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## Water releases from dam adjusted for ducky derby

The amount of water in Eastern Oregon's Willow Creek will be adjusted during the next two weekends to support an annual St. Patrick's Day community celebration.

Water releases from Willow Creek Dam were reduced Saturday, March 11, and will be reduced Saturday, March 18, to facilitate the annual Heppner "O'Ducky Derby," according to reservoir regulators with the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Water releases from the dam were reduced from 50 cubic feet per second to five cfs on March 11 to allow members of the Heppner High School baseball team to clean debris from the creek prior to this week's event. Water releases slowly returned to

the higher rate after 5 p.m. Saturday.

On Saturday, March 18, Corps water regulators again will reduce the releases to about five cfs beginning at 8 a.m. Water releases will gradually be increased following the O'Ducky race, which runs from 3-5 p.m.

Decreasing the flows from the dam will bring water levels down and allow the creek to flow slower and calmer for the two activities.

"We are glad we can assist the people of Heppner for this event," said Russ Davidson, hydraulic engineer.

The reduced flows will not dramatically affect downstream creek levels, nor will they affect the overall operation of the project or impact flood control, Davidson said.

## First semester honor roll

Heppner High School has released its first semester honor roll/honorable mention list for 1999-2000. Following are the students who qualify:

Seniors honor roll: Trisha Adams, Casey Ingraham, Justin Nelson, Ashley Ropp, Michael Schonbachler, Matthew Van Liew, all 4., Clint Bellamy, Cody Bellamy, Abby Kahl, Kristen Marshall, Laurie Michael, Kim Pointer, Macy Rhea, Katie Sherritt, Jeffrey Sneddon, Alecia Strouse, Heidi Turrell, Alan Woodward; honorable mention-Joe Bourrie, Stephanie Clough, Jeff Currin, Leah Denton, Miff Devin, Amy Drake, Levi Geer, Mitch Matthews, Takahiro Morita, Corey Miller, Amy Papineau, Tracy Rankin, Jake Roy, Allison Sykes.

Juniors honor roll: Krista Adams, Amber Flaiz, Lindsey Ward, all 4., Kelli Bates, Marissa McCabe, Danielle McDowell, David Piper, Craig Scott, Melinda Smith, Amanda

Sneddon, Scott Van Winkle; honorable mention-San Juanita Elguezabal, Blake Knowles, Ryan Matteson, Kyle McDaniel, Jennifer Patton, Maria Saenz, Brandon Young.

Sophomores honor roll-Jonathan Bennett, Brad Bowman, Shelley Rietmann, Sam Van Liew, all 4., Meghan Bailey, Jodie Carlson, Jessica Gutierrez, Stefan Matheny, Julie Proctor, Brian Rust, Paula Spicerkuhn; honorable mention-Claire Anderson, Brett Barber, Kevin Drake, Leland Rill, Codi Roscreans, Tammy Smith, Molly Turrell.

Freshmen honor roll: Daniel Jepsen, Lacey Matteson, Darren Van Cleave, all 4., Sally Calvert, Marcy Miller, Doug Orwick, Whitney Sherritt; honorable mention-Brad Adams, Donald Adams, Dawn De Boer, Cindy Gall, Megan Healy, Tyler Henderson, Rachel Howard, Jesse Kempas, Conor Kilkenny, Ashley Ward, Nicole Wilson.

## Assisted living facility brick sale underway

Saturday's St. Patrick's Day activities in Heppner will mark the kickoff of a brick sale to provide additional funding for the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living facility.

The brick pavers will be used in building a patio at the facility and can be ordered this weekend at a Main St. booth. The booth will be located near the facility's donation thermometer sign between The Shoe Box and the Post Office on Saturday and at the auction at the fairgrounds on Sunday.

Bricks can be purchased after this weekend at Klamath First Federal Savings and Loan in Heppner.

Two sizes are available for sale and purchases will be tax deductible through the corporation's nonprofit 501 C3 status, said board member Suzanne Jepsen. A 4"x8" inch brick with up to two lines of printing is available for \$50. The 8"x8" inch size has up to four lines of printing for \$100. Each line allows 15 spaces of letters and spaces.

Samples of the bricks, which are a premium quality engraved and filled paver, will be on display.

"Bricks from the company we

are using have been used to build facilities all across the country, including the Coors Field in Denver Colorado, and locally, at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center at The Dalles and the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center at Baker City, Jepsen said.

To secure financing for building the facility \$90,000 in private donations must first be made, with all but \$35,000 already received. The board of directors is hoping to help raise the needed funds through this project.

In the event that the facility is not built, all monies will be returned, Jepsen said.

For more information regarding the brick sale contact Patti Allstott at 676-5216.

## Foundation Grange topic

John Church, the son-in-law of Harold "Shorty" Peck, will speak on the Farm Foundation at the Lexington Grange on Monday, March 20.

Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The program, which is open to the public, will follow at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters.

### Radio station moves forward

To the Editor:

Those of you who have been curious, here's an update of the Willow Creek Community Radio Station project:

There have been small bands of people meeting in my home. We really, really want to see this happen - we really believe it will be nothing but good for the community, not only a means of information dissemination to the masses, but a place where each member can have a voice and bring their voices together and have fun.

The station is dedicated to enhance communication, unity and positive community spirit in this area. The station will provide creative outlets for all in live broadcasting of music shows, sports games, news, weather, concerts, community events as well as in finance, technical and managerial areas.

The endeavor to establish Willow Creek Valley's community-run radio station continues to move forward. Be on the lookout for a parade entry in the St. Patrick's parade this Saturday. Also, the station will be selling raffle tickets downtown Friday and Saturday for two plane tickets to Ireland.

The winner will be announced Saturday night at the Auction.

Soon, we will be applying for non-profit status so, folks can donate to the endeavor all they want and write it off on their taxes.

We're looking for a place to put the station. And, once we raise enough money, we will hire an engineer to help us with the paperwork for the FCC. Once we get the construction permit approved by the FCC, we can test the station and start broadcasting. This may take about a year.

However, as a middle step, we're currently planning to visit the Heppner, TV, Inc., Board in April to present demonstration tapes and a time line with hopes of broadcasting on cable channel three behind the community calendar for at least some of the hours while KUMA continues to cover the remaining hours.

Between now and then, we are seeking sources of funds and talent - if you feel any enthusiasm for the project and have any time, talent or other resources, call project coordinator, Monika Hunter at 676-8337/9224.

(s)Monika Hunter  
Heppner

### Upping speed limit a threat to safety

To the Editor:

I could not believe my eyes when I first noticed the speed limit change that occurred last week on Highway 74 in the city limits of Heppner.

Why would anyone change the speed limit from 25 to 55 in the city limits, in a residential area, and next to a school zone?

Obviously, it was regulations of some type.

There are many reasons why the speed limit should be 25, but the first and foremost is safety in our community. The Morrow

County Fair and Rodeo grounds are a highly populated area during football season, baseball season, St. Patrick's weekend and fair and rodeo. I don't even want to imagine a logging truck flying through the middle of the area when a bunch of kids are heading to the fairgrounds to practice a sport.

I beg of you to fight regulations and please put the speed limit back to 25 on the outskirts of town.

(s) Sandy Matthews  
Heppner

### Erin go brag

To the Editor:

Erin go Braugh. With the St. Patrick's Celebration coming up this next weekend, it is time to do everything we can to give Heppner its best possible appearance both for ourselves and for our out-of-town friends and relatives who will be visiting

and celebrating with us.

So, Heppnerites, let's pull weeds, remove litter, etc., and do everything you can to improve the look of our town.

Here's a big advance thank you to everyone who pitches in and helps.

(s) John Edmundson  
Heppner

### Red Cross offers babysitting, CPR classes

American Red Cross, Umatilla County Chapter, will hold a new babysitter's course, targeting 11 year olds.

Students must be 11 by the day of the class. The new babysitter's training course will be held at the chapter office, located at 146 S. Main, Pendleton, March 13-17, from 6-7 p.m. and Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m.-noon.

A babysitter's handbook and certificate of completion of five components: leadership, safety, basic care, first aid and professionalism.

The Red Cross office will also have various types of babysitting safety and first aid kits available to purchase at an additional cost for those students interested.

Red Cross will also hold an infant and child CPR course. The course will be held at the chapter office on Monday, March 27, from 6-9 p.m.

The course cost is \$15 per enrollee.

To register for either of these courses call the Red Cross office at (541) 276-1211. Office hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

There was just something about that twinkle in his eye and those Irish rosy cheeks when he sat down in my office around the first of every March for the last 13 years, give or take a few. "Now we've got the Irish Singers and Ted Smith lined up for the coffee hour and Krebs is set for the Sheepdog Trials and (as he reached into his pocket) here are some donations I've collected to keep the celebration going. Big Willie is going to be here too; he never misses a celebration."

Then he would tell me a couple of stories and be on his way, reassured that I was doing the Irish celebration justice, I hope.

I visited with him a few weeks ago at the nursing home. We talked about the Irish celebration, calving, the view from the hill and he wondered if the stockyards were full, the whole time holding a chair in the air trying to fix the fabric that hung from the bottom.

This was a once active cattleman, Main Street businessman, active Chamber member, and promoter of events to enhance his town. He still needed to be working on something. It just won't be the same not having him at my elbow during the KUMA Coffee Hour Saturday, which came to life many years ago in the Farley Motors showroom, the rebirth of celebrating the Irish heritage.

Yes, Heppner's Jim Farley will be missed, which is why Chamber was cancelled Tuesday and Wee Bit O' Ireland's 2000 celebration will be dedicated to his memory. His energy will be with us at the coffee hour, as the parade comes down the street, throughout the weekend festivities and in our hearts as the Irish and the Irish-for-a-day celebrate their heritage with friends, families and strangers, soon to be friends.

We wish one and all a safe and joyful St. Patrick's weekend in honor of Jim Farley. "May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be always at your back; may the rain fall softly upon your fields; may the sun shine warm upon your face, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand." Irish blessing

## Baseball camp for kids planned

HHS baseball coach Tony Pupo and players will hold a baseball camp during spring break for kids seven through 12 years old.

The camp will begin on Tuesday, March 21, and run through Thursday March 23, from 1-3 p.m. each day at the George Waterland Field.

The cost of the camp will be \$20 and everybody will receive a t-shirt. Call Sandi Day, 676-5275, to sign up.

## Former Heppner woman changes residence

Anna "Happy" Graham, formerly of Heppner, has moved to assisted living at Regent at Sheldon Park room 221, 2440 Willakenzie Rd. Eugene, Or 97401. 1-541-484-0304

## Obituary

### James J. Farley

James J. Farley, 82, of Heppner, died Friday, March 10, 2000, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

Recitation of the Rosary was Monday, March 13, 2000, at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, at St. Patrick's Church with concluding service and interment following at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Farley was born December 4, 1917, at Heppner, to Peter and Nellie Kelleher Farley. He was raised at Heppner and attended local schools, graduating from Heppner High School in 1936. He attended Oregon State University, majoring in agriculture science. He graduated from Oregon State in 1942.

He served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He fought in five major European campaigns and was discharged in 1945.

On Nov. 16, 1946, he married Louise C. Anderson at Heppner.

For over 40 years he owned Farley Motors, an auto dealership in Heppner. He also owned and operated a wheat and cattle ranch near Heppner.

A longtime cowboy, he was a member of the Wranglers Riding Club and in 1962 won the Morrow County Amateur Calf Roping saddle at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

He was 50-year plus member of the Heppner Elks Lodge where he had also served as Exalted Ruler. He was an active member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and served on the Morrow County Board of Equalization.

Mr. Farley was credited with reviving the St. Patrick's celebration in Heppner in 1982 and was instrumental in making the annual event a success each year since then.

Survivors include daughters, Trisha Huddleston of Canby and Shannon Miller of Lexington; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise, brothers, William and Peter, and granddaughter, Alisa Halvorsen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Facility, P.O. Box 244, Heppner, OR, 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.



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