

TLC Daycare to open in April

Returning to the daycare business after several years off, Nikki Clement of Lexington has decided to reopen her home to children and run TLC Daycare. The daycare will begin receiving children April 2.

The daycare will be open for children ages 6 weeks to 11 years. Clement is a registered childcare provider and is looking into becoming certified so that she can have more infant openings. Currently, she can only have two infants at a time.

Children at the daycare will be provided with USDA meals and enjoy a structured schedule that will

include pre-school activities. They will also be able to enjoy the outdoors in a fenced in backyard.

In the future, Clement would like to get her Early Education degree so that she could offer preschool to her clients.

Anyone interested in TLC Daycare can contact Clement at 989-8570.



TLC Daycare operator Nikki Clement

Couple to travel around the world

Former Heppner resident J.J. Shaw and his wife, Barb, will be traveling throughout the world beginning in May and won't be returning home until October 2005, said Shaw's mother, Linda Shaw, formerly of Heppner.

The couple has resigned from their jobs, sold their home and plan to visit family and other places of interest starting in the Czech Republic and then spanning the globe, ending their travels in Cuba. Family members of

J.J.'s did the same thing a few years ago with their children but the Shaws decided they wanted to take the trip before they had children.

A book by David Cohen called "One Year Off" was the inspiration for their trip.

Friends interested in following the Shaws trip can visit their website and see pictures and a travel journal as they go along. The website is wherearebarbandjjnow.com.

Art workshops offered again

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club is sponsoring two Sandra Haynes workshops. Another scratchboard workshop will be held April 24 and 25 and a colored pencil class will be held on May 1 and 2. Both these workshops will be held at the Columbia Basin Electric conference room, beginning at 8 a.m. The class goes until 4 p.m. with a lunch break. Beginners are again encouraged to attend as projects are offered for them.

A materials list and registration is obtained by calling Judie Laughlin at 676-9781. These classes require a prepaid fee of \$80 each.

Studded tires must be off by April 1

A sure sign of springtime is the approach of Oregon's deadline to remove studded tires from motor vehicles by Thursday, April 1.

Drivers with studded tires on their vehicles after April 1 can be charged with a Class C traffic violation, which carries a maximum \$150 fine.

An estimated \$11 million is spent each year repairing studded tire damage on city streets, county roads and state highways, according to Doug Tindall, Oregon Department of Transportation Maintenance engineer.

MCURD to hold series of budget meetings

The Morrow County Unified Recreation District will be holding a Budget Committee meeting on April 29 at the Irrigon Annex.

The first round of funding requests and budget hearings will be held May 27 at Ione High School. The funding proposals will be finalized and the budget will be adopted on June 24.

HHS athletes make all state honorable mention

Heppner High School seniors Luke Murray and Brian Smith received an honorable mention in the OSAA Class 2A boys' basketball awards.



Luke Murray



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Halvorsen chosen to attend Gamma Phi Beta convention

After a long winter, Allison Halvorsen finished her first term as president of Gamma Phi Beta sorority at the University of Oregon. She was voted unanimously by members and will serve as president until December 2004.

Halvorsen was one of only 10 in the nation chosen to attend the Gamma Phi Beta Leadership Convention in Chicago, IL in June of this year. Halvorsen is currently a junior at the University of

Oregon working on a degree in family and human services and has future plans of attending University of Oregon Law School.

When she is not busy with school or her sorority, she coaches a sixth grade basketball team, works as a nanny and volunteers at the Alpine Springs Retirement Center.

She is a 2001 graduate of Ione High School and the daughter of Frank and Cathy Halvorsen of Ione.

IOOF/Rebekah officers installed

Officers of IOOF Willows Lodge No. 66, Heppner, and Holly Rebekah Lodge No. 139, Lexington, were installed at a joint meeting in Milton-Freewater on March 28.

IOOF officers for 2004-2005 are Wilbur Jackson, Noble Grand; Clarence Buchanan, Vice Grand; and Lyle Peck, Secretary/Treasurer. Re-elected for the upcoming year are Rebekah officers LaRae Kindle, Noble Grand; Marilyn

Allison, Vice Grand; Luella Taylor, Secretary; and Marlene Gray, Treasurer. The chair officers have also named their supporting officers.

The Holly Lodge plans their monthly card party for Saturday, April 3 at the hall at 7 p.m. There will also be a cakewalk the same evening.

The regular meeting for the Holly Rebekahs will be Thursday, April 1, and a potluck dinner is planned for prospective new members on Thursday, April 15.

North Lex Market Steer Club

By Eric Jepsen, reporter

The North Lex Market Steer Club met at Kathy Rauch's house on Sunday evening, March 7.

We had a very good meal of spaghetti and meatballs and fruit. Then, we went over the weights of the club members' steers at the recent weigh-in on March 6. After that, we spent the rest of the meeting on livestock judging- using pictures of sheep, hogs and steers.

Members present were Kasey and Cory Peterson, Natalie McElligott, Heather Yocom, Makayla and Ashley Anderson, Andre and

Natalie Rauch and Amy, Eric and Rebecca Jepsen.

The club's next meeting will be sometime in April.

Heppner Garden Club to meet

The Heppner Garden Club will meet Monday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. This will be a potluck meeting.

The program agenda includes a visit from Jane Dean, District 10 Director, and finalization of the Spring District meeting.

Why we walk

Christy Correa, an accounting clerk at the Bank



Christy Correa

of Eastern Oregon, is the captain of the "Banking on a Cure" team for the 2004 MS Walk to be held in Heppner on April 17. Last year was her first year to walk.

"When my husband's father was diagnosed it was pretty hard for the family but I feel that the diagnosis has actually brought the family closer," Correa said. She added that they spend more time together and try to lessen his stress.

"In the beginning we studied as much as we could about the disease. I know it was very frustrating for him. He spent about a year going from doctor to doctor before he was diagnosed," said Correa. "He was actually relieved because he could start doing something about."

Correa also has an uncle with MS and has seen first hand the life changing challenges that seem to happen overnight.

"We walk to make a difference, and to ensure that scientists continue to get the funding they require," stated Correa. "I would like to challenge everyone to come walk on April 17 in Heppner."

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