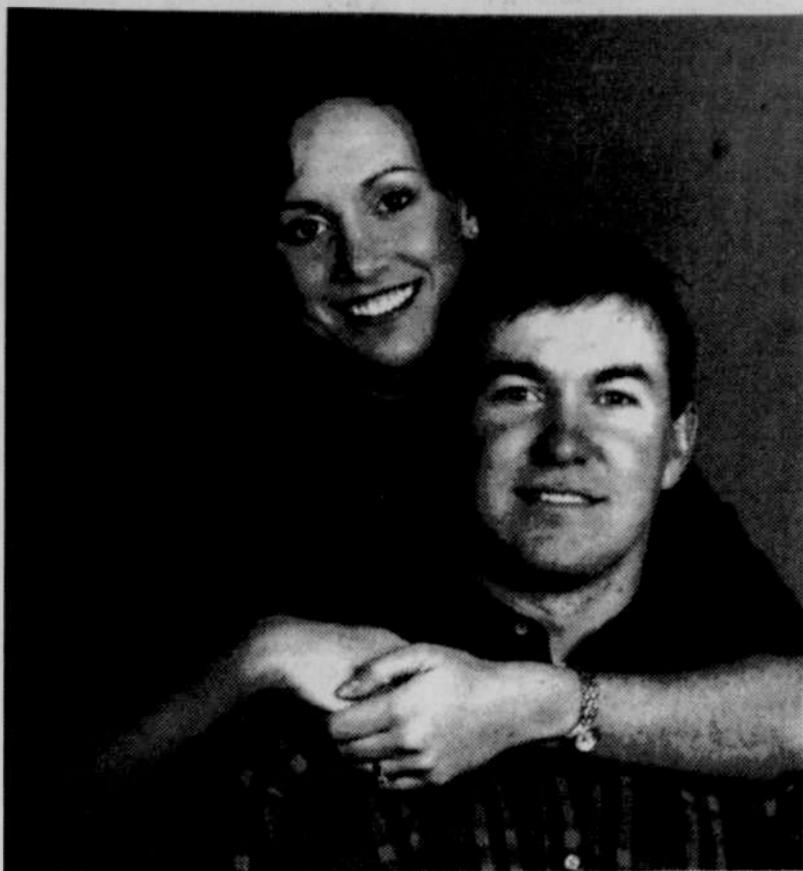


Engagement Sweeney - Coe



Nicole Sweeney and Scott Coe

Pat and Trish Sweeney announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole, to Scott Coe, all of Heppner.

Scott is the son of Jan Coe, also of Heppner, and Tim Coe of Fossil.

An August 12, 2000, wedding is planned at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

Ninety-three people were present for the senior dinner Feb. 3 and 16 meals were home delivered. Members of the Catholic Church served. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

Doug Dubuque asked for volunteers for the Senior Center pie, roll and soup luncheon Mar. 18. He, Archie Padberg and Tom Wilson are co-chairmen for the lunch. Volunteers may contact any one of them. The Meal Site cooks and Coral Mitchell are baking the pies and rolls and making the soup this year. Those wishing to make donations to the senior board to help buy the ingredients for the food may do so. It's much easier than baking pies, when there are so many other things to do that week.

Marian Murchinson gave a guided tour of the senior apartments after dinner. Betty Carlson won the floral arrangement. John Harde's name was drawn for the free first month's rent. February 16 the centerpiece was won by Joyce Buchanan, and Katherine Lindstrom won the free first month's rent. Names drawn will be kept on file. If a person whose name is drawn moves into St. Patrick's Apartments, that person's first month will be free. Tours are every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

The menu for Feb. 8 will be salmon with tartar sauce, parsley potatoes, pea salad, orange sections, rolls and cherry crisp. Members of All Saints' Episcopal Church will serve.

Exercise class was held on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Pinochle was played Tuesday and Thursday, with two tables in play both days. Bingo was played Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m.. The movie "Don't tell Mom the Baby Sitter is Dead" was seen Thursday at 2 p.m.

The seniors extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Elsie Leathers, Anna Ball and Rose Marie Buschke. Rose Marie was a very active volunteer at the Senior Center, as well as her church and the community before her illness.

An office staff meeting will be held March 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Elementary has magazine sale

Heppner Elementary's recent magazine sale fund raiser was a "huge success," according to HES Principal Phyllis Danielson.

Subscription sales exceeded \$10,500 and HES will keep 40 percent of the total.

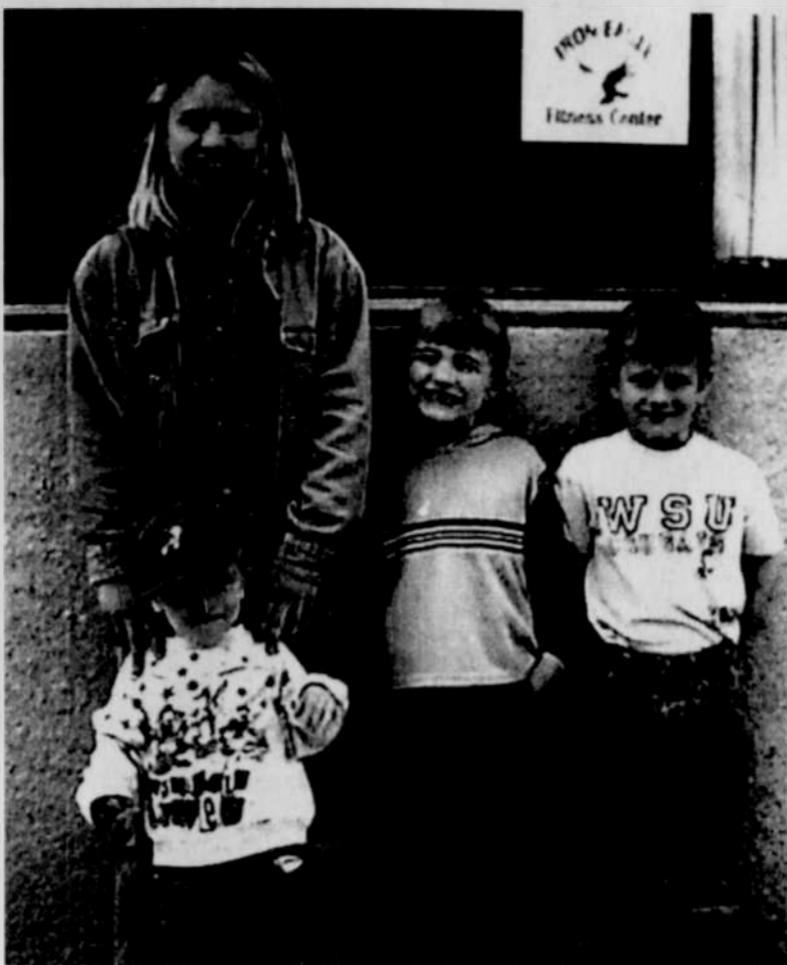
Money earned will be used to bring assemblies to the school, support the Outdoor School program and provide funds for other special projects or classroom needs. All money will be spent on kids, Danielson says.

The sale was made successful by eager fourth, fifth and sixth grade sales persons, the magazine reading community

and the parent volunteers who came daily to take care of the necessary accounting, Danielson said. Parent volunteers were: Shelli Britt, Sheri Gregory, Debbie Peck, Karen Wolff, and Angie Hanson.

"Plan on renewing your magazines next year with Heppner Elementary School," concluded Danielson.

DeeAnna Raver to open fitness center



DeeAnna Raver with Justin (front), Chance (left) and Colter Raver

DeeAnna Raver will soon be opening the Iron Eagle Fitness Center in Heppner at 471 N. Main Street (across from the library).

When it is completed, the Iron Eagle Fitness Center will be a full service facility offering free weights, machines, cardio equipment, aerobics classes, personal training, massage therapy, supplements, tanning, gym clothing and accessories and a children's play area.

A good portion of the equipment was expected to arrive Tuesday, Feb. 29, said Raver. The facility expects to be open for use on Wednesday, March 15, with a grand opening scheduled St. Patrick's Day weekend. Raver says she plans to bring in personal trainers to offer free personal training throughout St. Patty's weekend to familiarize people with the equipment.

Tentative hours for the facility will be 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday. Hours may be adjusted later upon customer demand.

David Hughes will help run the gym periodically. Hughes is a top national bodybuilding competitor from Portland. He is currently featured in magazine issues of "Flex", "Muscle and Fitness" and "Musclemag" for his placing at

the 1999 NPC Nationals, as well as his endorsement with Human Development Technologies, a supplement company. He is an established personal trainer and will be available for personal training.

A special presale on yearly memberships has begun this week and will run through April 15. The special offers no joining fee and monthly fees of \$25 single, \$40 couple and \$60 family. The facility is also offering unlimited monthly tanning for \$15 a month per person with a membership and \$25 per month per person without a membership. This allows clients to come in and tan as many times as they would like during the month. This special will also allow clients to lock into these prices for the life of their memberships, says Raver.

After April 15, there will be a \$25 joining fee and monthly memberships will run \$30 single, \$50 couple, \$75 family; \$20 a month for unlimited tanning with membership and \$30 a month for unlimited tanning without a membership. A month-to-month membership will run \$45 per month.

Discounts will be offered to teachers, students and senior citizens.

Raver is available to take membership sign-ups at the center's location.

Local fiddlers to perform in Kiwanis Kapers

Six Heppner area fiddle students will compete in this year's Kiwanis Kapers competition in Pendleton on Thursday, March 9.

The six young players, Alex Carlson, Eric Jepsen, Kate Kendrick, Blaine Maley, Seth Morgan and Brynna Rust, will perform an Irish song and dance routine called "Swallowtail Jig".

The local fiddlers are part of a larger performing group which includes a total of 18 fiddlers, a drummer, string bass and guitar.

All of the children performing are students of Peg Willis of Pendleton.

Also performing with the group is a former Heppner student, Nick Berretta, now of Walla Walla, WA.

The Kiwanis Kapers performance starts at 7 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium. There will be different shows on Thursday and Friday nights, March 9 and 10, with the top performers selected to compete for cash prizes on the final Saturday night show on March 11.

Tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$5 for adults, and \$4 for students and seniors.

Court appoints members to Rural Investment Board

By Doris Brosnan

Having received recommendations from the Port of Morrow and all but one of the county's cities, the Morrow County Court, at its February 23 meeting, appointed five individuals to the Baker-Morrow Rural Investment Board.

This board, which will work with members from Baker County on the newly formed Baker-Morrow Regional Partnership, will consist of Tom Myers of Boardman, Tom Sly of Heppner, Betty Gray of Lone, Terry Tallman, Boardman, of the county court, and Gary Neal, Boardman, of the Port of Morrow.

Department of Revenue representatives, Jim Manary and Scott Jackson, offered the court, Morrow County Assessor Greg Sweek, Becky Tullis of the assessor's office, and GIS/IS director Mary Phillips a presentation on mapping: history of the Oregon Land Information System and the state's mapping services, methods of fee collection, types and uses of maps.

Manary explained that the state's goal is to tie the county-mapping systems together and create regions to work together. He further demonstrated some applications for hazardous materials, steep-slope properties, health statistics, crime statistics, fire coverage, business activity, vacant-land searches, applications tied to real estate, utilities, soils, urban-growth boundaries, solid waste disposal, and sanitary-service districts.

Manary described the role of an advisory-tech group and development of some standards that would enable looking up information on any county from our own county.

Jackson explained how the tech group in the first region (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Douglas and Jackson counties) was formed and what their advisory functions are.

Manary added that the Department of Revenue has two goals: to build a good tax-map base and to stimulate interest of all potential beneficiaries. Discussion continued and focused on lack of funding for the State Service Center, the efficiencies of sharing data and a stable funding base and a telecommunications consortium. The first step, said Manary, is to form a region.

Sweek asked the court to sign the contract with The Software Group, Inc., which had undergone some revisions, which included a down payment by July 1. He explained the maintenance contract, the one-time software license charge, the installation, training and conversion agreement, custom changes and database purchase costs. The court approved the signing of the contract and discussed the features of the two financing bids. The court agreed to select financing after discussion with finance director Lianne Currin.

Heppner Mayor Bob Jepsen introduced to the court Lynn Lundquist as a candidate for secretary of state. Lundquist noted his desire to learn more about issues facing county courts and county clerks.

Lee Palmer, member of the county road committee, reported to the court a discussion and tour with a concerned landowner. Palmer considered the completed work satisfactory but

recommended the delay of paving until after the settling of the road. One suggestion from assistant public works director Burke O'Brien was to videotape as a record the conditions of fences and property before work is undertaken.

Palmer also questioned the court about the checking of contractors' licenses when letting contracts and county counsel Bill Hanlon agreed that a contract review officer needs to perform overview of all contracts, checking on contractors' performance bonds, filings of certified payroll and their employee drug-testing policies. He stressed the need to monitor and follow up on these issues and recommended that the court appoint someone as a contract-review officer.

Curran presented and the court approved two budget resolutions: one for an addition for the Health Department's "Babies First" and Family Planning expansion projects and a Historical Foundation grant for the history center; and one for a reduction in appropriations to reflect a decrease in budgeted resources.

The court also approved purchase of a fax machine for the Behavioral Health Department. Curran also informed the court that she has a supplemental budget prepared.

Public Health Director Laura McElligott discussed with the court the family-planning budget, the state's aforementioned expansion-project money and the local tax dollars. McElligott reported that the project money can not be used to supplant local property tax dollars.

The court noted the need to determine this year's amount of local dollars and to examine legitimate uses for the project money.

McElligott further explained that the State Health Division has dictated that reduction in local dollars be equal across the board among county departments and not target the health departments individually.

McElligott also presented an "Enhancement of Parenting/Family Drug Abuse Prevention" grant request, describing the advertised benefits of the program. She said that the department could continue to use the program, although the grant would be for one year and include nursing time, translator time and training.

The court noted the need to cover administrative costs with the grant and McElligott assured them that 15 percent is allowed to cover such overhead. The court approved application for the grant, with the caveat that it cover expenses related to administration.

In other business before the court, it appointed Shelly Salisbury to the Commission on Children and Families, reviewed and approved an agreement with A-One Construction for installation of restrooms in the agricultural museum facility, approved two approach permits, and reviewed and approved the joint management agreement with the city of Irrigon to complete rural addressing beyond the city limits.

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Thank you! Send this information to "You Bet I'm Irish", P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR 97836 ASAP! And be sure to come to the Wee Bit O'Ireland KUMA Coffee Hour to put your wee flag on the map.