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Heppner Nazarene to celebrate 50 years

Heppner Church of the Nazarene is celebrating 50 years of service. To celebrate the event, church members have organized two days of special events, with former pastors returning to share in the festivities.

On Saturday, Aug. 2, the church will be holding a 12 noon picnic and fellowship time at City Park in Heppner. There will also be Morrow County side tours and a tour of the Willow Creek Dam. Golfing will be available at Willow Creek Country Club after 3 p.m. Gathers will meet again at City Park for dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a Praise and Celebration Service at the Church at 7 p.m.

The following day, Sunday, Aug. 3, a continental breakfast will be offered from 9-10:30 a.m. A commemoration worship and praise service, with N.W. District Assistant Superintendent Carl Green, former pastors, members and friends will be held at 10:30 a.m. Pastors in attendance will be Charles A. Wilkes (whose son, Charles Jr., is currently pastoring a church in Lebanon, OR), Floyd R. Wilks, Larry D. Benjamin, and current pastor, K. Duane Jones. Following the service, a dinner will be held at 1 p.m.

Eighteen pastors have served the church since it began in 1953. These men have included, Wilfred McKay, Charles Wilkes, Harold Gilliam, Robert Whybrew, Carlton Sober, J.G. Weller, Don McCarty, Paul Tesch, Elmer Knee, Floyd Everhart, Forest Godin, Gordon Blackburn, James King, Floyd Wilks, Vaughn Gossman, Bernie Culbertson, Larry Benjamin and Duane Jones.



Rev. Jack Weller and Ralph Crum at a ground breaking ceremony in 1963.



The Heppner Church of the Nazarene shortly after completion.

Irrigon to issue postmark

The Irrigon Post Office will issue a commemorative postmark in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Irrigon Watermelon Festival on July 26, 2003.

"Watermelon Station" will be set up in the city park from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Postal employees will apply the special cancellation to any item bearing first class postage.

Mail orders may be sent to: Postmaster, Watermelon Station, 300 NE Main Ave, Irrigon, OR 97844-9998. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for return mail. Mail orders must be postmarked no later than Aug. 26, 2003.

All cancellations must be on envelopes or cards bearing the appropriate first class postage.

The postmarked mail is for collection purpose only, and may not be used for mailing a letter or card.

Students gain greenhouse work experience

This summer four local students took on the job of restoring a greenhouse at Heppner High School and setting it up as a functional greenhouse. Helping them in the process has been Stephanie Haguwood, administrator of the project and CAPECO Youth Coordinator, and Heppner High School teacher, Tom Shear, who has worked as the crew leader.

Through CAPECO and Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, these four students received training, and are getting paid to do this work. There have planted mums, pansies, and fall cabbage and kale that they will then distribute throughout the community. The flowers will be used for beautification of Heppner streets.

Besides planting and maintaining the greenhouse, they had to clean up the greenhouse and surrounding area and create walkways so that greenhouse would be easily accessible. They also had to lay pipe to bring water to the greenhouse.

The work project will end the middle of August, as school will be starting shortly after.

Celebrate Historic Heppner events to be held

Celebrate Historic Heppner events will be held Friday, July 25. Community and business members are gathering together to celebrate the spirit of Heppner.

Business sidewalk sales will be held all day.

A dunk tank will begin at 8 a.m. and continue through 3 p.m. The tank is being sponsored by the Heppner High School cheerleaders and the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Pies for the pie judging contest must be taken to John's Place by 1 p.m. Judging will begin at 2 p.m. The pie judging contest is sponsored by Sherrell Insurance.

"Go Music Group" will be performing by St. Pat's Senior Center, from 12-1

p.m., and again from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The "B-B-Q in the Park" will begin at 5 p.m. The B-B-Q is sponsored by Bank of Eastern Oregon. Following the B-B-Q will be a Pie Auction.

Willow Valley Service Club and the Morrow County Unified Recreation District have teamed up to sponsor "Music in the Park." Performing this year is Steve and Shelly Hines. The performance will begin at approximately 7 p.m.

Also part of the festivities is the Artisan Village Quilt Show. The show will be held Sunday, July 27, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Registration forms should be picked up at Artisan Village. For more information call 676-8282.



(L-R): Stephanie Haguwood, CAPECO Youth Coordinator, Kyle Arbogast, Veronica Wilhelm, Krista Hendricks, Lindsey Hodges and Tom Shear, crew leader, get ready to plant.

Ione will accept all Lex kids & siblings too

The new Ione School Board agreed last Wednesday that it would accept all Lexington area students who attended Ione in the past, and would also accept the siblings of those students, if the Morrow County School District releases them.

MC School District has stated that it would release students in Lexington who want to attend Ione School, but apparently has not indicated if it would automatically release the brothers and sisters of those students. MC school district has already released 31 students to attend Ione. "If you have a family history of coming here (to Ione) and you have a younger sibling you have your foot in the door," board member Anne Morter said.

The forms for students to attend Ione who do not live in the new district are available at the school office in Ione. The forms needed to be released from the Morrow County School District are available at the district office in Lexington. Both need to be filled out and turned in before school starts in the fall.

The Ione board also discussed how the students would be bussed. It is not required to bus students who live outside their district, which the Lexington students do, but

several options were talked about including Ione going to the district line and picking up the kids, to paying parents to bring the kids to school. Mid Columbia Bus Company has been awarded the bid to provide Ione bus service.

The board also discussed hiring a new superintendent/principal for the new district. George Murdock of the ESD, who is the acting superintendent of Ione, said the position has already been advertised and there are currently seven candidates for the job. Interviewing will begin in early August, Murdock said. He also said because of the late advertising for the position it would be best to consider an interim superintendent until next spring, and then seek a more permanent candidate.

Kyde Estes, Chairman of the Unified Recreation District, gave the new district some good news when she said the district would receive \$94,000 from the recreation district this year.

She said Ione needed the money to get fall sports underway this year, and said \$30,000 of the payment would be presented in August with the remainder broken up in separate payments over the year. MC school district received \$318,000 in funding from the recreation district this year, Estes said.

The board went on to discuss student class schedules for the coming year. Interest was expressed in providing more technology classes and how that could be achieved. It was generally agreed that because of a lack of interest by students, and the poor shape of the band instruments now, music would not be offered in the coming school year. In other business the board agreed that its next meeting would be the third Monday of August.

Reunion to be held for Classes of '72 and '73

The Heppner High School Classes of '72 and '73 will be holding a reunion, July 26, at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

A social hour will be held at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. All past teachers are invited.

A dance for all alumni, young and young at heart, will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Elks members and guests only.

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