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**Health department, Heppner
Elementary, city of Irrigon, Head Start
receive grants**

The Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation has announced it will award \$42,000 in grants to nine community health projects in Umatilla and Morrow counties, including projects for the Morrow County Health Department, Heppner Elementary School, the city of Irrigon and Umatilla-Morrow Head Start.

Morrow County Health Department received a \$5,000 grant to assist with funding for a health screening and support program for first-time families. Heppner Elementary School will receive \$2,500 to help install a rubberized playground surface at the school. The city of Irrigon received a \$5,000 grant to establish a designated pedestrian/bike path between two schools. Umatilla-Morrow Head Start will receive a \$10,000 grant in continuing foundation support of the Head Start "Free to Grow Partnership to Promote Substance-Free Communities."

A \$10,000 grant to the Agape house in Hermiston will be used to purchase food, clothing and medications for the less fortunate, working poor, and homeless in West Umatilla County Highland Hills Elementary Parent Teacher Organization also received a \$5,000 grant for the addition of playground equipment at the school.

The Parish nursing program at Trinity Lutheran Church was awarded a \$2,000 grant to promote healthy life styles

in the community. Consumer Credit Counseling Service received a \$1,000 grant to help fund materials to teach local community members about wise use of credit. A \$1,500 grant will be given to the Community Safety Net to help fund medical needs for at-risk children who do not qualify for state assistance.

"We were very pleased with the number of grant requests and the variety of projects that we were able to fund," stated Marsha Stipe, Community Health Foundation Awards committee chairman. The mission of the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation is to enhance the quality of life and general health of residents living in West Umatilla and North Morrow County communities.

The Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation provides resources to worthy projects best illustrating foundation ideals and fulfilling the health needs of its designated region, according to a news release. Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation awards for worthwhile projects are reviewed and made twice a year. The next deadline for submitting grant applications to the foundation will be July 31, 2002. Groups or individuals interested in donating to the foundation or in being considered for funding may contact the foundation office by calling 667-3413. Application forms may also be picked up in the administration office at Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. Eleventh Street, Hermiston.

Service to honor Rhinehart

Dirk Rhinehart, former rector at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner, will be celebrating 35 years in the ministry on March 17. The service of celebration will be at the Heppner All Saints Episcopal Church, starting at 11 a.m. A light lunch will be served following the service.

Rhinehart has also served as assistant rector at Holy Redeemer and as rector of St. James before moving to Canada where he serves as arch deacon of the Kootenays, Diocese of Kootenay, B.C. "We hope his many friends from Heppner, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater will be able to join us," said a church spokesperson.

Local performers win at Kiwanis Kapers contest

Local performers were winners this past weekend at the 44th Annual Kiwanis Kapers competition in Pendleton. The Shenanigan Fiddlers took first place and the Blazin' Bows fiddle group claimed second place out of nine entries in the elementary division. Both fiddle groups are directed by teacher Peg Willis of Pendleton. The Shenanigans group performed "Old Joe Clark", an act which featured a combination of fiddling, Canadian spoons, drum, bass and guitar as well as singing.

Local Shenanigans members include: Alex Carlson, Kara Clay, Matt Holland, Eric Jepsen, Kate Kendrick, Blaine Maley, Brynna Rust, as well as Nick Berretta of Walla Walla and Amanda Tullis of Pendleton. They received \$125 in prize money.

The larger 17-member Blazin' Bows performed the tune "Rubber Dolly". This group included students from several towns in Eastern Oregon. Local fiddlers included: Willy Gentry, Brynna Holland, Kellee Jones, Pete Maley, Sarah Kendrick, Russell Pattee, Katy West and Luke Young, along with Matt Holland on mandolin and Nick Berretta on string bass. They won \$100 in cash.

Competing in the middle school division and winning \$75 for third place of 12 entries was Jessica Heliker with a baton twirling routine.

There were 44 entries this year in four different age divisions. The grand prize of \$500 went to the Homestead Quartet comprised of the Wambeke family of Irrigon. Other local contestants included Aaron Tworek of Ione who performed a monologue, and the Blarney Pilgrim Trio of Matt Holland, Blaine Maley and Nick Berretta.

The local fiddling groups share their music at the St. Patrick's celebration this weekend. The Shenanigans will be featured on the KUMA Coffee Hour on Saturday, March 16. Then both groups will combine their talents and perform some Irish music at the Ceili at the Elks mid-afternoon on Saturday.

Little League tryouts slated

Little League tryouts have been scheduled in Heppner. Major baseball tryouts for children nine to 12 years old will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 20-21, at 4 p.m. at the George Waterland Field.

Softball tryouts for ages seven to 12 will be held Thursday and Friday, March 21-22, at 5 p.m. at the Shad Hisler Field.

Minor baseball tryouts for ages seven to 12 will be held on Saturday, April 6, at 10 a.m. at the Shad Hisler Field.

T-ball tryouts for children six to eight years old will also be held on April 6 at 2 p.m. at the Hisler Field.

Heppner Little League is still accepting registrations for the season and encourages more four and five-year-olds to sign up for whiffle ball. For more information or to sign up, contact Janice Huddlestone at 676-5358.

Easter messages invited

While the annual St. Patrick's Weekend Celebration is impending, Easter is just around the corner and local pastors are invited to share inspirational Easter messages in the March 27 issue of the Gazette-Times.

The deadline for messages is Monday, April 25, at 5 p.m. Messages may be dropped by the G-T office at 147 W. Willow in Heppner, faxed to 541-676-9211 or e-mailed to hiltonsykes@hotmail.com.

For more information, call April Hilton-Sykes at the Gazette, 676-9228.

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Births

Victor Manuel Calderon, Jr.-a son, Victor Manuel, was born to Erin Beemer and Victor Calderon of Boardman on February 1, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Brianna Christine Holm-a daughter, Brianna Christine, was born to Lisa and Jason Holm of Irrigon on February 5, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Alexis Navarro-a son, Alexis, was born to Agapita and Sergio Navarro of Boardman on February 7, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Jesus Carmona-a son, Jesus, was born to Martha and Sergio Carmona of Boardman on February 22, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz.

Kellen Gregory Grant-a son, Kellen Gregory, was born to Virginia and Gregory Grant of Heppner on February 26, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Heppner. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 0 oz.

Dylan Blain Rill-a son, Dylan Blain, was born to Tiffany and Laurence Rill of Heppner on February 28, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Heppner. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Pickup raffle to benefit Matheny family

Chances on a brand-new 2002 Ford Ranger pickup will be available for sale during the St. Patrick's Celebration this weekend. Proceeds will go toward physical therapy equipment for the Dave and Patty Matheny family.

Raffle tickets will be available during the celebration in front of the Heppner TV office, at the concession stand at the Motocross races and by contacting Sonja McCabe or Judy Eckman at the Morrow County Grain Growers, 989-8221, or Sandy Matthews at Heppner TV.

Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100.

The drawing will be held on April 15.

The four-cylinder manual pickup includes air and AM/FM cassette.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes
Chamber Executive Director

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce welcomes one and all to the 20th Wee Bit O' Ireland annual celebration in Heppner and commends our community as excess energy is put forth to make as great weekend for all ages, visitors and locals alike.

This week, "Either you're glad you are, or you're glad you aren't, or you are anyway." And that would be Irish or not, working on the event, or not, coming or going or not! Would this be some sort of Irish proverb?

The landscape of the Emerald Isle with its 40 shades of green has conquered hearts of people around the world. While the U.S. and Heppner, the Irish Capitol of Oregon, has created its own version of St. Patrick's Day, remembering the Irish and looking for a reason to celebrate, it does honor Irish traditions. Thus it seems appropriate to share some traditional Irish blessings as we welcome friends and visitors for the weekend.

"May the Irish hills caress you. May her lakes and rivers bless you. May the Luck of the Irish enfold you. May the Blessings of St. Patrick behold you."

"May you neighbors respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you, and heaven accept you."

"May joy and peace surround you, contentment latch your door, and happiness be with you now and bless you evermore."

"May the leprechauns be near you to spread luck along your way, and may all the Irish angels smile upon you on St. Patrick's Day." And with that, have a great St. Patrick's Weekend!

4-H News

Oregon Trail Livestock 4-H Club
By Amy Jepsen, reporter

The Oregon Trail Livestock 4-H Steer and Lamb Club had their second meeting of the club year on March 10. President Shelley Rietmann gave a talk on 4-H steer projects. Co-president Meghan Bailey will give a presentation on doing a 4-H Lamb project, and five other club members will talk about different breeds of cattle at the next meeting. The 4-H Steer Weigh-in was held on March 2, and the club had 14 members weigh-in steers. They were Madison and Lane Bailey, Escalante Francisco, Brian Haguewood, Colton Helfrecht, Jessica Hughes, Amy Jepsen, Joe Pranger, Eddie and Rudi Ramirez, Shanna and Shelley Rietmann, and Sara and Amellia Peck.

The club's next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7.

Picture Perfect 4-H Club
By Miranda Hunt, reporter

The Picture Perfect photography club recently held a meeting at the Ione Fire Hall.

The club had a guest speaker, Fran Barnett. She brought some of her photos for members to look at. There was one from every category at the fair in open class.

Then the club held a regular meeting. The next meeting will be a field trip to the Nature Trails on the Columbia River.

Members present were: Miranda Hunt, Caitlin Orem, Kim Morris, Lynzee Sjurset, Tiana Camarillo, Adan Burt and Emily Rietmann.

Books and More Books 4-H Club

By Jeff Hunt, reporter

The Books and More Books 4-H Club met Feb. 14 at the Hunt's house in Ione.

After the Books and More Books 4-H Club said their pledges and read the minutes, the girls dove right into "The River" by Gary Paulsen.

The valentine's meeting proved productive, especially after the fund raiser of selling "val-o-grams" at school.

The author report was written by Miranda Hunt and the vocabulary lesson was taught by Emily Rietmann and the number of pages were counted by Aimee Emery.

The club picked the book, "Antarctica" by Peter Lerangis for their next meeting. "I love new books," said member Kylee, "I really enjoy learning new words." Jobs were distributed for the next meeting and the club members left having read a total of 5,262 pages to date.

The next meeting will be Friday, April 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the Hunt house in Ione.

Brendan McElligott to participate in state geography contest



Brendan McElligott

Brendan McElligott, 12-year-old Heppner Junior High seventh grader, has qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The bee will be held on Friday, April 5, at Western Oregon University at Monmouth.

One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition to be held May 21-22 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. The final round of the 2002 bee, featuring Alex Trebek, will air nationally on the National Geographic Channel on May 22.

Obituaries

Lorine Toll

Lorine Toll, 73, formerly of the Heppner-Lexington area, died Friday, January 18, 2002, in Woodburn.

A memorial graveside service will be held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Friday, March 15, 2002, at 11 a.m.

She was born January 16, 1929, at the Van Winkle farm in Lexington. After graduating from Heppner High School in 1947, she married John Ledbetter. They had three children: Jeanette Sunseri (deceased), June Bennett of Dallas, Texas and Judy Lathrom of Portland.

In 1975, she Leonard Toll; he had three children: Toni Chitty of Heppner, Tami Johlke of Pendleton and Terry Toll of Prineville.

She enjoyed traveling, gardening, raising roses, playing cards and visiting casinos with her husband.

Mrs. Toll is also survived by brothers, Alfred Van Winkle, Spokane, WA., Jack Van Winkle, Sun City West, AZ.; two sisters, Alma Green of Prineville and June DuVall, Sun City West, AZ.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, William J. Van Winkle.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Oregon Division Inc., 0330 SW Curry, Portland, OR 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, in charge of local arrangements.

Nona Fay Lohrey

A celebration of the life of Nona Fay Hankel Fast Lohrey will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 15, 2002, at the Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel, 520 W. Powell Blvd, Gresham, Oregon. A reception for family and friends immediately following will be held at the Mt. Hood Christian Center, 2500 S.E. Palmbld Road, Gresham. A private interment was held at the Lincoln Memorial Park.

Mrs. Lohrey was born to George Hankel and Lucy Ann Haden near Blaine, Idaho, on January 16, 1916, one of six children. She grew up in the rail and lumber centers of Idaho and Oregon, completing two years of high school at Willamina, Oregon.

She married Cornelius "Nels" Fast on July 29, 1934, in Toledo, Oregon. He preceded her in death on September 1, 1970. She and her husband, the Rev. Nels Fast, pastored Assembly of God churches in Amity, Siletz, Heppner, Molalla, Gresham, Estacada and Fairview, Oregon. She was active in Women's Missionary Council work of the Assembly of God.

She briefly resided in Denver, Colorado, and the Yapoha Senior Center in Eugene, Oregon.

She married Adolph Lohrey on July 28, 1979, and lived in Caldwell, Idaho, until his death August 27, 2000. She has resided in the Fairlawn Center in Gresham from September 2000 until her death.

She is remembered for her care of 24 foster children, especially for Stephen, Douglas, Mary Alice, Sandra, Ivan, Andrew, Daniel, Deborah and Anna Brown, all of Siletz, Oregon.

Her family fondly treasures the crocheted afghan blankets she presented to each new child and grandchild.

She is survived by four children: Monte of Carson City, Nevada, Nona of Denver, Colorado, Casey of Portland and Marce of Eugene; a sister, Pearl Inman of Longview, Washington; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Acknowledgments and memorials may be made in the form of contributions to the Nona Fay Lohrey Remembrance Fund, Friends in Service Helping (FISH), 138 E. Long Street, Carson City, Nevada 89706.

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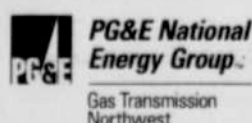
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