

## Janice Skaggs to retire as Neighborhood Center director



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Janice Skaggs of Heppner has announced her retirement after eight years as director of the Heppner Neighborhood Center, although, in her case, the word "retirement" should be used loosely.

Skaggs has plenty planned to do after she leaves the center, including yard work, cleaning offices for the county and enjoying her nine grandkids.

"There's no way I could just quit," says Jan. "I'm always on the go. I'm a people person. I like to be with people."

Skaggs was born and raised in Joseph, graduating from Joseph High School. After high school, she went to work at Wallowa Lake Lodge and met her husband, Frank, there.

Frank was from West Virginia, but his sister lived there and he came to visit her. Frank and Janice met at the local roller rink. They married and started a family and, by the time they left Joseph, they had two children, Kim, three, and Donna, six months.

They then moved to Sunnyside, WA, where Jan's older sister and her husband lived. Frank went to work with his brother-in-law who was a mechanic. Two more children, Rob and Brian, were born while the Skaggs lived in Sunnyside. Frank also worked for the Ford garage in Sunnyside before getting a job at Hall's Chevrolet in Prosser.

The Skaggs then moved to Boardman where he got a job with Sabre Farms before they made their final move--to Heppner, "the good town," laughs Jan.

When they moved to Heppner Jan started cleaning houses, worked for CAPECO and then began working for the school district before being hired as the Neighborhood Center director in 1992. Frank retired from his auto repair business in 1997.

The Skaggs will have lots of family around as all of their four children and five of their nine grandchildren live in Heppner.

## Kids' Club God Squad season end nears

The Kids Club, God Squad, will wind down for the year on April 12. The club's original plans were to go until April 25, but due to family conflicts, the club will stop earlier.

Average attendance at the non-denominational children's group has been 15 members. They have met since January 5 on Wednesdays after school until 4:45 p.m. at the Heppner Church of the Nazarene.

In addition to pitching in to clean up the Heppner mini-park (pictured above), the club's activities have included: musical cheers (instead of chairs), Bible lessons, scripture memory, skits, singing and a pizza party. A skating party is scheduled in Pendleton on April 1.

Children pictured above working at the mini park include Rachel and Zach Alford, Dane and Luke Basil, Braden and Mikel Britt, Bailee Keithley, Ben McCarl, Trent Miles, Jordan Shepherd, Kendra Rayburn and Destiny George. Adults assisting were Pastor Duane Jones, Shelli Britt, Corinne Miles, Kari Keown and Peggy Connor.



## Local cowboys compete in Dodge finals

Some local cowboys and cowgirls are represented in the 2000 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo that kicked off

March 15 at the Idaho State University's Holt Arena. Only the top circuit cowboys in the nation will compete in the rodeo, which features a tournament style, sudden-death format.

This year 16 contestants from the Columbia River Circuit vied for shares of approximately \$415,000 in prize money as well as national circuit championships. The DNCFR is the crowning event for cowboys involved in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's circuit system. The system divides the country into 12 geographic areas or circuits,

which allow cowboys to compete part-time while staying close to home to take care of family and job responsibilities.

At the Columbia River Circuit Finals Rodeo, the event champions, as well as the circuit's year-end event champs, qualified for the lucrative DNCFR.

DNCFR rodeo performances were March 15-18.

Area contestants included team roper Bret McDowell, Heppner; barrel racers Katie McCoin, Condon, and Randy Rae Britt, Echo; and Jeff Coelho, Long Creek.

## Spring sports calendar

**Heppner High School**  
Heppner High School lists its activities calendar for the month of April:

**Saturday April 1**-Softball at Wahtonka, 1 p.m.;

**Monday April 3**-Budget Committee meets, parent-teacher conferences, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

**Tuesday April 4**-Baseball, Sherman County at HHS, 4:30 p.m.; Softball, Riverside at Heppner, 4 p.m.; Track at Hermiston, 4 p.m.;

**Thursday April 6**-Golf at Boardman, 4 p.m.;

**Friday April 7**-Golf at Boardman, 1 p.m.; Baseball, Dufur at HHS, 3:30 p.m.; Junior High Track at Umatilla, 1 p.m.;

**Saturday April 8**-Softball, Pilot Rock, 1 p.m.; Track at Umatilla, 11 a.m.;

**Monday April 10**-School Board meeting, Ione High School, 7:30 p.m.; April 10-14, State Levels Tests 7 and 9;

**Tuesday April 11**-Baseball, Wahtonka at HHS, 4:30 p.m.; Track at Umatilla, 4 p.m., State Levels Tests 7 and 9;

**Wednesday April 12**-Site Council meets at HHS, Spring Sports Pictures, April 12-May 2 State Tests-Science/Social Studies-8 & 10;

**Thursday April 13**-District Math, Riverside High, 6:30 p.m.;

**Friday April 14**-Golf at Echo, 10 a.m.; Junior High Track at Umatilla, 2 p.m.;

**Saturday April 15**-Track at Condon, 11 a.m.; Softball at Nyssa, 1 p.m.;

**Monday April 17**-Budget Committee meets;

**Tuesday April 18**-Track at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.; Softball, Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 4 p.m., Girls Golf at LaGrande, 1 p.m.;

**Wednesday April 19**-Matrix Group meets at HHS, 7 p.m.;

**Thursday April 20**-Skills Contest at BMCC in Pendleton; Golf at Heppner, 4 p.m.;

**Friday April 21**-Track at Umatilla, 2 p.m.; Boys Golf at Pendleton, 1 p.m.; Junior High Track at Pendleton, 2 p.m.;

**Saturday April 22**-Baseball, Stanfield at HHS, 11 a.m. (two games); Softball, MacHi at Heppner, 1 p.m.; Centennial Exchange;

**Tuesday April 25**-Baseball at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m., Centennial Exchange;

**Wednesday April 26**-Tri-County Junior High at Columbia Middle School, Centennial Exchange;

**Thursday April 27**-Golf at Heppner, 2 p.m.; Centennial Exchange;

**Friday April 28**-Boys Golf at LaGrande, 1 p.m.; Track at Goldendale, 4 p.m., Centennial Exchange;

**Saturday April 29**-Baseball at Athena, 11 a.m. (two games); Softball at Athena at 1 p.m.; Ione Prom.

## Mustang Scramble golf tourney benefits youth golf

Twenty-seven three-person golf teams took on the challenge of Willow Creek Country Club and the elements of Mother Nature to kick off the first annual Mustang Scramble Golf Tournament on Sunday, March 19.

With steady winds blowing between 10 and 20 mph, and the temperature in the mid-40's, the 81 golfers teed off at 9 a.m. to contribute to the Heppner youth golf program. "With the conditions being as they were, some great rounds were played," said organizer Ron Bowman.

Winning trophies and wind shirts for shooting low gross of 54 were the team of Craig Holland, Jeff Cutsforth and Rodney Ehrmantraut. Shooting low net with a score

of 49.34 and also getting trophies and wind shirts were Ron Bowman, Chris Bowman and Brad Bowman.

Coming in second gross with a score of 55 and winning pitching wedges was the team of Jeff Huggins, Arden Olson and Jim Doherty.

Receiving wedges on the net side for second with a score of 49.84 was the team of Greg Grant, Virginia Grant and John McCabe.

Third low gross of 58 went to the team of Don Hayworth, John Holland and Vern Logosz.

Third low net with a 52.5 went to Stub Lewis, Don Eaves and Leon Ball. All six golfers won putters.

Numerous businesses and individuals contributed money and merchandise for tee prizes.

## Arts and Crafts Club workshops

Two workshops are being planned by Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club in April.

The first, in oils, will be with Betty Crosswhite April 7-8. Call Betty Mills, 676-5546, for more information.

The next class, in watercolor with Sally Bourgeois instructing, will be April 15-16. Call Sharon Harrison, 989-8496, to find out more.

Morrow County Arts and Crafts Club members will meet Thursday, March 23, at Cal's at 1 p.m. for lunch and a short meeting.

Everyone is invited to join them.

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## Barnyarders 4-H Club

By Amy Jepsen  
The Barnyarders 4-H Swine Club held their fifth meeting of the club year on Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. There were 25 members present. The club welcomed new members, Sloan Keithley and Teonna Vandever into the club.

Club members then discussed where they were going to buy their 4-H pigs.

Club members signed up to work at the club's main fund raiser, the sheep dog trials on March 18-19. Then Meagan and Emily Unruh did a presentation on the different breeds of swine.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be at a 4-H swine showmanship workshop in Hermiston on Saturday, March 25.

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