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## Lexington Grange announces Grange-week activities

Plans are underway to celebrate Grange Week April 15-21, said Barbara Gilbert, master of Lexington Grange #726. Jean Nelson, lecturer, said April marks the 38th anniversary of Grange Week, which highlights the grange's role in rural communities.

Nelson said that Grange Week activities will include a short sketch of the purpose of the grange and the presentation of a gold certificate honoring Dorris Graves for 50 years of continuous membership.

On Monday, April 16, the grange will hold an program explaining the Morrow County School bond which will be voted on Tuesday, May 15. School budget committee members

present will be Jerry Rietmann and Barney Lindsay, as well as Bruce Anderson, Morrow County School administrator. The public is invited to attend a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7:30 p.m. at the grange hall located near Cutsforth Corner by Lexington.

Founded in 1867, the grange is the nation's oldest general agricultural organization. It has nearly 300 members in 3,600 local granges across 37 states. Lexington Grange was organized in 1929, with Joe Devine and master, Harry Dinges as overseer, Emma Peck as lecturer, Orville Cutsforth as treasurer, and R.B. Wilcox as secretary.

## St. Jude Bike-a-thon April 29

The annual Lone St. Jude Bike-a-thon will be held Sunday, April 29. Participants are urged to gather pledges now to raise funds.

Riders turning in at least \$35 receive a St. Jude t-shirt. Riders gathering \$75 or more receive a t-shirt and sports bag or sweatshirt. The person raising the most money over \$100 will also receive a dual cassette jambox. Also, a mountain bike will be given to the rider age 16 and under collecting the most money over \$100.

"The real prize, though, is the pride everyone can take in giving children a chance to live a normal life," said ride coordinator Anne Morter.

The ride will follow a similar format of past years with an in-town

circuit route for younger riders and the 22-mile Ruggs to Lone route for the more adventuresome. Both rides will begin at 1 p.m. with registration prior. Refreshments and moral support will be offered to riders on both routes, said Morter.

Pledge sheets are available at several locations in lone, at Morrow County Abstract and Title in Heppner, or by contacting Morter at 422-7429. All funds raised by this bike-a-thon go directly to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., America's largest children's cancer research center.

Anyone interested in helping with this event or for more information may contact Morter at the above number.

## Fair & OPR Court prepares for busy season

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court is getting ready for a busy spring and summer.

The girls have been busy shopping for this year's outfits. The court traveled to Mt. Vernon on March 10, where they were fitted for the outfits. They also ordered hats and boots at Gardner's Men's Wear in Heppner.

The rodeo season officially begins on Saturday, April 21, with the Queen's Coronation and Dance. The dance starts at 9 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

On Saturday, April 28, the court

is holding a car wash in Heppner at the Bank of Eastern Oregon's parking lot from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

On Saturday, May 5, the court, along with their families, will travel to Arlington where the court will participate in the parade and the grand entry at the rodeo.

The court is also collecting Red Apple grocery receipts. To donate receipts, contact Janet Greenup or Lori McCabe.

"Community support is very much appreciated and the court looks forward to representing Morrow County," said the court members.

## Local youth compete in rodeo

The second weekend of high school rodeo action saw competition taking place at McMinnville on April 7-8.

Two Heppner youth placed in steer wrestling-Ryan Matteson turfed his steer in 9.93 seconds for second place while Blake Knowles turned in a 12.84 for fourth. Matteson also placed eighth in calf roping with a 17.27. Matteson and Knowles grabbed sixth in the team roping with a 16.19. Bull

riding action saw Heppner's Jerid Penturf turn in a 61 for fourth place.

Condon's Marne Wilson turned in a 4.99 in the breakaway roping and a 21.221 in pole bending, both good for fifth place. She also tied her goat in 11.42 for sixth place. Heppner's Meghan Bailey lassoed her calf in 4.78 for third in the breakaway roping. Lacey Matteson, also from Heppner, took fifth in barrel racing with a 15.238.

## First-ever high school rodeo set in Heppner

The first-annual Morrow County High School Rodeo will be held April 20-22 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

The action will feature high school-aged competitors from throughout Oregon who will be accompanied by their parents.

On Friday, April 20, a cow cutting contest will be held at the Wilkinson Arena at 6 p.m. This is a double-header event.

On Saturday, April 21, a performance will be held beginning at 1 p.m. at the rodeo arena.

A dance, sponsored by the Fair Committee, will be held Saturday at 9 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The dance is open to the public.

Sunday, April 22, slack will begin at 8 a.m. with a performance at 1 p.m.

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

The event is hosted by the Columbia Basin High School Rodeo Club which has members from Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties.

## Easter egg hunt Saturday

The Heppner Elks Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this Saturday, April 14, beginning at 10 a.m.

Pre-school age children will hunt at the Heppner City Park, where the Easter Bunny will make his annual visit.

First and second graders will hunt at the Heppner Elementary School lower field and third and fourth graders will hunt at Hager Park.

## Club activities

The Willow Creek Valley Service Club will have a guest speaker on Thursday, April 19 at their no-host luncheon at John's Other Place (formerly Kate's Pizza) in Heppner.

Morrow County School Board member Keith Lewis will speak about the upcoming school bond. Everyone is invited to attend.

The service club is sponsoring the "Senior Girls Luncheon" for mothers and daughters, which will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church on Thursday, April 12. Doris Brosnan will be the guest speaker.

Club members will also help with the annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, April 19, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. The group encourages all citizens of Morrow County to donate blood, if possible. Cookies and juice will be provided by club members.

The Willow Valley Service Club is a non-profit, community-based service organization.

## Court meets lone contingent over road issue

By Doris Brosnan

The Morrow County Court meeting on April 4 was an abbreviated session. During the morning, the commissioners were in a meeting with a group sent from Congress to evaluate the need for impact aid for communities affected by chemical stockpiles.

In the afternoon, the court met with a contingent of lone representatives to clarify issues surrounding the "lone-Boardman Road." The group agreed that confusion over what is being requested and over the location of the requested easement exists among several entities.

The court attempted to clarify its knowledge of the issue, the history of the court's involvement with the issue and the court's current position, which is to gain an easement for the road, economic help for the Willow

Creek Valley, funds for stream restoration and habitat, and continued employee access to the PGE road in writing.

They reminded those present that an easement does not equate with the building of a road, but would keep the option open for a future time, if or when the Washington Ground Squirrel was removed for the Endangered Species List and if money to build a road became available. They pointed out that the ground squirrel listing is connected to the road because the proposed road location goes through the critical habitat. In addition, though the property in question will become private through a sale, the sale agreement commits the buyer to preserving the habitat.

Also questioned was the court's position on the state's pending sale of property in the controversial area. The court noted their agreement not to interfere with the sale, which an Oregon Statute allows "without notice." They also noted that the court had written a sale-related request that includes a road easement and that the court has not accepted a different sale-related financial offer from the

governor's office.

The court observed that the state's method of processing of the property sale has contributed to frustrations and misconceptions. The court declined a request to write a position paper, saying that in this "fluid process" it must consider the effects on all of Morrow County and restated its unanimous support for the easement.

Other action of the court included the following:

- approval of the sale of tax lot 5800 in Irrigon;
- approval of a contract to again provide law enforcement services to the Corps of Engineers;
- approval of a computer program and four mini-computers for Behavioral Health;
- approval of a permit to Morrow County Grain Growers for replacement and relocation of a water line on Highway 704;
- a letter to David Nelson and Mark Simmons requesting that they support Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemorative license plates for the State of Oregon.

## Beef quality training set in Heppner

The Morrow County Livestock Growers Association (MCLGA) is working with producers for Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification. According to a Livestock Growers Association news release, there are indications that the USDA/FSIS rules will soon require documentation of methods before sale of beef animals. This program is an opportunity to be certified voluntarily before it is mandated.

The following steps are required for a beef producer/operation to become certified as an Oregon Beef Quality Assurance supplier (all materials are available at the Morrow County Extension office):

- Attend an Oregon Beef Quality Assurance training meeting and read the information on Oregon Trail Beef management practices in the Oregon State University publication, "Steadying Up for the 21st Century." If producers attended in 1999 or 2000, this requirement is fulfilled.

Area meetings are being scheduled for further training. The format is about 2½ hours with all of the following included. The scheduled meeting for Morrow County is Tuesday, April 17, at the Heppner Elks Lodge at 2 p.m.

- Pass the Oregon BQA certification quiz. This quiz is designed to document the producer's knowledge of the BQA management points. Answers are found on the page number listed at the end of each question in the "Steadying Up for the 21st Century." To become a certified supplier, complete and return the quiz to either Don Hansen, OSU Extension veterinarian, or Bill Zollinger, OSU Extension beef specialist.

- Sign and date the Oregon BQA program checklist of requirements. The producer signature is the pledge to comply with the Critical Management Practices specified by the Oregon BQA program that include individual animal identification and documentation of all medication and vaccines given. To become certified, a producer will read and sign the checklist and send it with the quiz to Hanson or Zollinger.

After receiving the quiz and signed BQA program checklist, a producer's name will be added to the list of certified BQA suppliers and an official certification will be mailed. The list will be maintained at the Oregon BQA website accessible by certified producers only.

For more information, contact either Don Hansen, (541) 737-6533, or Bill Zollinger, (541) 737-1906.

The Oregon BQA program is an education program provided by Oregon State University Extension Service (Animal Sciences and Veterinary Medicine) supported by Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, Oregon Veterinary Medical Association, Oregon Cattlemen's Association and the Oregon Beef Council.

## Dr. Lytle resigns

Dr. Lytle, physician at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Clinic in Heppner has resigned from his position, according to Victor Vander Does, administrator.

## Easter egg hunt Saturday in lone



Fran Barnett displays just some of the stuffed plastic eggs and other goodies that will be available at the lone Easter egg hunt in the lone City Park Saturday.

The lone Easter egg hunt is planned for this Saturday, April 14, at 10 a.m. in the lone Park. Children through the fourth grade are invited to participate.

The annual event is the culmination of a lot of hard work on the part of the lone community.

"Everybody brings in Easter eggs in," said Fran Barnett, organizer of the event. "We've also received donations from a lot of people to keep it going. Everybody helps."

Organizers along with

Barnett are Sharon Rietmann and Laurie Rosebusch, all at the lone branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon where the goodies are on display.

Barnett said that Bill Morris and Shelly Key clean up the park prior to the hunt and this year the 4-H group the Willow Creek Woolies stuffed the plastic eggs.

Barnett reminds everyone that the Easter Bunny will make his annual appearance.

## Auschwitz survivor to speak at luncheon, HHS

The women of the Heppner United Methodist Church invite the community to one of the "most riveting evenings you may ever experience."

Holocaust survivor Alice Kern will speak about her experiences at Auschwitz Concentration Camp on Monday, April 23, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner.

A salad buffet for ladies only will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall, with Kern speaking after. There is no admission charge for the luncheon. Interested women

are asked to RSVP by Sunday, April 15, to 676-9408 or 676-9278.

Kern will also speak at Heppner High School on Tuesday, April 24, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the high school gym. Adults are welcome to attend the presentation, but they request that no children attend.

Kern, who now lives in Portland, wrote a book on her experiences, "Tapestry of Hope," which will be available for those who wish to purchase it.

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