

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Executive Director

We're all dashing here and dashing there, often running late, to accomplish a variety of things for others and life in general. Then we come around a corner to see a flagger and that dash comes to an abrupt halt. Hopefully, we're not in such a state of unconsciousness that we're a danger to the flagger. Our initial response to being detained in our dash is more often than not, negative, especially if we have a ten or twenty minute wait.

Here are some suggestions, as Highway 74 from Heppner to Pilot Rock is under construction and those of us who travel it will be faced with this dilemma for a while. Take a deep breath and observe wildlife; take along a book or magazine; write a thank you note or letter; phone a friend if you are one of those people who is never without their cell; visit with the flagger; file your fingernails; focus on your priorities for the day; look at cloud formations; or just breathe. You soon realize that the wait was not as long as you might have wished once you relax and pause to enjoy. It can either raise or lower your blood pressure. Besides, what would roads be like if one never had to wait for a flagger.

It's Chamber membership renewal time. I read a quote I'd like to pass on. "You don't buy membership, you buy cooperation with people to accomplish goals you can't do alone." The Heppner Chamber appreciates all those who continue to invest in an organization whose main focus is to make the community a healthy place to live, work and do business. We also enjoy some fun and laughter as we work toward our goals. Ranchers, farmers, individuals, home businesses, associate members are all invited to come "on board" and be a part of the organization. Call 676-5536 for more information.

The Heppner St. Patrick's Committee announces the Wee Bit O' Ireland brochures are hot off the press. Stop by the Chamber to pick up some to mail to friends and relatives. St. Patrick's festivities are March 13-16. The Northwestern Motel has a waiting list and if there are people with extra beds, they would like to forward guests to you. Let them know. Tiller's Folly tickets for the Saturday night concert are now on sale at Gardner's Men's Wear. Space is limited, so purchase them early. This Canadian group has played all over and comes with rave reviews.

Next week at Chamber all entities report. Come and be "in the know."

Thought for the week: "Life itself is the proper bing."

Obituaries

[Editor's Note: This obituary was recently received by a Morrow County resident who wished to share the information, as Alice Linn had once lived and worked in Morrow County.]

Alice H. Linn

Alice (Head) Linn, 96, a long time resident of The Dalles died July 15, 2001 at a care center in Sunderland, MA.

She was born June 5, 1905, in Cathlamet, WA, to Rev. William W. and Eliza (Filer) Head, the fourth of seven children.

She attended school in Cathlamet and then in Ione, where she graduated from high school. She then graduated from Oregon College of Education (now WOU) at Monmouth and taught in Oregon for nearly 40 years. After teaching in Newport, Grass Valley, Arlington and Ione, she moved to The Dalles in 1953 and taught in the elementary schools for nineteen years until her retirement.

She married Carl Peter Linn on June 5, 1930.

She attended the United Church of Christ Congregational at The Dalles, was an avid gardener and rock hunter and enjoyed these and various handicrafts during her retirement. For the last 50 years, she was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star of which she was a Past Worthy Matron. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

She moved to Amhurst, MA in 1996 to be near her daughter and family.

Survivors include a daughter, Leeta L. Bailey of Amhurst, MA; a sister, Mildred Laughlin, of Port Angeles, WA; a sister-in-law, Mildred Head of The Dalles; three grandsons, three great-grandsons, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cozy Corner Nursing Home, Inc., P.O. Box 405, Old Amhurst Road, Sunderland, MA 01376, or the Mid Columbia Senior Center 1112 West 9th St., The Dalles, OR 97058.

Ione Youth Group to host anti-drug program

The Ione Youth Group is sponsoring an anti-drug program, Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ. Recovering drug addicts from the Seattle area will share their stories.

All youth grades six-12 are invited. Refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions call Jeri McElligott and 422-7257.

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Ione Cardinals roll through Hermiston



(Back L-R): James Acock, Ashley Roberts, Billy Ross, Cameron Krebs and Til Tullis; (Center L-R): Kyle Palmateer, Koby Rea and Paul Neiffer; (Front L-R): Taylor McElligott and Johnny Collin.

The Ione Boys' Varsity Bowling Team won first place at the District 7 Bowling Tournament hosted by Desert Lanes in Hermiston on Feb. 16. Competing in their first tournament, the Cardinals met five teams from Hermiston, Umatilla, Heppner, and Pendleton. The team of Til Tullis, Cameron Krebs, Johnny Collin, Koby Rea and Ashley Roberts advanced to the match finals after bowling two traditional games and 22 games using the Baker format.

Entering the finals in third place, the team responded to the rousing support of the Ione fans and rallied to beat second place Pendleton with a two-game combined score of 286 over

Pendleton's 253. Hermiston, who held first place entering the finals, was able to score only 272 points in the championship match while the Cardinals amassed a score of 308.

The Cards will be competing in the State Tournament on March 1-2 at the Hollywood Bowl, at 4030 NE Halsey St. in Portland, where the state's top 20 boys' and 20 girls' teams will be vying for State Champion. Game play will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday running until early evening and commence again Sunday morning, with champions determined by late afternoon.

Ione's eight-man team will be rounded out with the additions of Billy Ross, Paul Neiffer and Kyle Palmateer. The Cardinals are coached by Duane Neiffer. Additional Ione bowlers are Taylor McElligott, Austin Arballo, Dan Nolan and James Acock. Official score keepers are Megan McCabe and Jamie VandenBrink.

Forest Service recruits youth for YCC

The Forest Service, Heppner Ranger District, is recruiting four young people between the ages of 15 and 18 for summer employment in the Youth Conservation Corps. The work will include native plant seed collection; noxious weed removal; wildlife habitat improvement; and trail maintenance.

The duration of the program will be six weeks from June 16, 2003 to July 25, 2003, or possibly up to eight weeks through Aug. 8, 2003 depending on funding. Youth will be paid the Oregon minimum wage rate of \$6.90 per hour.

Applications will be accepted March 3, 2003 through April 14, 2003 at 4 p.m. Participants will be selected on a random basis on April 14 at approximately 4:15 p.m.

No previous experience is required. Applicants must be 15 years old and not reach age 19 during the term of employment in the program. Applicants must also have a social security

number, or have made application to obtain one; and obtain parental or legal guardian consent to enroll in the program.

Applications may be obtained from the Forest Service in Heppner, local high schools, or the Heppner Ranger District's website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/heppner>. For more information, please call the Forest Service at 676-9187.

SWCD, Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, March 4, at 3 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner.

Agenda items and discussion items include: Weed Advisory Board meeting-review management plan survey responses, Weed Supervisor report, regular meeting-grants update, progress on new employee, SDAO report, budget report and agency reports.

The meeting is open to the public.

HHS girls' bowling team qualifies for state tournament



HHS girls' bowling team members: Sheena Shank, Dawn DeBoer, Lindsey Hodges and Ashley Zimmerman.

Heppner High School's girls' bowling team qualified again this year for state, as the placed second in the District 7 tournament. This is the second year HHS girls have competed in bowling and they have made it to state each year.

The HHS girls' team consists of Sheena Shank, Ashley Zimmerman, Lindsey Hodges, Jessie Woodward and Dawn

DeBoer. Hodges, Woodward and DeBoer played on last year's team.

There are seven districts and four at-large teams that make up the high school bowling league. Throughout the league there is an all-stars bowling team, which consists of the top six girls and the top six boys in each district. Heppner's girls' team member Shank was chosen to be a part of the all-star team.

IHS Students of the Week selected

Karl Morgan, the son of Virgil and Debbie Morgan, will be traveling to Italy next month with the Ione High School International Club. He is an honor roll student who has received the

school attendance award. Last fall he was a member of the homecoming court. He is involved in football, track and basketball, where he is co-captain of the team.



Karl Morgan

Morgan is actively involved in his community. He is a member of the Ione United Church of Christ where he serves as a youth deacon. He has received awards every year for his participation in Ione Youth Group, this year receiving the Outstanding Service Award. He has spent many hours training with the Ione Volunteer Fire Department. He is considering making that his career, possibly attending Walla Walla Community College in the fall. When not involved in school and community activities, Morgan enjoys snowmobiling.

Diana McElligott, the daughter of Paul and Charity

McElligott, was named the South Morrow County student of the year. She is a member of Ione Youth Group, where she recently received the Outstanding Service Award, and is a 4-H livestock teen leader. McElligott coaches pee-wee basketball, serves as an assistant athletic director for Ione Schools, is National Honor Society president, and was captain of both her volleyball and basketball teams. She was also a delegate to Girls' State last summer.

McElligott is best known for her athletic accomplishments. She was recognized by the East Oregonian as their "Athlete of the Year." In volleyball she was selected first team All-Star for Big Sky in 1999 through 2002. She was also first team All-State last fall. Her teammates voted her Most Inspirational Player for 1999, 2001 and 2002. She was selected MVP by her teammates the last three years. Diana won the team defensive player award in basketball three years in a row. She was a second team Big Sky Conference All-Star this year. Diana holds school records in the 100m and 4x100m relay. She has won state championships in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay the past three years. She has led the Ione track team to second place finishes for three years.

Diana maintains a 3.85 GPA. She plans to attend Washington State University or the University of Utah, majoring in history education.

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