

IUCC plans Easter services

Ione United Church of Christ will offer a Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. on April 17. During the service, worshipers will walk through the stories of the last supper, the garden, the trial, the denial, and the death of Jesus. The worship will also include songs and prayers. Brief parts of the service will be outside of the church, so those attending may want to bring a sweater if the weather is cool.

The Ione Easter sunrise service will be at the Ione City Park at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 20. Worshipers will all gather on the stage, so that they will have shelter from the weather and still have the warmth of the sun. The worship will be simple and joyful, says the Rev. Paul Clay.

Easter Breakfast will be served at Ione United Church of Christ from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., free of charge. All are welcome to attend.

The Easter celebration service will be at the church at 10 a.m., an hour earlier than the regular schedule. The service will include music by the kid's choir and the adult choir, an Easter sermon, and a play about the women going to the tomb presented by the middle school class.

The people of Ione United Church of Christ invite everyone to worship with them. The church is located at the corner of Main and D streets in Ione. For more information, call Reverend Paul Clay, 422-2504.

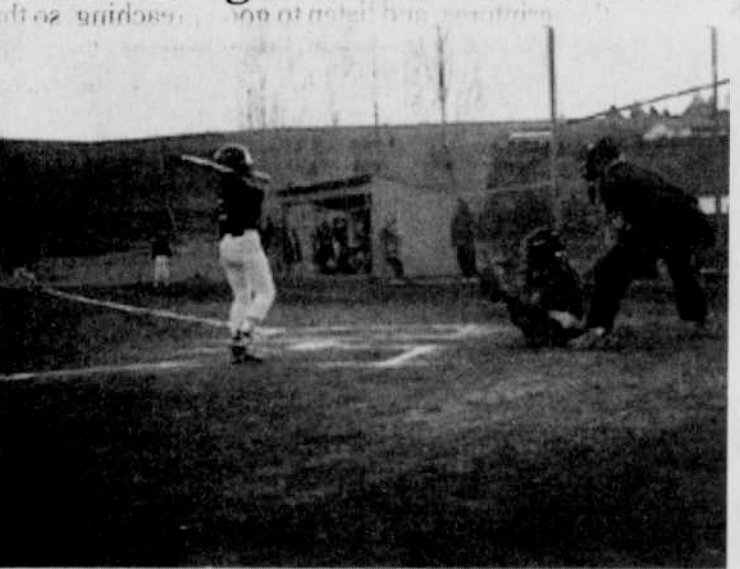
Lutheran, Episcopal churches plan Holy Week services

"Holy Week is the most spiritual journey of the year," says Pastor Laura Snyder of All Saints' Episcopal and Hope and Valby Lutheran churches. "From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday the congregations of Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All Saints' Episcopal churches progress with Jesus from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. The week long progression includes Jesus' last supper with the disciples on Maundy Thursday, Jesus' trial and crucifixion on Good Friday, the Vigil of Easter on Saturday, and ultimately the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Holy Week is a truly awe inspiring experience, which allows one to participate in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in both a spiritually intimate way."

Hope, Valby and All Saints' invite you to join them for Holy Week. Their worship schedule for Holy Week is as follows:

- Confession and Absolution Wednesday, April 16, at All Saints' Episcopal Church at 7 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday, April 17, at Valby Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 18, at Hope Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.
- Easter Vigil, April 19, at All Saints' Episcopal Church at 7 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 20, three services available: 8 a.m.-Valby Lutheran Church followed by breakfast; 11 a.m.-Hope Lutheran Church; and 11 a.m.-All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Little League kicks off season



Willow Creek Little League kicked off the Little League season with an opening ceremony Saturday, April 12, at the George Waterland Field in Heppner. The opening day included games between Fossil, Condon, Arlington and Heppner teams. Games will now continue throughout the month of April, May and into mid-June for t-ball, minor baseball and softball, major baseball and softball and junior softball.

WCLL will host the Rolling Hills Walk/Run, formerly organized by the EMT organization, on

Saturday, April 26, as a fund raiser to help pay expenses of the All Star teams going to tournaments in July. Tournament sites for 2003 were recently announced, with Jefferson Co. Little League in Madras hosting all baseball tournaments beginning on July 5, and Redmond Little League hosting all softball tournaments starting on July 12.

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HJH track team competes at Umatilla meet

The Heppner Junior High track team attended a meet in Umatilla on April 4. The Heppner eighth-grade boys' team scored 93 points, and took third place out of 10 school teams. The seventh-grade boys' team scored 65 points and took fifth place out of 10 school teams. The seventh-grade girls' team scored 52 points and took fifth place out of 10 school teams. Results are as follows:

Heppner eighth grade boys' team:

Bryson Wood- 22 points; 400m, first with a time of 1:00.71; long jump, fourth, 15'5"; 100m, didn't place (14); 200m, fourth with a time of 27.61.

Brendan McElligott- 27 points; triple jump, third, 28' 7 1/2";



Brendan McElligott

1500 m, champion with a time of 5:02 (personal best); 800 m, champion; 4x200 relay (first leg), second with a time of 1:59.23.

Aaron Allstott- 11 points; shot put, second, 36'9 1/2"; discus, seventh, 89 1/2"; long jump, NA; 4x100 relay, sixth with a time of 60.50.

Tony Haguewood- (first time participated in track) 13 points; 300m hurdles, third with a time of 51.59; high jump, 4'4"; 100m hurdles, fourth with a time of 18.65; 4x200 relay, second.

Justin Delveaux- 11 points; javelin, second, 119'; 4x100 relay, sixth with a time of 60.50; 4x200 relay, second with a time of 1:59.23.

Drion Donner- shot put, 22' 7 1/2".

Caleb O'Neal- seven points; fourth with a time of 51.65 (he was injured after participating in the hurdles event); 4x200 relay, second with a time of 1:59.23.

Kody Lovgren- 4x100 relay, sixth with a time of 60.50; discus NA.

Colton Hanson, discus, 70'4"; triple jump, 24' (25' placed).

Heppner seventh grade boys' team:

Nacho Elguezabal- nine points; discus, third, 74'5"; shot put, 28'3"; 200m, for time.

Jake Van Doorn- 23 points; 300m hurdles, champion with a time of 56.83; 1500m, sixth with a time of 6:02; discus, 70'9"; javelin, fourth, 111'4".

Lane Bailey- two points; javelin, eighth, 89'9"; 4x100 relay, fifth with a time of 60.84; 100m, fifth in heat, with a time of 16.84.

Jason Houweling- 10 points; 300m hurdles, third with a time of 60.59 (he won

his heat); 800m, sixth with a time of 2:58.35; 4x100 relay, fifth with a time of 60.84.

Nathan Van Cleave- 18 points; shot put, third, 31'4"; 100m hurdles, third with a time of 21.33; 4x100 relay, took Van Doorn's position; discus, sixth.

Matt McCabe- six points; 4x100 relay, fifth with a time of 60.84; shot put, fourth, 30 1/2".

Heppner seventh grade girls' team:

Kylie Doherty- 16 points; high jump, champion, 4'4"; discus, second, 53'2 1/2"; 4x100 relay, fourth with a time of 1:04.21.

Megan Orr, 24 points; high jump, fourth, 4'1"; discus, first, 65'2"; 4x100 relay, fourth with a time of 1:04.21; 100m, second.

Cyde Coil- eight points; high jump, sixth, 4'; javelin, fifth, 67'6" (new school record); 4x100 relay, fourth with a time of 1:04.21.

Kelsey Wolff- three points; 400m, sixth with a time of 1:40.

Baillie Keithley- one point; 4x100 relay, fourth with a time of 1:04.21.

Eighth grade track member is Mahaley Huddleston.

During the April 11 track meet in Boardman, Brendan McElligott broke the old school 800m record with a time of 2:18.07. The old school record of 2:19 was set by Bryan Padberg in 1984. Padberg had a stellar track career at Heppner High School in long-distance running and was also a collegiate runner.

Energy assistance available

CAPECO has announced that they have received additional Energy Assistance funds. Energy Assistance is a one-time payment issued to an eligible household's fuel supplier to help offset the high cost of home energy. These funds are available to residents in Morrow, Umatilla, Gilliam and Wheeler Counties.

Applicants must provide documentation of all household income to determine eligibility. The income guidelines have been established at 60 percent of median income. Therefore, a single person, living alone, can have an annual income up to \$18,194. A household of four can earn up to \$34,989 annually.

Those who think they may qualify, and have not applied for energy assistance since October 1, 2002, may call one of the following numbers to request an application: Hermiston area residents, 541-564-5665; Pendleton area residents, 541-276-1926; all others, 800-752-1139, ext. 150 (ext. 151 for Spanish).

Adopt-A-Teacher group to raise funds for Heppner schools

The Heppner Schools Adopt-A-Teacher organization has hit the ground running with the adoption of by-laws and election of a board of directors and officers at its meeting on April 8. The organization is a local non-profit corporation and a coalition of parents, businesses, administrators and other persons interested in maintaining quality education in Heppner Schools during these times of devastating statewide budget cuts. The mission of the organization is soliciting community funding to preserve teachers and curriculum for Heppner Schools. Any money raised by the organization will be channeled through the Morrow County School District and the organization will follow the school administration's recommendations as to its application. All money will stay in Heppner and will go to curriculum and teaching resources.

The recently elected members of the board of directors of Heppner Schools Adopt-A-Teacher organization are Cara Osmin, Jean Collins, Denise Riddle, Kirsten Harrison and Bill Kuhn. The recently elected officers are Jean Collins,

president, Maryann Elguezabal, vice president, Bill Kuhn, secretary, and Kirsten Harrison, treasurer.

The immediate goals of Adopt-A-Teacher will include a community wide membership campaign, fund raising activities and establishing a publicity committee. For these ends, Adopt-A-Teacher has scheduled one last meeting of Heppner-Lexington Grass Roots Community group for Wednesday, April 30, at 6 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School Library. If the new elementary facility is finished, the meeting may be held there.

"If you have attended the Grass Roots Meetings in the past, please attend this meeting, as it is a positive way of implementing the programs of Adopt-A-Teacher. If you are frustrated or concerned with the problems our children are facing with the current educational funding crisis and if you are looking for a positive way to affect a change, please come. Without your assistance, it will be difficult to improve the quality of our children's education," said a group spokesperson. "If you care, be there," they added.

Students hope to form theater group

By Debbie Harper

Courtney Nelson and Tylynn Smith are looking for community involvement for a theater group in Heppner.

Both Nelson and Smith were in the Heppner High School play this spring. "We decided it would be fun to get a bunch of community people together. It seemed like a good idea," says Smith.

At an organizational meeting last month they got a lot of grade school children enthusiastic about doing a community play. Smith and Nelson say they're hoping

more adults will want to become involved. "People shouldn't be afraid to get up and act," says Nelson.

If people want to be involved in theater but don't want to act, Nelson and Smith are looking for people to do sound, lighting, costumes and props. They're also looking for someone to be an adult director.

Anyone interested in community theater here in Heppner, may contact Tylynn Smith at 676-5277 or Courtney Nelson at 989-8148.

Mustang JVs beat Vikings

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team beat the visiting Umatilla Vikings, 15-5, in five innings on Monday, April 7, to improve to 4-1 on the year.

The Vikings scored a run in the top of the first, but the Mustangs came back with four runs in the bottom half when Cody Walton walked and Kiel Nairs reached on an error. Dan Basile then scored two with a single and Matthew VanCleave reached on an error. The other two runs came when Kyle Carlson scored a run on a ground-out and Sloan Keithley had a sacrifice fly.

In the second, Aaron Lueck walked and came around to score on a Nairs' fielder's choice, VanCleave had an RBI single and Carlson scored a run on a fielder's choice to make it 7-1.

The Vikings scored three in the third to get within 7-4, but the Mustangs came back with three of their own in the bottom half when Lueck and Walton singled, Nairs reached on an error to score a run and Basile had a two RBI single to make it 10-4.

The Vikings scored one in the fifth, but the Mustangs came back with five to end it. VanCleave reached on an error and scored on Carlson's double. Robert Whalen walked, Riley Wight had an RBI single, Lueck walked and Walton and Nairs had RBI singles. Basile singled to score the game-ending run.

Keithley went two and two-thirds innings to pick up the win, allowing one hit and one earned run, with Basile pitching two and one-third innings in relief, allowing two hits, striking out four, with no earned runs.

Basile went three for five with five RBI and Walton was two for three and scored twice. Carlson had three RBI, Nairs had two RBI and scored three runs and VanCleave and Lueck each scored three runs.

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Marc Estrada, Bryan Quillen (2) and Steve Wilson; Sloan Keithley, Dan Basile (3) and Kyle Carlson. W-Keithley. L- Estrada. 2B-Carlson. 3B- none. HR- none.

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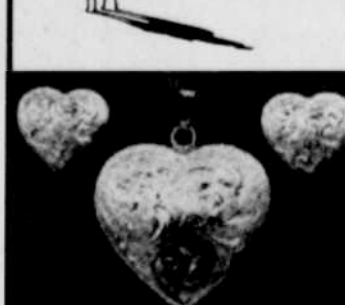


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