

Ione throws 4th of July party



Jannie Allen (left) and Cathy Halvorsen try out their special Fourth of July hats Sunday in Ione. More pictures page 5

Hunter's Education Class scheduled

A Hunter's Education Class has been scheduled for later this month. The class will be held the evenings of July 20, 21, 26 and 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. with a four-hour field exercise on July 24. This is a Tuesday-Wednesday and then a Monday-Tuesday schedule. Each class period and the field day participation are mandatory to complete the course.

Volunteer instructors Tom Wolff and Jim Marquardt will lead the course with guest instructors and a speaker from the

Oregon State Police Game Enforcement division.

All Oregon hunters under the age of 18 must have successfully completed the Hunter Education course before hunting. The course is also recommended for non-hunters who may have casual contact with firearms, archery gear, etc.

Parents or guardians are encouraged to attend the class with students. The class is allowed a maximum

City of Heppner mails water report

The City of Heppner's 2003 water quality report has been mailed to residents.

The report describes the quality of the city's drinking water and explains health information, monitoring data and the sources of water.

The report also provides updates on the progress of the city's water supply development projects.

Anyone who did not receive a copy of the report in the mail can pick one up at City Hall or call 676-9618 to receive one.

McColgan to speak with seniors at St. Patrick's Senior Center

John McColgan, Democratic candidate for Oregon's Second Congressional District, is going to be appearing in Heppner next Wednesday, July 14, at the St. Patrick's Senior Center weekly lunch from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

McColgan, a 48-year-old general contractor from Jackson County who is running against incumbent Representative Greg Walden, is looking forward to speaking to Heppner residents and answering questions at the Senior Center. McColgan is proud of his strong Irish heritage (his campaign logo even carries a shamrock) and he will entertain diners with various traditional Irish songs, a cappella, in addition to talking politics.

To find out more about McColgan you can visit www.mccolganforcongress.com.

of 25 students, with no exceptions.

Any adult interested in becoming a volunteer certified instructor is encouraged to attend or call for more information. To register, please call Tom Wolff at 676-5114.

Martin home from Iraq

John Martin, son of Carl and Geri Martin of Heppner, returned safely home to San Diego from Iraq via Kuwait.

While in Kuwait, John sent his parents an unusual letter to let them know he was on his way. It was unusual in that it was written on a bottled water box. Following is the letter he wrote:

"This was part of a bottled water box. I needed something to write on when this came along. The wind blew it right to me. I am now in Kuwait, on my way home. It is much hotter here than Iraq. The Lord has seen me through and is now escorting me home to my lovely wife and sweet children. Hopefully will see you at the reunion. I love you and semper fi! God bless, Love, your son John."

With one of our "local" sons safely home, we need to remember all the other boys still serving in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Vehicle rollover traps man near Ruggs

Saturday night, July 3, a call came in to Morrow County Sheriff's Office of a vehicle rollover at the junction of Ruggs and Rhea Creek in which a male had been thrown from the vehicle and his hand was trapped.

Heppner fire, ambulance and rescue responded, along with MCSO deputies. The subject LaRoy Lee Cline, 45, was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital and later Airlifted to another hospital.

While at PMH, Cline was cited for Driving while Suspended-misdemeanor, DUII with a motor vehicle accident and No Insurance with a motor vehicle accident.

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Misty Creek performs in park



The Bluegrass/Americana band, Misty Creek, performed at Heppner City Park on Thursday, July 1, as part of MURD's Concerts in the Park series. Willow Valley Service Club locally hosted the event.

Work to begin on combined Hwy. 207 and Hwy. 395 project

McCafferty-Whittle Construction of Gladstone will soon begin work on the Oregon Department of Transportation's \$4.5 million project that will provide pavement resurfacing and sign upgrades to several state highway sections in Morrow and Umatilla counties. To save costs and improve efficiencies, ODOT combined several projects under one contract, known as the US 395: SE 4th Street-I-84, OR 207: Diagonal Road-NW 11th Ave and Strawberry Road-Butter Creek Preservation and Signing Project. The multiple work sites include pavement preservation for sections of Oregon Highway 207 between Strawberry Road and Butter Creek, and sections of U.S. Highway 395 between Hermiston and Interstate 84. Portions of OR 207 along NW 11th Avenue, Elm Avenue and Diagonal Road in Hermiston will only

receive signing upgrades under the contract.

Plans for OR 207: Strawberry Road-Butter Creek Section include:

Work will begin along this project area on July 12. The work area includes the section from mile point 19.53 near Butter Creek Junction to mile point 10.13 at Strawberry Road. Initial activities include setting up traffic control signs and grinding out two bridge decks within the limits of this area of the project. In addition to the grinding out of the bridge decks, work includes overlaying the entire 9.4-mile stretch with new pavement. In addition to the pavement work, new guardrail and delineators (roadside reflectors) will be installed along sections of the route.

All contract work will be completed by September 30.

Motorists can expect reduced speeds, lane closures and delays up to 20

minutes as flaggers direct traffic through the three work areas over the summer months. Motorists are reminded to drive with

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

On July 14, the Seventh Day Adventists are hosts for the senior noon meal. Chili and cheese sticks, California mixed veggies, saltines or bread sticks and orange sherbet is the menu of the day. The cooks announced that summer menus are planned for more lightness for the hot days.

From Ed Baker comes the word of a bus tour to Fort Walla Walla, on Thursday, July 8. Departure time is 9 a.m. at the Main Street entrance of the Center. Lunch is on arrival in Walla Walla. The tour begins at 1 p.m., at the Fort. Baker has arranged for a tour guide. There are two levels to cover; golf carts are

caution through all construction zones and plan extra time for possible traffic delays.

provided to take guests to the second level.

St. Patrick's residents are friends enjoyed a potluck dinner on July 4, to celebrate the holiday. Later the bus was available to take others to the fireworks exhibition in Ione.

The August meeting of the Board of Directors is at noon Wednesday, Aug. 21.



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