

Bike Safety Program to begin



Sr. Deputy Randy Rayburn (left) receives a check for \$100, on behalf of the four branches of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, from Darrell Raver (right), BEO assistant vice president.

As spring comes into view we are beginning to see more children riding their bikes around our communities. That means it is time for the Morrow County Bicycle Safety Program to begin. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office appreciates all the businesses that have contributed to this program during the past two years.

Last year we distributed over 500 helmets throughout Morrow County and held four bike rodeos. Children attended rodeos in Ione, Heppner, Boardman and Irrigon. Each rodeo featured helmet fitting and bicycle inspection to ensure that everyone was equipped with the proper safety equipment. We also sponsored the National Redline Freestyle team's performance. These freestyle cyclists were an inspiration to the children in the amazing things that they were able to do with their bikes. They also spent time talking to the children about the benefit of living a life free of alcohol, gangs and drugs. The performance was geared to teach children how to bike safely and live healthy. The Wal-Mart Distribution Center also donated five bikes and numerous other prizes that were awarded at each bike rodeo.

The goal of the Bicycle Safety Program is to affect every community in Morrow

County. We distribute the bike helmets from several different locations: Irrigon Justice Court, Heppner Sheriff's Office, Boardman Police Department and Ione Fire Department. We believe that this is a very important program for our communities and it wouldn't be possible without your help. The businesses of Morrow County have donated the funds to purchase the helmets and that is really the backbone of this program. Volunteers from Morrow County donate the time involved with the program.

MCSO is asking for your help again this year to make the Bicycle Safety Program continue. "I have enjoyed seeing this program work the past two years and I'm sure you have all enjoyed seeing the children wearing their helmets that were purchased with your donations," stated Deputy Karen Zeiler in a press release. "We have been able to purchase the helmets for approximately \$5 each."

Please send your donation payable to the Morrow County Bicycle Safety Program, c/o The Morrow County Sheriff's Office, PO Box 159, Heppner, OR, 97836.

Should you have any questions or comments about the Bicycle Safety Program, please feel free to contact MCSO at 541-676-5317.

Horse and Pony Driving Day

Everyone is invited to a day of learning, enjoyment and friendly competition involving a new and growing event within the equine community- Horse and Pony Driving.

Plan to join us on Saturday, March 15 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Port of Morrow Circles, south of Wilson Road, which is approximately one-and-a-half miles south of I-84. There will be signs on Bombing Range Road directing you to the exact location.

This event will include a Poker Drive and a High Points Cones Course, along with a demonstration of the training-level "Driven Dressage Test."

This event will be weather permitting. For your safety, 4-H requires that all persons in a cart must have an approved helmet on. Also, due to liability and safety concerns, no dogs will be allowed unless they are secured on a leash at all times.

This event is sponsored by Morrow County 4-H. For more information, please call Mim Myren at 481-2508.

Justice Court Report

John M. Healy, 47, Heppner, Failure to Drive on the Right Side, fine \$132.

Roberto Villalobos Albertico, 32, VBR 46/30 and Driving Uninsured, fine \$87.

Obituaries

Lynda Gail Baker Lewis

Lynda Gail Baker Lewis, 47, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, at her home in Hermiston. A memorial service was held March 1, with a private family burial at Baker/Fairview Cemetery in Ione.

Lewis was born March 20, 1955, in Heppner, to Clarence Edwin and Clarice Virginia (Moore) Baker. She was raised in Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, the dance team, President of the Photography Club, FHA and the GAA. She was also a member of the Heppner Chapter of Rainbow for Girls and held the positions of Worthy Advisor and State Chaplain. Lewis was a member of the Heppner Christian Church where she taught the pre-school children.

After high school, Lewis attended Blue Mountain Community College and Southern Oregon State College where she graduated with honors receiving a bachelor of science degree in education. While at SOSOC, she was co-president of the Campus Education Club and was honored for outstanding service to the Education Department.

Lewis married Pastor Ron Lewis, the pastor of Faith Church of God, on Aug. 19, 1999 in Hermiston.

She taught at McNary Heights Elementary School for 10 years, teaching first, second and fifth grades. She also taught at Two Rivers Correctional Facility.

She is survived by husband, Pastor Ron Lewis of Hermiston; sons, Ryan, and his wife Cristina Beaubien of Myrtle Creek and Robert Beaubien of Hermiston; stepdaughters, Jonna, and her husband Kevin Kopta of Hermiston, Hope, and her husband Jeremy Miller of Pendleton and Lindsay Lewis of Hermiston; granddaughters, Jocelyn Beaubien of Myrtle Creek and Grace Kopta of Hermiston; parents, Clarence and Clarice Baker of Heppner; sisters, Jan, and her husband Jerry Murrell of Lebanon and Marti, and her husband Kevin Mossman of Boardman; brother, Steven, and his wife Patti Baker of Pendleton, William, and his wife Colleen Baker of Nehalem and Kenneth, and his wife Abby Baker of Oottewah, TN; and 10 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a niece, Elizabeth Baker.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Church of God, Vange John Memorial Hospice or to the American Cancer Society.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

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Wee Bit O'...

By Claudia Hughes

While green earmuffs and long johns seem to be the order of the day this week, 'tis sure the sun will shine upon Heppner's annual Irish celebration March 13-16, 2003. Still, be sure to dress warm for the great green parade at 1 p.m., March 15. (Line-up is at 11:30 a.m. by Green Feed.)

The 2003 buttons have been distributed around town. They feature a leprechaun holding the American and Irish flag. Judie Laughlin puts in long hours creating hundreds of buttons, which have no become collectors' items.

Tickets are on sale for The Tiller's Folly, a Canadian group coming with rave reviews from all over the world. From Las Vegas to Heppner. They will be performing at Heppner High School cafeteria at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 15. Tickets are on sale at Gardner's Men's Wear and will also be in the information booth operated by Willow Valley Service Club, on St. Pat's weekend. Sales will be limited due to space limitations.

For many years the St. Pat's committee has been planning for a drinking fountain in memory of the early Irish settlers. This fountain will at last become reality as it is dedicated on Friday, March 14, at 4 p.m. on the corner of Main and Willow streets in front of Murray Drugs. One and all are invited to the dedication, especially the Irish families. While Heppner doesn't have a blarney stone, it will now have a "blarney fountain," so come be the first to drink up that "touch of blarney."

A drink form the fountain should prepare you to enter the annual brogue contest during the KUMA coffee hour, where song, jokes, stories and Shenanigans will be shared by all.

Much is going on next weekend. Pick up a brochure. Invited friends to help pitch in with the work and enjoy the moments as you help make Heppner known far and wide as a great community in the Willow Creek Valley.

St. Pat's breakfast and luncheon menu and times announced

The Heppner Senior Center is again hosting the St. Patrick's breakfast and luncheon during the St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Breakfast will be served from 7-10 a.m. and is \$4. The menu includes a ham and egg casserole; biscuits and gravy; and hashbrowns and fruit.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and is also \$4. Irish Potato Soup and homemade cobbler and ice cream will be the delights of the afternoon.

IHS announces Students of the Week

Ione High School has announced that Mike Radie and Koby Rea are its students of the week.

Radie, son of Dave and Debbie Radie, is the student body president at Ione High School this year. He is a member of OSSOM, FBLA, International Club and National Honor Society. Last fall Radie received the Wendy Heisman Bronze Medal, naming him one of the top 20 high school seniors in the state.

Radie is active in sports and has been co-captain of the football and basketball teams. He received Big Sky Conference awards in football his junior and senior years and was selected as an alternate to the 1A East-West all-star game. He has been a member of the state track team the past three years, participating in the 4x100 relay, and the 200m and 100m runs. He helped his team secure a second place finish at the state track meet the last two years.

Community involvement is a high priority for Radie. He is an active member of Ione Youth Group. He also coaches peewee basketball and is the Ione Site Council student representative. Radie's hobbies include hunting, video games, watching movies, bowling and hot tubbing. He plans to attend Oregon State University next fall, majoring in

Industrial Engineering.

Koby Rea, son of Krissie Rea and LeRoy Rea, is an "A" honor roll student who is a member of National Honor Society and FBLA. He participated in football and basketball until sustaining a knee injury last year. He continued to support the football team by attending games and encouraging his teammates. He plays varsity baseball with the Heppner Mustangs. Rea is a member of the Ione Bowling Team that finished first at the district tournament in Hermiston and recently traveled to the state competition in Portland.

Rea's favorite food is cheesecake and his hobbies include woodworking, snowboarding and watching movies. He will study to be an electrician at Perry Technical Institute in Yakima next fall.



Koby Rea



Mike Radie

Symphony and singers to perform

The Willow Creek Symphony will perform on Sunday, March 16 at 3:15 p.m. at the Heppner High School. The concert is free to the public.

Any community members who play an instrument are invited to play along with the symphony on three pieces. These pieces include "Shenandoah," the theme from "Jurassic Park," and "Rondeau," the theme from Masterpiece Theatre. Any musicians who would like to join the symphony are asked

to contact inland Northwest Musicians by Friday, March 7 either by phone, (541) 966-6649; by mail, 25 SE Court, Pendleton, OR 97801; or by email, infor@inwm.org. Music will be mailed out so participants can come to the concert prepared to play.

Sponsors for the concert include the Autzen Foundation, Central Market, Finley Buttes Landfill, Klamath First Federal, Les Schwab, Morrow County Court, Murray Drugs, Pioneer Bank and Quantum 9 Distributing.

Heppner Elks add scholarships

The #358 Foundation of the Heppner Elks Lodge recently voted to sponsor additional scholarships this spring. A total of \$3,000 will be awarded to past winners of the local Elks scholarships who are entering their second, third or fourth year of college this fall. Interested past winners should contact the local lodge scholarship chairman for details on the application materials and deadline dates.

The Heppner Elks has

sponsored scholarships to area high school graduating seniors for many years. The #358 Foundation, a part of the local lodge, is dedicated to providing funding for "Youth Activities and Needs." One hundred percent of all contributions to the Foundation, usually memorials, are added to its invested funds. The earnings from those investments are available for local "Youth Activities and Needs."

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