

Veterans honored in Ione and Heppner



The Ione American Legion displays the flag as members of the community look on Monday during Memorial Day services in Ione. John Turner, new president of Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, was the featured speaker. Turner, who retired after 28 years as an infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps, praised the generation that fought and won World War II. "The story of this generation is the story of sacrifice. They lived through the great depression and they know that freedom is not free," Turner said. "The price of liberty is vigilance." During the service, Ione vets who died in the war were honored.

Kids' Fishing Derby to be held in Heppner

The Kids' Fishing Derby is fast approaching. This annual event will again be held at the Willow Creek Reservoir on June 6, 2004 from 1-5 p.m. Registration is from 12-1 p.m.

The event is held in conjunction with the National Fishing and Boating Week. The event is sponsored by the Heppner Lions Club, Mid Columbia Bass Club, Northwest Steelheaders, High Desert Marine, Bi-Mart, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Forest Service. The day promises to be a memorable time for young and old alike.

Youngsters 12 years and under can pre-register at Heppner Elementary School or the District Office in Lexington. Kids can also register on the day of the derby. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and should bring their own fishing poles and tackle. Pop will be provided.

Prizes donated by local merchants and clubs will be awarded. An extra special event is the Zebo Casting Contest, which will take place from 1-3 p.m.

All kids that participate will receive fishing related material. Local volunteers will be on hand to offer assistance, expertise and fishing tips.

For more information contact the Heppner Ranger District at 676-9187.

Garden Club to meet

The Heppner Garden Club will meet on Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. Hosts for the evening will be Eve Ironhawk and Dorothy Jackson. The program will include discussion of plans for a flower show.

Correction

The correct date for the Ione United Church of Christ auction is Saturday, June 5.



Ed Baker (left) of the Heppner American Legion, and Heppner mayor Bob Jepsen speak at an assembly honoring World War II veterans last week in Heppner.

Plots available in Heppner community garden

Are you lacking outdoor space to grow a crop of pumpkins? Would you like to sow sunflower seeds now, then harvest the flowers this fall for your fine-feathered friends? Interested in your own plot of annual flowers to use as a cutting garden for fresh cut bouquets? Blue Mountain Master Gardeners can help you out.

In cooperation with the City of Heppner, BMMG turned a weed covered vacant lot on Riverside into

a community garden site several years ago.

Plots are available to the public to grow flowers or vegetables at no cost. Local Master Gardeners are available throughout the year to answer any gardening questions. Water is provided free by the City of Heppner.

If you would like a plot in the community garden, please contact Morrow County Extension Service at 676-9642, John Murray at 676-9631 or Kay Proctor at 676-9827.

Dinner at the Cemetery to be held in July

Dinner at the Cemetery will offer its third annual theatrical and dining experience this summer.

Previously advertised as a June 12 event, the affair has been postponed to July 31, which is the Saturday following the "Celebrate Heppner" Friday.

This year's presentation, "Celebrating the Spirit of Rebirth" is set in the year 1904 and features local and nationally known characters. The meal is expected to equal or surpass the previous two dinners.

Seating for the evening will again be limited to 100. Proceeds from the event will be used

to help fund the next mural for the Agricultural Display building.

Detailed information will soon be published.

Christian Church youth to hold yard sale

The pre-teen group of Heppner Christian Church will be holding a yard sale on June 4 and 5 at the church. The proceeds from this event will be used to help the youth pay for summer camp this year. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., both Friday and Saturday.

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Mustangs advance to state championship game Sat.; graduation time changed



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The Heppner Mustangs beat Bonanza 3-2 Tuesday afternoon to advance to the state championship baseball game Saturday against either Regis or Santiam Christian. Heppner's graduation has been moved to 7 p.m. Saturday night to accommodate the game. The playoff game will be held at Volcano Stadium in Keizer at 10 a.m.

Speaker of House Karen Minnis visits Ione



Oregon House Speaker Karen Minnis (center) visits with Lisa Rietmann (left) and Donna Rietmann when she visited Ione recently

Minnis was in the area to speak with local residents about the concerns of resource businesses and small towns. From a news release issued Tuesday, Minnis (R-Wood Village) followed through on her duty to convene the House of Representatives under House Joint Resolution 42, which was passed last August and required the Legislature to meet in Special Session this week. Speaker Minnis called the House to order at 9:05 a.m. and adjourned the House at 9:23 a.m. after the House failed to reach the required quorum of 40 members to conduct business because

the Democrats boycotted the session.

"I can respect a worthy adversary if they choose to disagree with my position and vote against me," said Speaker Minnis. "I cannot however, respect those who use their absence from the body to which they have been elected as a strategy to obstruct a vote which could result in the passage of something with which they disagree. It is a cynical rationalization, a dereliction of duty and an insult to the voters of this great state."

Because the Senate Democrats also failed to show up as required—denying the Senate a

quorum as well—neither chamber was able to organize to conduct business and therefore, there was no special session. As such, the payment of per diem or mileage expenses to members of the Legislature is not authorized, and no costs were incurred.

Speaker Minnis said afterward that, if elected Speaker in 2005, she would continue to make the enactment of a spending limit and rainy day fund a priority. "The Legislature must demonstrate fiscal restraint and prudence to Oregonians before we can contemplate a fundamental restructuring of Oregon's tax code."

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