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The V-Tel plan is to continue that next year. Coordinating of scheduling is being worked on and Heppner hopes to offer a course next year (advanced placement English) in addition to the pre-calculus class Ione offered this year. Next year the plans are to have the fiber-optics lines available and the connection will be quicker than the current method.

Dr. Jack Crippen has been hired to be the new superintendent. He will begin in July.

Math Contest winners were announced as follows: fourth grade-Alex Carlson, RJ Ramos, Mikey Raible, alternates-Stephanie Archer, Tyree Svetich; fifth grade-Kara Clay, Tiana Camarillo, Aiden Burt, alternates-Matt Coleman, Cory Peterson; sixth grade-Shannon Clay, Emily Rietmann, Justin Archer, alternates-Teonna Vandever; seventh grade-Stephanie Holland, Miranda Hunt, Kayla LaRue, alternates- Megan Tollefson; eighth grade-Abby Key, Tyler Brown, Ashly Grams, alternates-Kyle Palmateer.

County to hold courthouse model contest

By Debbie Harper

Do you paint, embroider, sculpt, or work in wood? If so, Morrow County is holding a contest for you. Your entry can be in any medium. It could be made of wood, clay or chocolate cake. It doesn't even have to be three-dimensional. It could be an embroidered picture or a plate you've painted. The only requirement is it must portray the county courthouse.

Prizes will be awarded in the following age groups: kindergarten through third grade; fourth through sixth grades; junior high and high school; and adult.

Entries need to be turned in at the courthouse by April 30. They will be kept on display until the anniversary celebration on May 27.

For more information, contact Andrea Denton at 676-5620.

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. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$5.)

Important to live in a place of beauty

To the Editor:

Tears come to my eyes as I sit up here in the balcony absorbing Zemer Atik, the Peace Dance or Shalom Dance, from Israel. It is being performed, or danced by every member of the Heppner Elementary School. They are being led by dancer-artist-teacher extraordinaire Carol Newman from Astoria. As the lines of children weave around each other in joy, I feel continents of hope shift and tremble within and outside of my one small self. It is a very good thing. It is a thing of beauty. It is important.

This experience is very different, but somehow strangely similar in a free and democratic way, to the experience I had earlier in the week: attending Heppner's City Council meeting Monday last. Things got a little exciting, to say the least. Now, I haven't been to a city council meeting in a little while, so maybe this was the last few spurts of excitement over the city hall/Library issue... but I found myself sitting there with knots in my stomach and feelings of a great sadness. Seems everybody else handled the tones and flings and slings better than I. I realized quite quickly early on in this "controversy" that I had a minority voice (but since sharing that voice, am finding out I'm not a member of such a minority as I had thought). And it seemed obvious there was much more history in that, no offense, dinky city hall room than my four years in this beloved town. Nevertheless, I wanted to speak. I wanted what I had to say be heard. But I dared not last Monday. So, I write.

It is important to live in a place of beauty. It is important to be wise stewards of our resources and not trash them or each other. It is important for people who are searching for a better place to live, a better way to live, who come to visit our fair town to see that we care about one another, that we deem our community, every aspect, as viable and valid. I, for (a thirty-something) one, thought the new library/city hall was a great idea. I thought it was beautiful, but not overly ostentatious. (I disagree with the gentleman who used words like "Taj Majal" and "Cadillac" for the dropped plans of the new city hall. There are thousands upon thousands of other models available to choose from that our city government can enjoy and work well with - without resorting to black and white extreme thinking - but I appreciated his comments anyway because they made me think.) Anyway, I liked almost everything about it - including that it was right on Main Street! I believe in investing in our community (I do almost all of my possible shopping in Heppner and enjoy volunteering in various ways) and believe that most of those of my generation and onward would not mind putting in part of what they have to create and sustain a beautiful place to live and work that values its members and its citizens in service to it.

That's what I wanted to say. I could argue and discuss it much, much more, but refuse to do so in places that feel unsafe - and I still wouldn't want to have this discussion face-to-face with my "opponents." (Yes, I'm working on the thickness of my skin and the firmness of my backbone.) But my voice and my opinion is valid anyway. And, knowing I'm not alone, I'm grateful to be able to write this letter to the editor of our town's paper.

(s) Monica Hunter Heppner

St. Pat's chairs dedicated, hard working

To the Editor and Willow Creek Valley Community:

Elsewhere I have written a letter concerning all the individuals who helped make the

parade last Saturday happen. In this letter I want publicly to call attention to the dedicated hard work of the two people who have chaired the Wee Bit O' Ireland Festivities for several years: Claudia Hughes and Cara Osmin.

There is a lot of preparation, planning, organizing, coordinating and creativity that goes into making the St. Patrick's celebration happen. Claudia and Cara have held monthly meetings this last year in order to be sure that advertising got out, that brochures and a new four-page newspaper insert were printed on time, that new ideas were given a chance, that potential problems were avoided, that committees still operated, and that we were all communicating with one another.

They are to be highly commended and thanked profusely for their work. My hat is off to you, Claudia and Cara. A job excellently done. Bravo!

(s) Craig Strobel Heppner

Many work to make celebration a success

To the Editor and Willow Creek Valley Community:

Another St. Patrick's Celebration has come and gone and what fun we had. Many people worked hard to host and entertain our out-of town guests as well as fellow residents of the Willow Creek Valley. In a previous Gazette-Times, the question was asked as to how many people help with the various aspects of the St. Patrick's celebration. For my part, I can identify the following people and businesses who assisted in various ways with the parade on Saturday:

- Claudia Hughes collected entries and assisted with a variety of questions;
- Cara Osmin provided guidance, encouragement, assistance with registration and help with a variety of questions and information about past parades;
- Lizz Green and Travis Harrison also helped register;
- Travis Harrison also helped line everybody up;
- Janet McDowell distributed and received parade entry forms;
- Jerry and Joyce Kay Holloman of the Shoebox stored the P.A. system and jackets;
- Cliff Green of Heppner Hardware stored the sawhorses for the parade signs;
- Joyce and John Shepherd helped move sawhorses;
- Rhonda and Jamie Helfrecht of Green Feed and Seed provided the use of their parking lot (and restroom) during registration;
- Craig Canham and the City of Heppner Maintenance Crew set out cones and kept things clean and ship-shape;
- Darrell Raver and his crew of judges walked the whole length of the parade to find entrants: Dave and April Sykes, Victor Vander Does, and David Allen;
- Ryan Miller of Miller Excavating provided the flatbed truck for the announcing stand;
- Bert Houweling of the Red Apple provided electrical power;
- Jack Melligan made his four-wheeler ATVs available;
- Heppner Elementary loaned us their bullhorn;
- And Monika Hunter did a wonderful job announcing in the midst of blowing snow, freezing temperatures and occasional hail.

So you see, if you enjoyed the parade, it is because it was the work of many hands.

In a small community such as ours, things happen because we make them happen.

Kudos to everyone involved!
(s) Craig Strobel Heppner

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the fol-

- Boyce Elmer Ellison, 68, Huntington; and
- Linda Kay Ellison, 58, Irrigon.

Obituaries

Eileen Marie "Mike" Chitty

Eileen Marie "Mike" Chitty, 79, Klamath Falls, died March 14, 2002. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 22, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, beginning with a Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 10:40 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. The Reverend Charles Dreisbach will celebrate. Interment will be at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland at 2 p.m. on Monday March 25, 2002.

She was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, on November 13, 1922, the only child of Joseph and Eliza Lizotte. She completed nurse's training and then enlisted in the Army on Oct. 11, 1944. She served as a combat nurse during WWII in Massachusetts as well as Belgium, Germany and France.

She met Marvin Chitty in the Army hospital in Massachusetts. She was his nurse. Marvin was a fighter pilot in the Air Force, who had been shot down and wounded. Because of his injuries he was retired as a disabled officer.

She was en route to the Pacific when the war ended. She returned to the US in August 1943. She and Marvin were married on September 3, 1945. They were married for 54 years and had five children.

Mrs. Chitty spent most of her time taking care of her family. She enjoyed spending time with her family, and especially loved being outdoors, rock and artifact hunting, camping, fishing and hunting with her family. She and her husband lived in several locations in Maine, Oregon, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. They eventually settled again in Enterprise. After Marvin's death in 1999, she moved to Klamath Falls, where she lived at Pelican Pointe.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Glenn and Dina Chitty of Enterprise; Jack Chitty of Granite Bay, CA, Mark Chitty and Kathy Hicks of Somerset, CA; daughters and sons-in-law, Jill and Jon O'Donnell of Klamath Falls; Gail and Don Papineau of Heppner; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Contributions in memory of Eileen Chitty may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 229 W Main St., Suite E, Medford, OR 97501, or Klamath Hospice, 437 Main St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601.

Births

Lilyanna Jade Vandevanter-a daughter, Lilyanna Jade, was born to Brandi Kauffman and Joshua Vandevanter of Boardman on March 1, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 4 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 Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz.

Grandparents are Molly and Cecil Rill, Heppner, and Vickie Christensen, Kilgore, Texas; great-grandparents are Pat and Jim Smith, Houston, Texas, and A.P. and Janice Christensen, San Diego, CA.

Kellen Gregory Grant-A son, Kellen Gregory, was born to Virginia and Greg Grant of Heppner on February 26, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 30

Video showing set at Adventist church

A video showing of "The Life of Jesus" will be held at the Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church, 569 Minor, on Friday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the church gymnasium.

Refreshments will be served.

Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, call Cynthia Wenberg, 676-5036.

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Jessica Winifred Cox

A memorial service for Jessica Winifred "Winnie" Cox, 88, will be held in Heppner on Saturday, March 23, 2002, at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

She died January 6, 2002, in Portland.

She was born Jessica Winifred Thomson on August 3, 1913, in Heppner, where she lived nearly all her life. She married William Lee "Bill" Cox in 1936. He preceded her in death in 1997.

Survivors include sons, David, Gayle, William, John and Todd; sister, Mary Gibb; and eight grandchildren.

Remembrances may be made to the Senior Center-St. Patrick's Trust Fund, P.O. Box 266, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Anna J. "Happy" Graham

Anna J. "Happy" Graham, 93, of Eugene, a native of Heppner, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 18, 2002, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner with concluding service and burial following at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born November 11, 1908, at Heppner, to John and Harriet Lynn Wightman and lived in Heppner most of her life.

She and her brother Marvin attended Heppner schools from first grade through high school. Mrs. Graham recalled marching into the school building to the "Star Spangled Banner" each morning.

She spent her childhood years on the family ranch, assisting with the cooking and other chores. After graduating from Heppner High School in 1927, she attended Oregon State College at Corvallis for two years, majoring in home economics, but the effects of the Depression forced her to terminate her education.

On April 21, 1935, on Easter Sunday, she married Claude R. Graham from Eden, Utah. The couple met when Mr. Graham came to work on the Wightman Ranch and for the Alfalfa Lawn Dairy, which was owned by the Wightman family.

After their marriage, the Gramms operated the family ranch until 1992.

They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1985 at the All Saints Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Graham was active in community affairs. She participated in her church, lodges, as a Rainbow Girl adviser, as a 4-H leader, as a Scout leader and was also on the rural fire board.

She especially enjoyed playing bridge with friends.

In 1992, the couple moved to Eugene to be near their daughter, due to Mr. Graham's failing health. After Mr. Graham's death in September 1992, Mrs. Graham moved into Willamette Oaks Residential Living Facility in Eugene, and in March 2000, she moved to Sheldon Park Assisted Living in Eugene.

Survivors include daughters, Helen Walsh of Fresno, California, and Jean Marie Damon of Eugene; grandchildren, Scott Walsh, John Damon, Mark Damon and Ann Reilly; and three great-grandchildren. Her brother, Marvin Wightman, also preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health Care, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836; or to the Morrow County Museum, P.O. Box 1153, Heppner, Oregon 97836; or the Farm Museum, P.O. Box 515, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of local arrangements.


Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business:

- Rolf Marshall Prag, 37, Boardman-Violation of the Basic Rule, 82 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$132 fine;
- William Kelly, Jr., 33, Oregon City-Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass, \$111 fine.

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