

## Willows Grange donates trees to Ione Park



(L-R) Helen Crawford, of the Willows Grange; Betty Gray, Ione mayor; Colleen Harper, Oregon Turf and Tree; and Dot Halvorsen, of the Willows Grange.

The Willows Grange received a donation of two flowering pear trees, which they in turn donated to the Ione Park. Oregon Turf and Tree Farms donated the two trees.

The flowering pear trees have a white bloom in spring and a waxy leaf during the summer and the leaves turn a vivid Cardinal red during the winter.

Those who helped with the trees were Harper's husband, Ben, who is also Sylvia Allen's son. Ben works with B&C Construction and helped to transport the tree. Other volunteers were Bob and Sylvia Allen with the Willows Grange; and Kyle, the Harpers' son. Ione maintenance supervisor Dan Anderson also assisted.

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## Household hazardous waste collection scheduled for April 13

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Participants may dispose of a wide variety of items including aerosol cans, antifreeze, engine cleaners, fluorescent tubes, herbicides, household batteries, mercury products, motor oil, paints, pesticides, solvents, thermometers, weed killers and wood preservatives. These items should be kept in their original containers if possible. People should not bring waste items such as explosives or products that contain radioactive waste (smoke detectors).

DEQ is conducting a thermometer exchange program to help reduce accidental exposure of mercury to people and the environment. Residents who turn in a mercury fever thermometer will receive a digital thermometer.

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and lungs and can permanently affect fetal and child development"

Acceptable household hazardous waste may be brought to the Morrow County Public Works Department, 375 W. Highway 74, Lexington, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. The local contacts for the event are Karen Wolff and Sandi Day, 989-9500. The DEQ contact is Bruce Lumper of the Solid Waste Program in The Dalles at (541) 298-7255, ext. 40.

A state hazardous waste contractor will handle all collected materials. Usable products will be made available to local residents for reuse. Remaining materials will be taken to a permitted hazardous waste facility. After final processing, these materials will be sent to recycling, energy recovery, reuse, incineration or hazardous waste landfill facilities.

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## Bunny Barn owners participate in shows during the month of March

Kathy Tellechea and Pam Renfro, co-owners of KT's Bunny Barn, have been busy showing their Mini Rex rabbits this past month.

March 14 and 15 they attended the Emerald Empire Rabbit Breeders Association in Eugene. They won eleven Best of Variety awards. They also won first through fifth in Fur, Friday and second through fifth on Saturday.

March 22 the double show was in Kennewick, WA. At the show they won seven Best of Variety awards. Their senior castor doe won Best of Breed out of 125 Mini Rex

rabbits in Show B. They also won second, third and fourth in Fur, out of a class of 23 in Show A and in Show B won first and fifth in Fur, out of a class of 23.

March 29 found Tellechea and Renfro in Central Point at the Pear Blossom Rabbit Show. They won 10 Best of Variety awards and first through fifth in Fur in both Show A and B. Their senior broken blue doe won Best of Breed in both shows. They were 140 Mini Rexes shown.

Their next show will be in Yakima, WA on April 12.

## Heppner Garden Club to hold April meeting

The Heppner Garden Club will be holding their April meeting, Monday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at St. Patrick's Senior Center and a will include a potluck dinner and several speakers. Hosts for the evening will be Verna Brinda, Dorothy Jackson and Bebe Munkers.

Speakers will include Rhonda Helfrecht, owner of Green Feed, who is experienced in floral arrangements; Karen Wolff, of Morrow County Public Works, who will be informing the group about a grant for a Household Hazardous Waste

Collection event that will be held later in April; also at the meeting will be Jane Dean, the new mountain district president, who will be giving the group updates on the district.

The public is always welcome to these meetings and is encouraged to attend.

## ABC baseball camp to be held in Hermiston

America's Baseball Camps will be holding a camp on April 5-6 at the Field of Dreams in Hermiston. Players from ages 6-9 will run Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Players from ages 10 and up will start at 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and from 2:30-5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Camp instructors will include former professional baseball players and college coaches.

Registrations are available online at [www.abccamps.com](http://www.abccamps.com) or by calling 1-800-222-8152, or local registrations are available by calling 676-5275. The cost of the camp is \$60 per player or \$55 per player if signing up two or more from the same family.

## Justice Court

The Justice Court office at the courthouse in Heppner re-

Gene Darryl Heliker, 54, Pendleton, Aiding in a Game Violation/Taking Cow Elk-Closed Season, fine \$157.

Brian Henry Bumside, 22, Heppner, Driving while Suspended-violation and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance, fine \$407; and Driving while Suspended-violation and No Insurance, fine \$297.

Steven Edward Strahm, 49, Ione, VBR 72/55; fine \$77.

Jared D. Eckman, 21, Lexington, VBR 75/55, fine \$111.

Jason J. Trickel, 23, Heppner, Driving while Suspended-infracton, fine \$407.

Mark A. Brisbee, 36, Milwaukie, Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver-violation, fine \$596.

Leif James Adams, 22, Ione, VBR 73/55, fine \$77.

Barbara A. Gilbert, 82, Heppner, Borrowing an Elk Tag, fine \$157.

Adam Russell Todd, 19, Athena, Minor in Possession-by consumption, fine \$157; Open Container and Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, fine \$264; DUI Diversion Petition granted with a \$332 fine.

Jason D. Peterson, 20, Weston, Minor in Possession-by consumption, fine \$157.

Tyler M. Beers, 19, Pendleton, Minor in

## DA's Report

Michael Paul Monger, Jr., was convicted of Assault-4, a Class-A misdemeanor. Monger was sentenced to 365 suspended days in jail; 24 months bench probation; and payment of \$874 in fines.

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## Hope Lutheran Church to host guest speaker

Julie Suttermeier from Kennewick, WA, will be speaking at Hope Lutheran Church, Sunday, April 13 at 1 p.m.

Suttermeier, born and raised in the Islamic faith, will be sharing her testimony of conversion from Islam to Christianity. Suttermeier currently lives in Kennewick, but was born in the Middle East.

Everyone is invited to attend this event, and donations for Suttermeier's traveling expenses will be accepted. There will be coffee and fellowship after Suttermeier's presentation.

## M C C C F announces proposal postponement

The Morrow County Commission on Children and Families has, for many years, funded programs to enhance the lives of families and children. Funding is obtained through Requests for Proposals and availability is advertised in local newspapers. The usual annual Request for Proposals announcement is not being made at this time because of the state budget crisis. Commission members expect to be able to request proposals or letters of intent for 2003-04 funding within the next few months. An announcement will be made in April or May.

For additional information or to identify your desire to be notified when the announcement is made, call the office at 676-9675.

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## Annual Ecumenical Women's Gathering

Fellowship with Other Women of all Faiths

Speaker: Cheri Corder of Spokane, WA.  
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For the young and old  
Learn new ways to help others feel cherished

Where:

St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Heppner

When:

Monday, April 28, at 6 p.m.

What:

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