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Ione Cardinal Booster Club news

By Jeri McElligott

Cardinal Booster Club met April 1 at the Ione High School library. A thank you note from Adam McCabe for the donation to the football all-star program was read. Ashley Roberts sent thanks for the donation of paper products for his fund raising dinner and for the new weight equipment purchased for the conditioning classes.

Jeri McElligott reported the OSAA Gold Cup sign will cost \$235-\$275. The sign design has been approved by the club, but members decided to wait for the outcome of this year's award before having the sign made. Ione High School is currently tied for second place. Dean Robinson reported the name has been changed to "The Oregonian Cup." Also under discussion was adding the word "Sportsmanship" to the sign since that is now included in the selection of the winning school. Members also discussed moving the academic signs in the gym to either the wall above the visitors' seats or the cafeteria hallway.

The donkey basketball game was reported to be a huge success. Robinson was thanked for organizing the event. The middle school students did an excellent job pre-selling tickets. Robinson donated prizes for those selling the most tickets. The overall winner was seventh grader Kayla LaRue. Ashly Grams sold the most among eighth graders and Kip Krebs among sixth graders. Second place winners were Kyle Palmateer, Stephanie Holland and Teonna Vendever. Tyler Brown, Megan Tollefson and Emily Rietmann came in third for their respective grades. The concession sales went well, with popcorn, some candy, pop and bottled water sold. The leftover bottled water will be used for district and state tennis and track events.

Members agreed upon a booster club membership package for the 2002-2003 year. For \$50, individuals will get a family membership to the club, names in all district tournament programs, names in all district and state newspaper ads, and their name on the sport calendar. Community calendars will not be included in the package deal. A package will also be created for businesses so they won't repeatedly be asked for donations.

The club voted to help serve the dinner for the bike race on June 21, for a fee of \$600.

A \$100 donation will be made to Riverside High School to help buy track equipment. Members also voted to give the Clay family \$50 to help with expenses for Shannon Clay, who competed in the Oregon State Geography Bee at Western Oregon State University on April 5.

Track coach Del LaRue asked for help hosting the April 9 track meet at Umatilla. He announced the upcoming golf tournament at Heppner on Saturday, April 27, to benefit the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust. For more information, individuals may call LaRue at 422-7468.

Robinson thanked Joe McElligott, Duane Neiffer, and Jacob, Adam and Paul Neiffer for moving the equipment storage sheds.

The 2002 scholarship committee consists of Dale Holland, Betty Gray and Kerry Rietmann. The scholarship is \$600 to be distributed to one or more students.

The next meeting of Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, May 6 at 7 pm at the high school library.

Business entrepreneur to speak

The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group has planned a meeting featuring Lyn Craig, entrepreneur, as the guest speaker, on Monday, April 29, at 1:30 p.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Parish Hall in Heppner.

Craig, who owns and operates a bed and breakfast business in Fossil, will be sharing her knowledge of undertaking a business, as well as working with local and state regulations.

The public is invited to attend.

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Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes
Chamber Executive Director

Recently I have begun cleaning drawers in the Chamber office to try to weed out some of the clutter accumulated over 16 years. It's difficult for some of us in this world to "pitch". There is always that thought that we might have use for an idea, pattern, file, photo, etc. down the road. Right. The real problem is "we" are so busy jumping from one thing to another that we can't remember what happened 10 minutes ago, so "we" file it or write it down, or store it. Maybe it's time for another visit from "The Slob Sisters" who give a great presentation on "How to clean up your act."

Stop by the Chamber office and view the collages of photos taken over the years. They speak of what this community is all about. From Cycle Oregon to laying turf; from "Celebrate Heppner" to tearing out the inside of the Senior Center; from leprechauns to barrel racers; Town and Country, fair booths, dedications, light parades, and someone even riding a horse backwards. The photos tell a story of what quality life in a small town is all about. It's people, pride, patience, planning and learning the particulars.

"Twenty Clues To Rural Community Survival" recently surfaced again. After a number of years, this is still valid information. In a future meeting the Chamber membership will be given a chance to evaluate how Heppner is doing based on the clues. One goal that jumped out for Heppner to work toward was "Deliberate Transition of Power to a Younger Generation of Leaders".

More people under 40 are encouraged to become involved in and hold key positions in civic and business affairs. Great idea. We encourage them to come to the Heppner Coordinating Council meetings and be at the table to work on Heppner's plan for the future.

To create a workable and realistic plan, the people who will be in the future are the key ingredient. That's not to say that all ages can't contribute energy and new ideas. It takes the community for "Participatory Approach to Community Decision Making", also one of the clues to rural survival.

Join the HCC group at the Heppner Ranger District conference room on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 a.m. This is a group for one and all, and those who feel change is negative are especially needed at the table, so all can work together to make a difference and give Heppner a great future.

Remember to call the chamber office, 676-5536, if you would like to attend the Governor Candidates Forum at the Pendleton Convention Center on Tuesday, April 23. We'll be departing Heppner about 4 p.m. and returning about 10 p.m.

Thought for the week: "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years."

Student on Linn-Benton CC honor roll

Local Heppner student, Kristen L. Marshall earned a grade-point average of 3.50 or higher for 12 or more graded credits during the winter term, January to March 2002 at Linn-Benton Community College, Albany.

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.)

German Heppner sends greetings

To the Editor:
Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,
Mein name ist Oliver Heppner und ich wohne in Siegen, Germany.
Ich bin durch Zufall auf den Namen Ihrer Stadt gestoBen und

würde gerne mehr informationen über den Gründer, Henry Heppner, bekommen.
Über eine Antwort von Ihnen würde ich mich sehr freuen.
Thanks and greetings,
Oliver Heppner
Germany

District lucky

To the Editor:
At the March 11 meeting of the Morrow County School Board, Mr. John Renfro stated that this district is "very lucky" that we have money in reserve and so will not be faced with drastic cuts.

We are very lucky indeed, but for a different reason. We are lucky that we have the leadership of Mr. Bruce Anderson. We are lucky that the administration and board of this district had the foresight to make cuts two years ago that have kept our district financially stable.

We are lucky that the three board members who were

recalled because of this action were reinstated by popular vote. Since the state and federal governments reduce school funding on a yearly basis we need administrators and board members with enough vision to spend our education dollars wisely.

Every night the newspapers have front page horror stories about massive cuts that are being made in neighboring communities. Due to the administration and board, Morrow County School District will get through these latest cuts with minor impact.

(s) Meredith DeHaven
Irrigon

Our Piece of Heaven

To the Editor:
We moved here in May of last year. We bought our piece of heaven seven years ago. We had to work for another six years before we could retire. We have a neighbor that has made it her personal project to make our life miserable. Sherrill has an old car that is his dream. It is a 1929 Chevrolet that Sherrill has to work on as a retirement project. Our neighbor doesn't like our car or our efforts to make our home and yard the place that we will enjoy.

What does being a good neighbor mean to you? To us it means helping your neighbor, sharing your bountiful produce from your garden. Minding our own business, but being friendly. Checking to see if they are OK or need help. We did all these things. Our reward was to have the police called because she doesn't like our old car or some other foolish reason.

We were raised to believe in the "Golden Rule". "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Is it not a rule to live by in Heppner? Having a neighbor call the police many times in the last two months is not how we want to be treated and do not treat our neighbors this way. When the police and fire department are on nuisance calls they might be needed to help someone that really needs help.

In the big city this is called false alarms, and can mean fines and/or jail time.

This harassment is hurting Heppner and the good people that live here. Is this the way God loving people treat neighbors? Not where we come from! We feel like our piece of heaven has been tarnished. Such a shame that a wonderful, peaceful town like Heppner gives this type of welcome to newcomers. If this is the welcome newcomers receive, what will Heppner be in 50 years? Our perception is it will be a hateful, ugly ghost town.

It is sad that the bad things over-shadow the good ones. It was nice that our friends at UMC prayed for us and gave us encouragement during our recent medical problems. New ideas and new people is what our Heppner needs. We dreamed of a warm welcome and good friends. We love hearing about and seeing the past come alive in the great art work on the Agriculture museum. The St. Patrick's Day Parade was well worth waiting six years to see. One day we plan on our old car being part of the parade. What does it take to keep some of the old timers happy, or is it possible?

(s) Marj & Sherrill Spangler
Heppner

Piano students to hold recital

Twelve local piano students will present a recital on Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at the Christian Life Center church in Heppner. The students, Devin Robinson, Rainz Cullen, Amy and Eric Jepsen, Emily and Meaghan Unruh, Cameron McCurry, and Darren, Matthew, Nathan, Kristen and Daniel Van Cleave, will perform pieces from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and 20th Century time periods, including works by a variety of composers such as Bach, Handel, Brahms and Beethoven.

The students, who range in level from beginner to advanced, are preparing to participate in syllabus adjudications in May. The adjudications are held in Hermiston and are sponsored by the Oregon Music Teachers' Association. Teachers of the students include Myrna and Darren Van Cleave of Heppner, Ruth Naser of Hermiston and Dr. Walter Saul of Portland.

The public is invited to attend the recital.

EOU releases winter quarter dean's list

Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande has announced its dean's list honor roll for the 2002 winter quarter.

Local students who qualified are Ian Sweek of Heppner, Maci Childers of Ione and Daire O'Brien-Richards of Irrigon.

Obituary

Cindy M. Green Godard

Cindy M. Green Godard, 56, of Philomath, formerly of Heppner, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, at her home.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 19, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

Mrs. Godard was born August 7, 1945, at Corvallis, to Albert and Harriet Rheinheimer Nelson. She attended schools in Corvallis, and graduated from Corvallis High School in 1962. She attended college at Monmouth.

On August 7, 1965, she married Clifford Green at Springfield. They spent eight years at Athena, before moving to Heppner in 1973. They divorced in 1994.

Mrs. Green worked and was involved in the management and operation of their businesses, Heppner Garbage Disposal Service and later the purchase of the Coast-To-Coast hardware store in Heppner.

She was active as a mother, leading cub scout groups, teaching Sunday school, and attending and participating in all the activities of her children through the years.

In 1994, she moved to Philomath, where she took a job.

She married Russell Godard on June 21, 1997, at Corvallis.

She enjoyed reading, and traveling with her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Russell Godard of Philomath; son, David Green of Heppner; daughter, Kirsten Harrison of Lexington; grandchildren, Brett Harrison and Kyle Harrison; and sister, Gloria Rohl of Salem.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health Care, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Death Notice

Gladys P. Connor

Gladys P. Connor, 93, of Heppner, died Saturday, April 13, 2002, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Joseph P. Anderson, Jr.

Joseph P. Anderson, Jr., 48, of Heppner, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane, Washington.

Graveside service will be held Saturday, April 20, 2002 at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Gazette-Times.

Montana State University awards scholarships

Two local students, Sam Van Liew of Heppner, and Colin McElligott of Ione have been offered a Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) scholarship to attend Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana.

Montana State University is home to approximately 12,000 students and offers a comprehensive array of programs and opportunities for students to study in one of America's most spectacular outdoor environments, said a university press release.

The WUE scholarship is worth more than \$20,000 over four years. Recipients are selected for outstanding academic performance in the past and for their potential to be outstanding additions to the MSU student body.

Correction

The public meetings for the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living will be held on Wednesday, April 24, at 11:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

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