought victory to many local competitors in many contests held at the Morrow County Museum during INVASION, the sci-fi fan gathering held Saturday April 10.

In Invasion Bowl, a College-Bowl type knowledge contest, winner in the adult Star Wars division was Jeff Sneddon. Heppner; the Star Trek Division

was taken by Nat Saenz of the Tri-Cities. The Kids' Division was swept by Seth Morgan and Curtis Harper. Winners of the written Trivia Contests were: Star Trek-Til Tullis, Ione. (perfect score); Star Wars-Everett Marvel, Portland; special recognition for a perfect score by noncompeting museum personnel - Genni Sneddon.

The Alien Coloring Contest attracted 120 entries and the six categories were won by Jason Kendrick, two, Sarah Kendrick,

photo by Allison Sykes

six, Cyde Coil, nine, Kyle Huddleston, 12, Kim Hansen, 16, and Monica Jones, "over 21."

The winner of the Great Alien Hunt was Tiah Drake. Costume winners were: best costume-Michael Mosaria, Tri-Cities, people's choice-Jordan Shepard, Heppner, best dynamic duo (special recognition)- the Hollands, best family group (special recognition)- The Straley Away Team, Lori, Teri and Kelly.

City releases strategic plan

Heppner city manager Jerry Breazeale has provided the following information concerning the Heppner strategic plan.

What is it?

The Heppner Strategic Plan is a document that states the vision, principles and goals the Heppner area community has set for itself, defining the kind of community we would like to be and providing direction for how to get there.

The original strategic plan was written in 1992 and was known as "Vision 2000: Goals and Strategies". The Heppner Coordinating Council, an open membership group of interested citizens and community leaders, has maintained the document and done periodic updates.

Why it's important.

A community should agree on its vision and goals for economic development, types of businesses to attract to town, what environment and atmosphere the community should have. Losing the Kinzua mill recently makes this strategic plan revision very timely. Livelihood and quality of life is important to this community.

Almost all funding sources, whether federal, state or private, require that proposed projects have community support and are

well thought out. A typical funding requirement is that the project be in a community strategic plan that was developed with public participation.

Why YOU should care.

Some projects affect everyone, directly or indirectly. For example, infrastructure improvements may affect you through increased taxes or fees. Do you just like looking at our historic buildings? Should efforts be devoted to their upkeep? Maybe it would be nice to know an assisted living facility will be there for you ... years from now. What should our community look like 20 years from now? We need to plan now for the future, as well as immediate needs.

What's been going on so far, and what's to come.

In response to an article in the Gazette-Times a group of community people from outlying areas and town residents have been working on a draft of the new strategic plan. They would like to get your feedback and comments. Volunteers will be interviewing with various community organizations, groups, businesses and individuals. They want to know if you support the draft vision, principles and goals, as well as which projects you would

support. They also want to know your ideas for projects. Eventually, there will be a town hall meeting to gather ideas and comments.

How to find out more.

Keep your eye out for meeting dates and announcements, or check out the City website at www.heppner/city.net. You can call Jerry Breazeale at 676-9618 for more information, to ask questions, give comments or make suggestions. Copies of the draft plan are available at City Hall.

The next strategic plan meeting will be at the Forest Service building at 7 p.m. on April 28. Everyone is welcome to attend.

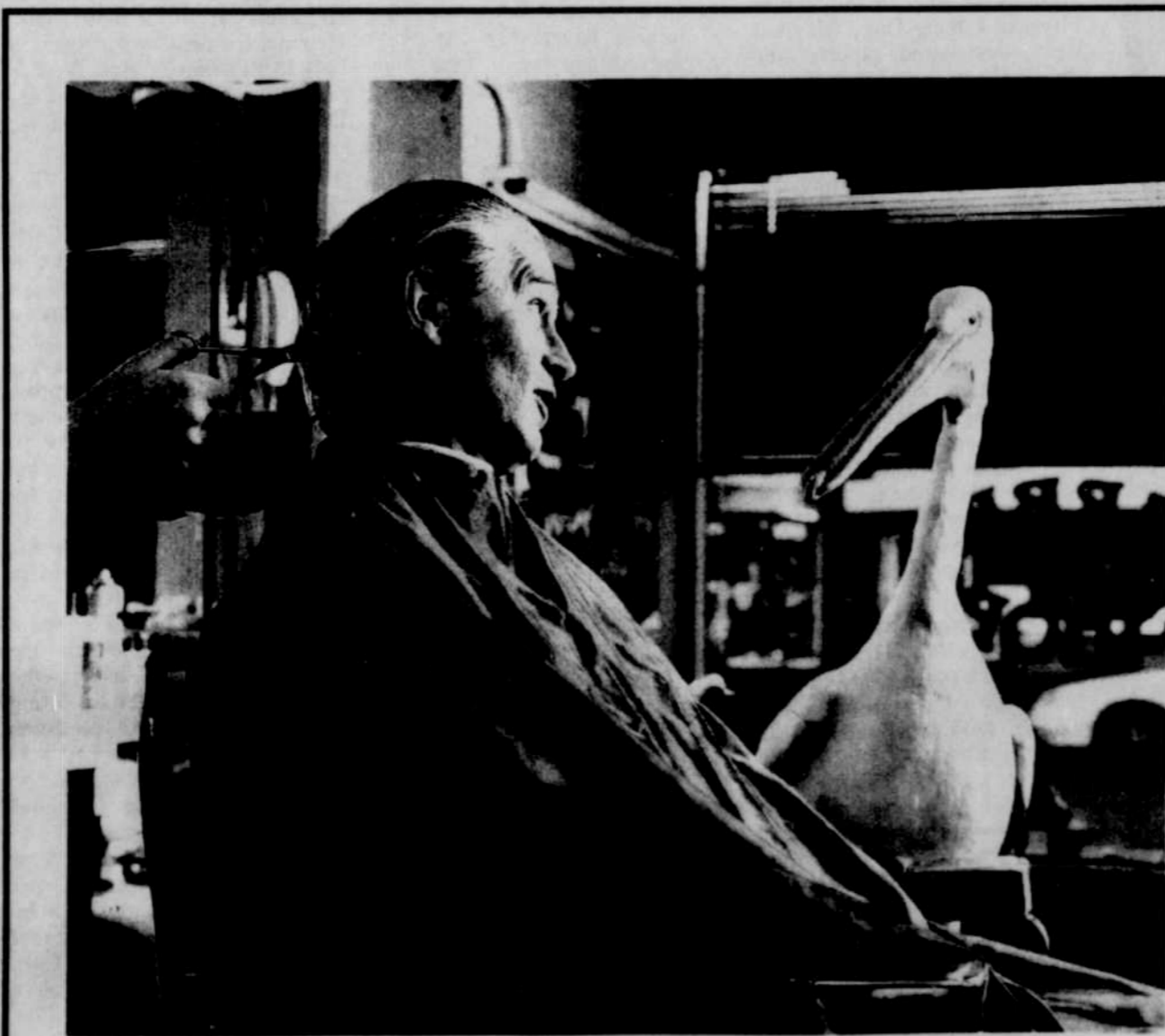
Arts & Crafts

Club to meet

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club will meet on Thursday, April 22 at 1 p.m. at Kate's Pizza in Heppner.

After lunch, members will discuss the pros and cons of disbanding the club due to lack of interest.

All members are urged to attend.



In Heppner at 111 N. Main Street, 541-676-5407.

Carl: I bet I've driven a rig full of chickens through every town in Oregon.

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

After more than 60 years of serving Oregonians like you, we've got a pretty good idea of the challenges, hopes and dreams people have around here. We've learned that having a trusted banking relationship at the right place and the right time can go a long way in helping you realize your dreams. That's why you'll find Klamath First Federal in 35 locations throughout the state. Visit the one in your neighborhood today.



We'd be honored.