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Exchange students

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tennis and possibly other sports.

Tina said one of the biggest differences for her was how responsible American kids are and how they are allowed to drive. She said she knew that you could drive in America at 16, but she didn't realize how much kids really did. In the Czech Republic you can't get a license until you are 18.

Tina is happily learning about American family life with Joe and Jeri McElligott. Back home, Tina's father is an

anesthesiologist and her mother is a dentist. She also has a 14-year-old sister.

Tina is also happily looking forward to spending the Thanksgiving holiday with the McElligotts and about 20 of their friends and family.

Anyone interested in becoming a host family or about being an exchange student may contact Cathy Halvorsen, the ASSE exchange program coordinator, at 422-7131 or 422-7107.

Edmundson joins trustees team for Oregon State Parks Trust

John Edmundson, of Heppner, was recently appointed as one of the new trustees for the Oregon State Parks Trust.

The Oregon State Parks Trust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving and enhancing Oregon's unique park system for present and future generations. The Trust strives to achieve their goals by building partnerships with individuals, businesses and foundations.

"I sought appointment to the Oregon State Parks Trust in order to represent the interests and perspectives of Eastern Oregon," stated Edmundson. "I am pleased to participate in the work of an organization that seeks to preserve the culture, history and natural beauty of Oregon for all citizens to enjoy."

To learn more about the Oregon State Parks Trust visit their website at www.orparkstrust.org.

Willow Creek Baptist welcomes new pastor



(Back Row L-R): Sarah, Keith and Deana; (Front Row L-R): Jake and Erin Price.

A recent addition to the town of Heppner is Keith and Deana Price, along with children, Sarah, 14, Erin, 11 and Jake, 8. Keith was recently hired to pastor the Willow Creek Baptist Church.

The Prices moved to Heppner after living in Kennewick for the past five years, and Bakersfield, CA for 11 year before that, but both grew up in small Minnesota towns like Heppner. "It's just like home and the people are wonderful," said Keith.

Keith, an engineer who has designed and managed plants that create baby carrots, felt God leading him into the ministry about a year-and-a-half ago. He is currently attending Golden Gate Baptist Theology in Vancouver, WA.

Keith was introduced to Heppner and Willow Creek Baptist through the former pastor, Bud Wenzel. Wenzel spoke at the Kennewick church the Prices were attending and had talked about the church needing a replacement. After a couple trial months, Keith was

officially made the pastor in July of this year.

Keith says that he is very happy with the church and is seeing new faces. Attendance has been between 40 to 50 people each week. He also said that being in the ministry is not new in his family. His brother, brother-in-law and a cousin are all Methodist ministers.

The Prices look forward to being in Heppner and have hopes of settling here for quite a while. They have recently bought a house, Deana actively volunteers in the school and teaches women's Bible studies, and the kids are active in sports.

Keith hopes to build up the church and slowly introduce some new activities. They are looking to build a strong youth group and enhance other church programs.

Willow Creek Baptist gathers at the Seventh-day Adventist church, 560 N. Minor, in Heppner on Sundays, with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 10:45 a.m.

St. Patrick's Senior Center

United Methodist volunteers will be serving the noon meal on Dec. 3. At this writing the menu is unavailable.

During the fall season, we have quick shifts in atmosphere in the dining room- from ghosts and witches on broomsticks, to turkeys, pumpkins and cornucopias. All of these remind us to celebrate all of our rich traditions. Soon we will be welcomed to the dining room with shiny stars, snow flakes, greenery, Santa Claus, as well as angels singing (occasional groups who come to entertain us). Mary Jean McCabe is the one whose imagination keeps us aware of the joy in gathering from week to week.

Tuesday, Dec. 9, Ed Baker and Tom Wilson will represent our interests at the quarterly AAA meeting in Pendleton. Members of the group join the local group at the dinner table; at 1 p.m., the meeting convenes. The Area Agency on Aging is the umbrella group, which keeps aware of needs and resources for elders. In particular, they pay attention to the state legislature and lobby on behalf of seniors.

Since 1994, the State Attorney General's Task Force on Elder Abuse has brought together law enforcement, social services, victims, senior advocates and other interested parties to discuss prevention strategies and how each can assist law enforcement agencies to protect and control fraudulence against seniors and others. Hardy Meyers, present Attorney General, continues this emphasis on the well being of seniors and disabled. The task force meets quarterly and provides training and resources to businesses, social service groups and others who want to understand and protect those who are vulnerable to various kinds of exploitation.

The target date for the continuing conversation on legal aid and protection has been set for Jan. 20, 2004. Stay tuned for more information.

Join in the reindeer games and visit your local merchants

Between Nov. 24 and Dec. 24, eight tiny reindeer will be scampering all around Heppner's stores, each carrying one word. Collect all 16 words in the proper order to enter the drawing for a \$150 gift certificate. These merchants will be visited by the reindeer, but watch out, they like to travel and will show up in more than one location.

Try to find the reindeer at: Heppner Hardware, Les Schwab, John's Place Restaurant, Central Red Apple, Shamrock Lanes, Heppner Auto Parts, Willow Creek Diner and Bakery, Artisan Village, Holloman's Willow Creek Realty, Peterson's Jewelers, Murray's County Rose, Lott's Electric, Devin Oil-Chevron Station, Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply, and Green Feed and Seed.

Entry forms can be picked up at Murray's Country Rose. The drawing will be held at noon on Christmas Eve from all correct entries. You need not be present to win.

CBEC announces photo contest winners

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op announces the winners of its first annual Photographic Contest. The competition was open to all members/consumers of Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op. The winners were announced at the CBEC annual meeting held in Condon on Nov. 20, with the winning photos on display.

Three places were awarded in each of the two categories, with \$50, \$35 and \$15 prizes awarded accordingly.

In the people/animal category, first place was

awarded to Cason Mitchell of Heppner; second place went to Natalie Irzyk of Condon and third place went to Earl Anderson of Condon. In the landscape/scenery category, first and second places went to Kathryn Crosby of Condon and third place went to Dan Potter, also of Condon.

Honorable mention was made of a photo of the CBEC crew burying cable while being pulled by a TD-9 tractor. Cason Mitchell submitted this photo also. CBEC appreciates all the participating consumers who submitted photos for consideration.

Electrical safety poster contest winners announced

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op announces the winners of its annual Electrical Safety Poster contest. The competition was open to all fourth graders in their service territory.

The year 2003 winners were announced at the CBEC annual meeting held in Condon on Thursday, Nov. 20.

First place winners were awarded \$20 and second place winners were awarded \$10. Winners were

as follows: Condon Grade School: 1st- Cole Thomas, 2nd- Joseph Greiner; Fossil Grade School: 1st- Murphy Palazo, 2nd- Jessica Logan; Heppner Grade School: 1st- Seth Palmer, 2nd- Shane Smith; Ione Grade School: 1st- Cassie Arbogast, 2nd- Jordan Peterson. The contest generated 42 entries.

Electricity is like most tools- it can make our lives much easier and more pleasant, but if used carelessly, can be dangerous.

Obituaries

Wilbur J. "Will" Bud Kenneth Barrick Hayes

Wilbur J. "Will" Barrick, 81, of Boardman, died of cancer on Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, at his home.

A funeral was held Nov. 22 at the Boardman Community Church.

One of six children, he was born Sept. 26, 1922, in Concord Township, Elkhart County, IN, to Lulu McDowell-Barrick. He graduated from high school at Elkhart, IN, where he met Mary Jane Judd. The couple was married on Feb. 14, 1941. They were parents of two sons, James and Dennis.

Barrick worked for the Ford Motor Company prior to joining the Navy in 1943 during World War II. He served as an aviation metal smith with the Navy and was stationed at Santa Rosa, CA. After concluding his military service in 1946, Barrick went to work for New York Central Railroad. Will, or "Bill" as he was known by many of his railroad friends, concluded his career as a conductor for Amtrak.

After his wife, Mary Jane, died in 1984, he moved to Oregon.

He loved fishing, playing golf, playing cards and his morning coffee with the Bozarth's. He enjoyed small town life, making numerous friends in Boardman.

Survivors include his friend and companion of 19 years, Elaine Nelson of Boardman; sons, James Lee Barrick of Hoquiam, WA, and Dennis Jon Barrick of Portland; grandsons, David Sean Barrick and Zachary Jon Barrick; brother, Stan; and sisters, Pauline and Gladys. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by brothers, Charles and Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or Vange John Hospice.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Marriage Licenses
Nov. 21: Derek Sean Trukositz, 30, Hermiston and Kandi Kay Emerick, 24, Hermiston.

Bud Kenneth Hayes, 83, of Fossil, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003, at his home.

A graveside service for Hayes was held Nov. 25 at Riverview Cemetery in Boardman.

He was born Nov. 10, 1920, at Wallowa, to Hugh and Bessie Vernon Hayes. He grew up at the family home on Bear Creek outside of Wallowa. He attended Wallowa schools, graduating from Wallowa High School.

He served with the Army 161st Anti-aircraft Artillery in the Southwest Pacific, primarily in New Guinea, from 1942-1945, during World War II.

He worked in the sawmill industry at Wallowa, Kinzua and Fossil until his retirement.

On July 4, 1966, he married Evelyn Robinson Hicks at Winnemucca, NV.

For many years he worked as a volunteer at the Fossil Museum. He enjoyed sports statistics, history, geography and was known as an encyclopedia on Wheeler County history. He took an interest in local youth, giving them newspaper clippings of their academic and sports achievements. He visited the elderly, always providing a smile and cheerful word and was known as a generous and giving person.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, and a brother, Jerry Hayes. Survivors include a stepson, G.L. Lee Hicks of Irrigon; stepdaughter, Shirley Hicks of La Pine; brothers, Hugh Hayes Jr., of Salem, and Vernon Hayes, Eugene Hayes, and Thomas Hayes, all of Wallowa, and Patrick Hayes of Milwaukie; sisters, Myrtle Moffit of Enterprise, and Betty Rysdam of Elgin; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fossil Museum, P.O. Box 363, Fossil, OR 97830.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.

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