

Two local boys open shop in Ione

Two new shops have opened in Ione, Steve's Gifts and Bennetto's Bytes. Two local Ione High School graduates opened up shop in down town Ione.

Cory Bennetto opened a computer repair business, specializing in: Repairs, upgrades, virus removal, data recovery, and he can even build you a new computer.

Steven Crum opened a gift store in the same space. He offers a selection of gift

items in the store and also has a catalog you can look through and order from.

Bennetto is still working for the Bank of Eastern Oregon and will only be in the shop from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Monday-Friday and all day on Saturday. However, Crum will be at the shop from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

You can contact Bennetto's Bytes at 422-7113 and Steve's Gifts at 422-9101.

Tree School to be held in La Grande

Tree School East is coming to Eastern Oregon by popular demand, on Saturday, April 24, 2004 on the campus of Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. This Extension Service mini-college will feature 23 classes on a wide variety of topics of interest to family forestland owners, professional foresters, loggers, arborists, teachers and the general public.

Class topics include vegetation management and reforestation (including tough site methods), GIS & GPS, roads, marketing co-ops, special forest products, riparian planting experiences, insects and diseases of conifers, thinning, noxious weed identification and management, estate planning for forestland owners, practical science for portable sawmill operators, small scale logging, wildfire issues, soils, income and property taxes for forestland owners, tree identification, Christmas tree

management, and a special series on measuring timber.

The daylong event will offer classroom and field sessions taught by Extension foresters, professional industry foresters, and other resource management professionals. Classes will vary in length from 1.5 to 3.5 hours and you can participate in up to four over the course of the day. We'll throw in snacks and a great lunch buffet to keep energy levels high.

For a brochure and registration information contact the Union County OSU Extension Office in Island City at (541) 963-1010. Registration must be done in advance by Friday, April 9 (sorry, no walk-ins allowed), so act now and reserve your spot in this fun and informative forestry program. The registration fee is just \$40 per person. Bring the family so you can take advantage of as many class offerings as possible.

Local students honored in Who's Who

Who's Who Among American High School Students has announced its lists for the 2002-2003 37th annual edition and its 2nd annual sports edition.

Following is a list of area students who were featured in the 37th annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2002-2003:

From Heppner: Dan Basile, Mikel Britt, Brian Haguewood, Rachel Howard, Darren VanCleave, James VanLiew and Heather Yocom; From Lexington: Tyler Boyer, Kylee Disque and Emily Key;

From Ione: Missy Baker, Ashly Grams, Tracy Griffith, Barbara Holland, Karl Morgan, Kasie Peterson, Jamie VandenBrink and Kayleen Vosberg;

From Boardman: Jessica Barrera, Landi Busey, Shawn Homan, Josh Kegler, Jami Moore, Savannah Nelson, Valerie Swindler and Jayde Zobel; and

From Irrigon: Alysun Burns, Molly Daniels,

Kristopher Freda, Julie Gordanier, Tiffany Matheney, Sarah McNamee, Dalie Morales, Jamie Nailor, Ellen Prindle, Samantha Stubenrauch, Brice Studer, Heather Suchy and Valerie Swindeler.

Following are the area students who were featured in the 2nd annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students- Sports Edition, 2002-2003:

From Ione: Natalie McElligott; and From Irrigon: Jose Hurtado.

Births

Amelia Mae Hope Baker- a daughter, Amelia Mae Hope, was born Jan. 28, 2004 at St. Anthony's Hospital. Amelia weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. Parent is Sarah Baker of Heppner and grandparents are Glorine Wright of Heppner, William Baker of Garibaldi and Ernie and Jeanine Dilley of Lexington.

HLL player tryouts

Heppner Little League player tryouts for major and minor baseball and softball and for t-ball will be held March 17-20. There will be no registrations at tryouts. The tryout schedule is as follows:

Major baseball- 4 p.m., March 17 and 18 at George Waterland Field; Minor baseball- 4 p.m., March 19 at Shad Hisler Field;

Successful litter pick-up held

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce - Oregon Department of Transportation Adopt-a-Highway litter pick-up was completed on Tuesday evening, March 9.

Over a dozen volunteers collected all visible trash along the state highways through town. With the effort being put forth continuously by the businesses and residents along the highway, there were only six bags of trash to pick along the 1.5 mile highway segment from city limit to city limit.

With the coordinated

Major softball- 4 p.m., March 17 and 18 at Bob Kilkenny Field;

Minor softball- 4 p.m., March 19 at Bob Kilkenny Field; and

T-Ball- 10 a.m., March 20, at Shad Hisler Field.

For more information contact Robyn Skaggs at 676-8225 or Renee Yocom at 676-9821 or 676-9474.

effort of other organizations who have adopted highway segments leading into town, the Heppner community presented a great appearance on the St. Patrick's Celebration weekend.

Other organizations providing litter pick-up effort for their highway segments included the elementary school staff, the employees of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, the county employees association, and the Christian Life Center. Also, the City of Heppner provided assistance to enable the community to get a big litter pick-up job done successfully.

Nazarene Church to host monthly Men's Breakfast

The monthly Men's Breakfast for residents and visitors of Heppner, Ione, Lexington, Hardman and the surrounding areas will be held Sunday, March 21, from 8-9 a.m. at the Heppner Church of the Nazarene. All men are invited and encouraged to bring their sons and/or daughters.

The purpose of the meeting is to encourage men

to be better husbands, fathers and members in their communities. The group uses Biblical principles for their foundation of guidelines. "Also, we serve great food for breakfast," said a spokesperson.

The Men's Breakfast is sponsored monthly by: First Christian Church, Assemblies of God Church and The Church of the Nazarene.

Local poet published in collection of works

"The Missing Rose," a poem by Anna Mae Steagall, of Heppner, was recently published in a collection of works entitled The Colors of Life, printed by the International Library of Poetry and Poetry.com.

Steagall saw an ad for the Poetry.com contest in the East Oregonian and decided to enter her poem written about her son, Tommy. Tommy was born with cerebral palsy and Steagall was told he would only live for two years, the poem was read

a Tommy's memorial service, he was 55.

The contest was year-long and at the beginning of this year, Steagall found out her poem would be one of the ones published. Also, much to her surprise, "The Missing Rose" is the first poem in the book.

Steagall lives in Heppner with her husband George. They have three other children, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

To read a copy of Steagall's poem, you can visit www.Poetry.com.

Women's salad supper planned

All area women are invited to the Women's Salad Supper on Monday, April 19, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Heppner. This free annual event brings together Christian women of all denominations for an evening of fellowship and

inspiration. This year's supper is hosted by the women of Hope-Valby-All Saint's Parish (Episcopal and Lutheran).

The interactive program for the evening is "Be the Difference You Wish to See in the World." Further information will be publicized in April.

Elks name Americanism Essay winners

The Heppner Elks Lodge is pleased to announce the winners in their Americanism Essay contest. This program was open to all sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in the Willow Creek valley. Participants needed to write a one-page essay on this year's topic, "Why I Recite the Pledge of Allegiance."

"We had some really good essays," said Burke

O'Brien, committee chair. "I'm proud of our young people, they really put some thought into these essays."

Heppner area winners were: 1st- Grant Smith, 2nd- Spencer Palmer and 3rd- Sherilyn Peck. Ione area winners were: 1st- Heather Wiggers, 2nd- Stafanie Archer and 3rd- Gabrielle Armstrong. U.S. Savings Bonds were awarded to the winners.

ABC Baseball Camps kick off the season

Oregon District 5 and Hermiston Little League announce that America's Baseball Camps will be returning for the second year to the Field of Dreams in Hermiston on April 3-4. Eric Davis, a former San Francisco Giants player and now a high school coach will be the lead instructor with several college players assisting to make this a great camp for all ages.

The classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for 6-9 year olds and 1-4:30 p.m. for 10 and up on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for 6-9 and 2-5 p.m. for 10 and up on Sunday. Cost is \$65 per player with a discount for two or more family members.

To sign-up online go to www.baseballcamps.com or call (800) 222-8152 or locally, 676-5275.

O'Ducky Race winners

Many a fine ducky traveled from the Court St. bridge to the Museum bridge on the great Willow Creek, but only the first hearty five were awarded with a prize.

First prize of \$100 went to Suzy Robert of Richland, WA. The other prizes awarded were: \$75, second place- Janet

McDowell, Heppner; \$50, third place- a lady from Hood River (O'Ducky Race coordinators forget to get her name); \$25, fourth place- Nancy Wocgamott, Roseburg; and \$10, fifth place- Tony Fox, Heppner.

The O'Ducky Race was sponsored by the Colt Football program.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Seminar to be held

Blue Mountain Wildlife will host the 2nd annual wildlife rehabilitation seminar April 10, 2004 sponsored by Pendleton Veterinary Clinic, Oxford Inns and Suites and Gene's Electric Motor Service. This year's focus will be on basic laboratory techniques for the wildlife rehabilitator.

The morning session, slides and lecture by Dr. Jeff Cooney, will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church in Pendleton. Lunch will be provided followed by a hands-on laboratory session at

Pendleton Veterinary Clinic practicing a variety of procedures and techniques.

Cost for the one-day seminar, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 10 is \$35.00 and includes lunch. Advanced registration is requested by April 3 to ensure an accurate count for lunch. There is a maximum of 30 spaces available in the hands-on laboratory. Early registration is encouraged. If space is available late registrants can pay at the door, but will be charged an additional \$10 fee. For more information contact Lynn Tompkins, (541) 278-0215 or raptor@uci.net.

Hutton to address prostate cancer support group

Dr. David Hutton will be the keynote speaker at the April Man-to-Man Pendleton Prostate Cancer Support Group.

The meeting will be held Monday, April 5 at 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Hospital Cascade Room, 1601 S.E. Court in Pendleton, and is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and St. Anthony Hospital.

Dr. Hutton's presentation is entitled, "Prostate Cancer: A Lesson for Newly Diagnosed People."

It is open to the public and will give prostate cancer patients and their families information about the disease

and related issues.

"The monthly meetings provide those involved an opportunity to learn more about the disease," says June Miller, secretary of the support group. "The one thing everyone should keep in mind is that the meetings are designed so every man and their families can discuss whatever they want and know it will be kept in confidence."

For more information about the April 5 meeting, or to learn more about the Man-to-Man Pendleton Prostate Cancer Support Group, call June Miller at (541) 443-6171.

Don't Be Surprised!

Before picking up a shovel, pick up the telephone. Electric, water, sewer, natural gas, telephone and cable television lines often are buried underground. One wrong move can cause you and your neighbors to be cut off from vital services - or cause death or injury to you, from an electric shock or an explosion. At least two business days before you plan to dig, call your state's one-call center, or your local utilities. Affected utility companies will come out and use color-coded paint to mark the location of underground utilities. Calling ahead not only is common sense. In some states, it is the law!

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