

Cardinal Booster Club continues to show appreciation

photo by Debbie Radie



Florene Robinson of Klamath First Bank and Debbie Radie of Boardman Foods, Inc. accept certificates for their companies.

On Jan. 31, the Ione Cardinal Booster club recognized businesses that have made contributions to the Ione Schools this past year.

A certificate of appreciation was given to Wal-Mart, Dean's Athletic, Sherrell

Chevrolet, Portland General Electric, Klamath First Federal Bank and Boardman Foods were recognized at the Jan. 31 games. The families, staff and club members truly appreciate the business support we have received.

Red and Gena Leonard Foundation seeks scholarship applicants

The Red and Gena Leonard Foundation will award scholarships to students who have graduated or obtained a GED from Arlington, Boardman, Condon, Echo, Fossil, Heppner, Hermiston, Ione, Monument, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Spray, Stanfield, Ukiah or Umatilla high schools. Students must attend an accredited college, university, community college, vocational, trade or technical program based in Oregon. It is the intent of the Red and Gena Leonard Foundation to benefit average students of good character with poor financial circumstances who have a desire to seek further educational opportunities, but due to their lack of scholastic performance, their ability to receive scholarships may be limited. In the selection process, priority will be given to students who are not at the top

academically; have limited financial resources; show the ability to be or become upstanding citizens; and have an interest in a blue-collar trade.

The Red and Gena Leonard Foundation awarded new scholarships to 27 local area students totaling \$54,000, and 12 renewal scholarship awards totaling \$24,000 for the 2002-03 academic year. The Foundation also awarded \$12,000 in grants for educational purposes.

Applications may be obtained from school counselors or by contacting Tracy Gammell, (541) 564-9177. Deadline to submit applications is Saturday, March 15. For more information contact Tracy Gammell, Executive Director, P.O. Box 1024, Hermiston, OR 97838 or (541) 564-9177.

Managing Loss sessions to be held

"Managing Loss," a six-week course, will begin Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Pioneer Memorial Home Health Hospice office in Heppner from 7-8:30 p.m. The course will be led by Paul Smith, MSW, LCSW, and Carolyn M. Willey, MDiv. It will be open to the general public.

These sessions will include socializing, group participation, individual exercises and general educational presentations, offering tools of coping, processing, managing and reconciling loss.

Loss may be related to many areas including a move of residence, job loss, children departing, unfilled dreams, or the death of a loved one. If the loss

is from the death of a loved one, it is recommended a person wait for this course unless it has been three months or more since the death.

It is preferred a person plan on attending all six sessions and no registrations will be taken after Feb. 18. Pre-registration of eight people is required to offer this Pioneer Memorial Hospice sponsored course.

For registration or questions, contact PMHH and Hospice, 676-2946. Cost is \$10 to help defray material expenses.

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St. Patrick's Senior Center transportation information

For senior citizens who have limited, or no transportation opportunities, St. Patrick's Center offers an important transportation service to be used for medical appointments and other necessary trips away from home. These rides must be scheduled at least one day before they are to occur. Scheduling is done through the Center office and by the volunteer staff on duty. Ed Baker supervises nine regular volunteer drivers and three on-call drivers who may drive the buses and, on occasion, use their personal cars. Those who drive the bus are licensed chauffeurs; those who drive personal cars may do so when one passenger is involved. In the case of the use of a personal vehicle, the CAPECO office must be notified of driver, destination and time, to be sure the liability risks are fully covered. The service is provided by the State of Oregon, through the County Court's office, and is free to those who qualify as seniors or those who have a disability, which prevents their providing for their own means of travel.

The drivers drive on their own time. The scheduling is done by the volunteers in the Center office. It must be dependable and precise, with detailed records kept. The office worker is the one who calls the driver assigned for the needed day. The driver then calls the client and the ride arrangements are agreed on by driver and client, personally. Rides may be local or out of town.

While most of the rides may be medically related, not all are. Some may be oriented toward other needs, such as educational training, legal consultation or training in self-help techniques.

The buses may be used for other purposes if and when a senior request has not been made. Nevertheless, the needs of any senior or disabled citizen has first priority for this service. The office staff people have answers for questions, which may come up, or give information on where to find it. The drivers are scheduled for the day of their availability one month in advance. The "on-call" drivers are back-ups for emergencies. Ed Baker is the one who schedules drivers. He is very willing to accept new volunteers who qualify and are willing to give the necessary time. Those who use their personal cars are paid a nominal per mile fee by CAPECO.

The transportation service is free to the client. Donations may be made to the Center itself, in any amount the client feels is fair and if she or he desires to give. The Board of Directors of the Center wants this service to truly serve the community in the best way possible. Comments or suggestions to improve efficiency may be directed to them, personally, through the office, or by mail. They meet each third Wednesday immediately after the noon meat at the Center.

HES Knowledge Master team places second in State of Oregon



Members of the HES Knowledge Master Team: (Back row L-R): Jordan Hatfield, Chris Hickerson, Eddie Collins, Quinn Chick, Spencer Palmer, Joe Pranger, Carl Zurn and Jordan Shepherd; (Front row L-R): Ashley Wolff, Maggie Armato, Sherilyn Peck, Emily Thompson and Dillon Lutchter. Not pictured is Grant Smith.

Members of the Heppner Elementary School Knowledge Master team participated in a competition Jan. 22, and placed second in the State of Oregon.

Members of the team are: Spencer Palmer, Dillon Lutchter, Chris Hickerson, Eddie Collins, Quinn Chick, Grant Smith, Joe Pranger, Jordan Shepherd, Sherilyn Peck, Maggie Armato, Ashley Wolff, Emily Thompson, Jordan Hatfield and Carl Zurn.

Competitions are held twice a year, in January and March. A total of 9137 students participated from 669 schools in 43 states, plus Japan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Peru, Singapore, the

United Arab Emirates and Uzbekistan.

The team met in the HES computer lab around a large screen in the room, where Maggie Armato, the team's reader ran the controls. The questions were read and all members of the team were answering questions as quickly as possible, as speed counts, as well as accuracy. The magic words Maggie listened for were "for sure," which meant the team member was positive of the correct answer.

After the test, the results were called into the Knowledge Master headquarters and the team then went on to enjoy pizza

and pop. The team later learned they were second in the state, behind Sam Case Elementary School in Newport.

The Spring Knowledge Master Open will be held before spring vacation in March. To prepare for the competition, the children are encouraged to read newspapers and practice questions listed at the Knowledge Master website at <http://greatauk.com>. The team will also hold practice sessions the beginning of March.

Scholarship Trust elects officers

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust held its annual meeting on Jan. 27. At the meeting new officers for 2003 were elected.

New officers include: Bill Rietmann, president; Barb Hayes, vice-president; Del LaRue, treasurer; Sharon Harrison, secretary. Board members are Missy Cutsforth, Carrie Grieb and Martha Munkers.

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust was established several years ago to provide funds to grant scholarships to graduating seniors from Heppner and Ione high schools and to take the place of the Troedson Scholarship fund, which discontinues in the year 2023.

Applications for this year's scholarships will be available in the form of a computer disk at both high schools and at Klamath First in Heppner, starting the end of February.

The board is making plans for its annual golf tournament. It will be held this year on May 3, at the Willow Creek Golf Course. Prizes will be awarded and lunch served.

Lexington Grange to hold dinner meeting

The Lexington Grange meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 17. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m., with a potluck dinner. Following the dinner, a program will be held with a representative from the Rocky Mountain Elks Foundation.

Wee Bit O' Ireland

The old Heppner hills have a tint o' green and the sun is shining warm upon the fields; what an ideal time for the annual Wee Bit O' Ireland in Heppner. If we moved the celebration to February do you suppose it would be warm in March? Regardless, a grand ol' time will be had by all as we welcome visitors from far and wide. Calls are coming in daily to request brochures, which should be hot off the press soon.

Now would ye be Irish? As yet an Irish family has not been identified to honor during the festivities. It has been suggested that we might start looking at Irish-Swedes. Suggestions would be welcome and may be made by calling the Heppner Chamber at 676-5536 right away. Has someone been overlooked? Do you have new ideas for the historical coffee

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hour? Please drop a note to P.O. Box 1232, or call the above number.

People have asked how they might acquire an Irish family flag for display on the poles. Presently, the committee is looking at refurbishment of the existing flags with discussion on the possibility of displaying them somewhere other than in the weather during the annual event. Possible seamstresses will be discussed and there may be a chance for someone to come forward and head up a "new flag committee".

So, start pulling out the green long johns, create a parade entry, start working on Irish music, let us know if you'd like to entertain sometime during the weekend, be on the radio talk shows, help behind the scenes, practice your brogue and keep on smiling. It's just 30 days away.

Rita Bowman celebrates 75 years

Rita Bowman, of Heppner, was surprised by family and friends, Feb. 8, with a 75th birthday party at her home. From all different parts of Oregon, they came to celebrate, eat and enjoy each other's company.

Bowman's children: Vic and Becky Bowman, Prineville; Joe and Robin Bowman, Bend; Ron and Ginger Bowman, Heppner; Sara and Dave Riney, Condon; and Cindy Jarvis, Bend where all there along with grandchildren: Ericka and Aaron

David, Yakima, with daughter, McKenna; Natalie and Chet Wilkins, Arlington; Chris Bowman, Corvallis; Jenna Bowman, Heppner; Megan and Harley Reese, Prineville; and Katie Riney, with fiancé, Mike Olsen, both of Albany. Bowman's sister and brother-in-law, Gloria and Clayton Clapper of Herraiston were also there, along with many friends.

Bowman said she really enjoyed the day and also said she was glad to not have to cook at all.

Be sweet.

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