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Ione church design approved



Artist's drawing of new church

The members of Ione United Church of Christ (IUCC), at a special meeting of the congregation on July 18, voted unanimously to approve the basic design for a new facility to replace the old building which was destroyed by fire in April, 1998.

The architect is Gail A. Sargent, A.I.A., of Hermiston, who is working with the IUCC Building Committee.

The new design includes a sanctuary which will be similar in size to the old worship space, plus a balcony for overflow seating and a nursery room with windows into the sanctuary. The

plan also includes an entry foyer, a community hall large enough to seat eighty people around tables, a kitchen, office space, classrooms, storage and restrooms.

The congregation is selling bricks for the entry courtyard of the new building. For \$50, a commemorative brick will be inscribed with a name, a phrase, or as a memorial to a loved one. Brick donations may be mailed to Jannie Allen, P.O. Box 22, Ione, OR 97843.

IUCC meets for worship on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. at St. Williams Catholic Church in Ione. Service will not be held in

Ione on Sunday, Aug. 8, as members are invited to go to the Condon United Church of Christ to attend worship at 11 a.m. and share a potluck dinner.

"Celebrate Heppner" dunk tank

Want to take a shot at soaking one of your friends? Come downtown Friday, July 30th for the "Celebrate Heppner" dunk tank. Dunktees include: Pat Sweeney- 12-12:30, Rusty Estes-12:30-1:00, Darrell Raver- 1:00-1:30, Janelle Healy- 1:30-2:00, Jaci Hughes- 2:00-2:30, Cliff Green- 2:30-3:00, Mike Sweek- 3:00-3:30, Ron Anthony- 3:30-4:00, Dan Brosnan- 4:00-4:30, Sheri Arbogast- 4:30-5:00, Jay Coil- 5:00-5:30 and Greg Grant- 5:30-6:00.



Finally, summer's here with the temperature rising to 96 degrees Tuesday afternoon.

Meetings cancelled

Meetings scheduled to date July 27 and August 26 for the Morrow County Recreation District in Irrigon have been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for September 30 at 7:00 PM at Columbia Junior High. The meeting will include election of officers and review of requests for funds by community groups.

Princess Tracey enjoys barrel racing

This year's Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Princess Tracey Rankin's fragile looks belie a cowgirl's determination. Tracey, a delicate-looking blonde with striking pale-blue eyes, can ride along with the best of them.

One of Tracey's favorite activities is barrel racing-she races every other week with the Hermiston Barrel Club. She also especially enjoys the run-ins during the many rodeos she has attended this year. "They're fun," says Tracey. "You get to have a little fun and you get to get out and run your horse."

(At the run-ins Tracey and the other court members wear their official court chaps, made of navy blue suede with leather highlights and silver accents, a silver shirt and lace up boots.)

"We've always had horses," continues Tracey, 16. "We've always been involved with them and around here, if you're involved with horses, you're going to get involved with fair and rodeo."

Tracey's official horse this year is April, a six year-old Quarterhorse sorrel mare she has had since the horse was two months old. April, who has a blaze on her forehead, "definitely has a mind of her own," says Tracey. "She trusts me because I trained her. She's fairly cooperative-she does everything-but once in a while she's not too happy about things."

Tracey has been a 4-H member in horse and sheep clubs for seven years and in 1997 she won the reserve champion sheep showman at the Morrow County Fair. Tracey has four chickens, that she plans to enter at fair this year, and two dogs, Sam, an Australian shepherd, and Tessa, a border collie.

In addition to her involvement with 4-H and rodeo, Tracey plays volleyball, runs track and is a member of the Outdoor Club at Heppner High School, where she will be a senior this fall. She also enjoys swimming. This summer, in addition to her official fair and rodeo duties, Tracey has a baby-sitting job.

Tracey follows in the footsteps of her elder sister, Bobbie, who is this year's fair and rodeo queen. Bobbie, who graduated from Heppner High School this year, was a princess last year and, like Tracey, also served as a pennant bearer.

The Rankin family also includes Tracey's eldest sister, Jennifer, who lives in Oregon City and attends Clackamas Community College where she is student body president. Jennifer, 21, was in 4-H for eight years and was also a pennant bearer.

Tracey's dad and mom, Tim and Kathy Rankin, both from the valley, are long-time area residents--all three girls are Morrow County natives.

Tim, whose dad owned a stable in Oregon City, rode quite a bit and also did some roping. Kathy, who grew up in Beavercreek, near Oregon City, rode some as a child. Tim is employed with the Morrow County Road Department and Kathy with the Heppner Ranger District. The family lives south of Anson Wright Park, around 30 miles from Heppner.

So far this year Tracey and the other members of the court, Queen Bobbie and Princesses, Brooke Boyer and Nonnee Walters, have traveled to the Arlington Saddle Club Rodeo, the Waitsburg, Wa, Days of Real Sport, and rodeos at Prineville,

Fair clean up planned

A clean up day will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds August 7, starting at 8:00 a.m. Everyone's welcome to come and help.

Advertising Deadline
12 noon Tuesday

Princess Tracey Rankin

Eyes: Blue
Hair: Blonde
Age: 16 years old,
a senior at HHS
Parents:
Tim & Kathy Rankin
Activities: 4-H horse
and sheep, high
school volleyball &
track, Outdoor
Club, barrel racing
& swimming



Tracey Rankin



Tracey with "April"

and The Dalles (with the exception of Tracey, who got the flu), Fourth of July parades in Ione and Boardman, the Heppner St. Patrick Wee Bit O' Ireland Celebration and a Boardman Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Tracey says she has enjoyed the Sisters Rodeo the most. "We stayed the whole weekend," she said. "It wasn't a big rush and we even got to go to a dance. It's just a nice place to be."

Still coming up for the court are the St. Joseph Days, the

Irrigon Watermelon Festival, the Hermiston Starlight Parade, the Wheeler County Parade in Fossil, the Pendleton Round-Up and, of course, the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo.

"The kickoff dance will be this Friday, July 30, at 9 p.m. at the fairgrounds," says Tracey. "We invite everyone to come. Wednesday during fair week is kids' day and Thursday is family day. Both of these days there will be live music and a lot of activities for the whole family. So, I hope to see everybody there."

Irrigon man arrested for rape, kidnap

A twenty-six-year-old Irrigon man was arrested last week and charged with one count each of rape, sodomy and kidnapping.

Morrow County Sheriffs and the Oregon State Police arrested Abel Cano-Sanchez Wed. July 21 after a woman called the sheriff's office to report a distraught woman at her residence in Irrigon. The 44 year-old female victim told deputies that she had been lured to an apartment by an Hispanic male on the pretext that he needed help with something. The suspect used gestures and motions to indicate that he didn't speak English. Once in the apartment the suspect allegedly attacked the victim, covering her mouth and threatening to kill her if she didn't stop screaming. The victim was then raped.

According to police sometime later the victim was able to convince the suspect that she wanted to party and would go get some drugs and come back. He allowed her to leave, warning her not to call the police.

Police said that with the victim's help deputies and OSP troopers located the apartment in Irrigon where the suspect was staying, and he was taken into custody.

The suspect was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on \$82,500 bail after the victim identified him as the man who had kidnapped and raped her.

The victim was taken to Good Shepherd Hospital where she was treated and released.

Sanchez was also charged with possession of a forged instrument, police said.

Youth okay after accident

Matthew Van Liew, of Heppner, was on his way to work early Monday morning when he happened to be in the wrong place and the wrong time. A pickup passing a dump truck and a log truck hit Matt as he was coming around

a corner. Doctors thought he might have bruised his heart but luckily he only suffered a bruised chest cavity. Van Liew was released after 4-5 hours in the hospital and is now home.

Summer Quart Oil Rebate

Cenex & Farmland 5W-30, 10W-30, 10W-40
\$6.00 per case rebate ~ Sale ends Saturday, July 31st
MORROW COUNTY GRAIN GROWERS
Lexington 989-8221 • 1-800-452-7396 For farm equipment, visit our web site at www.mcgg.net

"CELEBRATE HEPPNER"

Sidewalk Sale & Fun for Everyone
This Friday, July 30th

by the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MERCHANTS COMMITTEE

9:00-5:00 p.m. SIDEWALK SALE... "shop 'til you drop"
Noon-6:00 p.m. DUNK TANK... all in good fun for friends and family

9:00 a.m.-noon FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS, sponsored by EMTs

Afternoon ANTIQUE CAR DISPLAY

MEET BESIDE THE SHAMROCK

- 1:00 p.m. Chalk Drawings through age 12; sections will be assigned to groups
- 2:00 p.m. Coin Scramble 2-4 year olds and 5-7 year olds straw donated by Green Feed, coins by Klamath First Federal and Bank of Eastern Oregon
- 3:00 p.m. Music: Flutist Kelly Straley; "The Living Stones" (Julie Howard & Co.)
- 3:30 p.m. Tricycle Races (bring your own wheels)
- 4:00 p.m. Music featuring ZAC GROOMS*
- 4-7 p.m. Enchilada Feed at Senior Center by Heppner Ministerial Association
- 5:00 p.m. Hoopa Hoop Contest on the Shamrock (all ages)
- 5:30 p.m. Music: Willow Creek Valley Youth Fiddlers
- 5:45 p.m. Raffle Drawing
- 6:00 p.m. Announcement of Irish Sister City Winner
- 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the Senior Center

FAIRGROUND ACTIVITIES

- 6:30 p.m. BRAND YOUR BOARD... bring your iron, electric or otherwise and your \$100. Proceeds go toward building completion
- 7:30 p.m. RIBBON CUTTING/DEDICATION OF THE WILKINSON BUILDING
- 8:00 p.m. MC FAIR & RODEO KICKOFF DANCE
*featuring Zac Grooms, male youth winner of the 1999 Golden Globe Music Award. This event is sponsored by the Fair Committee and is free to the community. Put on your dancing shoes!

"HAVE A GREAT TIME ONE & ALL!"