

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Heppner Christian Church is providing volunteers for the St. Patrick's noon meal on Jan. 12. The menu on that day is fish filets, jo-jos, mixed vegetables, cherries, cheesy biscuits and Boston cream pie.

The annual meeting, Jan. 19, has as its main agenda, election of three members. Each one will be elected for a different length of term- two, three and four years, respectively. The election for the slot presently held by Felix Swarzin is for two years; the slot held by Tom Wilson is for three years; and the slot held by Florene Robinson is for four years.

Garden Club to meet

The Heppner Garden Club will meet on Jan. 10, at 7 p.m., at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Hosts for the event will be JoAnne Bureson and Jeanette Padberg. The program will include a discussion with Corine Miles on roses. Club members will participate in a round table setting.

HLL to elect officers

Heppner Little League will be meeting on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. The agenda for the meeting is to elect officers.

Booster Club to meet

The Heppner Booster Club will be meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the HHS home ec room.

Lexington IOOF and Rebekah lodges to resume meetings

Following a short Christmas vacation, Lexington IOOF and Holly Rebekah lodges will resume regular meetings, Thursday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

During the short vacation, new energy efficient windows and a door have been installed in the upstairs meeting room, plus an additional heating system. Another heating system is yet to be installed in the lower meeting room.

The lodge members have also placed skirting

Swarzin is now president and has been a longtime member of the board. Wilson, vice president and member at large, is one of the board's representatives on the Umatilla/Morrow County AAA. Wilson assists Ed Baker with bus driving responsibilities. Robinson is the present treasurer for the Senior Center board. Other nominations may be presented to the board up to and during the meeting.

As a correction, the time for cards is 1 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays. The time for exercise is 10 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Justice Court report

The Justice Court for Heppner and Irrigon handled 183 cases for the month of November 2004. Of those cases, 147 were traffic citations, 10 game citations, 12 misdemeanors, five civil claims and FEDS, one small claim and eight DUIs.

The court also had 11 pre-trials, three orders to show cause, 26 warrants issued, 56 suspensions ordered, three DUI Diversion filed, 27 warrants returned from the sheriff's office and 38 accounts were sent to a collection's agency.

Thirty-one trials were scheduled, with 22 being minor hearings (traffic), seven jury trials and two small claims. Out of the 31 trials, only 20 minor hearings were held.

In the month of November, \$28,070.91 was received, with \$7734 turned over to the state, \$19,953.70 turned over to the county and \$383.21 paid out in restitution.

around the outside perimeter of the building to cut down drafts from the cold winds. These improvements were made possible by a generous tipage fee award from the Morrow County Court, as well as individual donations. Much yet remains to be done to the hall so that it will not be considered "an eyesore to the community."

The regular January card party will be held Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m., at the hall. Refreshments will be served. The price is \$4 per person, with proceeds to be used for the upkeep and improvements to the hall. Everyone is welcome as these parties are intended for socialization and fun. The "cold old hall" promises to be warmer for those who attend.

Care packages to be prepared Jan. 9

The Support Our Troops support group is meeting Sunday, Jan. 9 at 3 p.m. in the Methodist Church basement in Heppner to prepare care packages for soldiers serving in Iraq.

Donations received so far have been greatly appreciated. Donations of non-perishable items are being

accepted at Bank of Eastern Oregon and St. Patrick's Senior Center. Monetary donations should be taken to BEO.

If you would like to help with the care packages or would like more information about the support group, contact Evelyn Sweek at 676-9483.

Livestock Growers and SWCD to hold annual meetings

The Morrow County Livestock Growers and the Morrow SWCD would like to invite you to their program and annual meeting on Jan. 13 at the Heppner Elks Club. The meeting will start at 12 p.m. with a hosted lunch, with the annual program starting at 1 p.m.

The program will start with a discussion on the Oregon Wolf Plan. Clint Krebs has been on the planning committee and will share his perspective on the plan and answer questions. Roger Huffman will be on hand to give an update on the National Livestock Identification program and the Northwest Livestock Identification project. Theme Holznaegel will be here to share the latest information on dredging the Columbia River. This is extremely important to agriculture in the northwest.

NRCS and SWCD staff will be on hand to give an update on farm programs available to producers. Janet Greenup will give an update on Senate Bill 1010 at the local level.

The SWCD annual meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. and the Livestock Growers annual meeting will be at about 4 p.m.

This should be a very informative program and we hope you can join us for lunch and the entire program.

Following the annual meetings, a Social Hour at the Elks will be held at 6 p.m. and the Town and Country/Chamber Annual Awards Banquet will follow at 7 p.m. Along with the banquet, will be entertainment by Marty Campbell, known for guitar picking, western humor, cowboy poetry and singing. It should be a great time.

Western entertainer to perform at Town and Country banquet

Marty Campbell, a western entertainer "who's been there" will share inspiring stories, cowboy poetry, humorous tales and real-life cowboy guitar music on Thursday, Jan. 13 at the annual Town and Country Chamber Awards Banquet.

Campbell has performed for audiences all over the country from Chamber of Commerce banquets to the National FFA Convention, from cowboy poetry gatherings to breakfast meetings. He gets to the American heart of the matter, right down to the real deal about those "who have chased cows from the tops of rock buttes while eating dust as if it were a sandwich, to someone who has been up to his hips in the belly of a combine trying to get the sorry sucker unplugged."

This western entertainer's stories, poems and songs are about the most important segment of the American west, you, the people. Campbell says, "If you're looking for wistful paintings of days gone by, riding your horse while playing the guitar and cowboys in continental suits, you won't find it in my shows." These stories are about modern day, true-to-life, honest-to-goodness, cow-feeding, wheat-farming people and critters who live in a world where there are espresso shacks in the feed store parking lot.

Tickets for the prime-rib dinner are available at Murray's Drug, Bank of Eastern Oregon and the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Genealogy class omitted from BMCC winter flyer

Blue Mountain Community College has scheduled a genealogy class in Ione this winter term that was inadvertently left out of the BMCC Winter Flyer.

The class will be a four-week course, meeting on Friday mornings from 9-11 a.m., beginning Jan. 28. The class will be held at the Ione High School library. Students will learn how to get started tracing family history using the

Internet and other sources. Also, students will be introduced to some of the family history software and given instruction on how to use it.

Cost of the class is \$25. Interested students are asked to pre-register with Anne Morter, BMCC Coordinator for South Morrow County at 422-7040 by Jan. 24.

4-Corners Snowmobile Club holds first playday

The 4-Corners Snowmobile Club held its first playday of the season on Sunday, Jan. 2 at Kelly Prairie. It was a beautiful day with a snow depth of about two feet.

A count of over 60 snowmobilers enjoyed the day, with Gene Orwick and Pat Dougherty serving chili, hotdogs, coffee and cocoa, that was provided by the club. Don Stroeber smoothed the trails with the club's grooming

machine. Winners of the poker run were Luke Murray taking first and Daye Stone taking second.

For more information about club activities or becoming a member, call Mike Gorman or Sandi Patton at 676-9623. All members are invited to attend the next club meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18 at Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington.

BMCC classes planned for the area

Blue Mountain Community College's Winter Term starts this week at all of the BMCC campuses and in the local area as well. Please call Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator, at 422-7040 for more information or for assistance with online registration.

A couple of spaces remain in the Digital Photo Editing class, set to begin Tuesday, Jan. 11 at Heppner High School. This five-week class will be held each Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. If you were lucky enough to get a digital camera for Christmas, now is the time to learn how to make the most of it. The class will concentrate on the techniques used to take and edit digital photographs. Tuition is \$40, plus a \$5 lab fee. Senior Citizens, age 62 and over, may take this or any other non-credit class for \$25 plus the \$5 lab fee. Pre-registration is required.

A couple of computer classes are also available. Computer Basics is a four-week class, held on Thursdays from 4-6 p.m., beginning Jan. 13 at Ione High School. This class is designed for beginning users or seniors. Tuition is \$35 plus a \$5 lab fee.

Publisher, a versatile Microsoft program, will be taught Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m., for three weeks beginning Jan. 19 at HHS. Tuition is \$30 plus a \$5 lab fee.

Web Design, a four-week course, will be taught on Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. at HHS. Call 422-7040 for more information.

Genealogy will be held Friday mornings from 9-11 a.m. from Jan. 28 through Feb. 18 at Ione High School. This is a good way to finally get started on tracing your family's history. Tuition is \$25.

A free "Going Back to College" seminar is planned for Tuesday, Jan. 25 at the Morrow County Extension Office from 1-4 p.m. This workshop will lay out the steps needed for someone interested in going or returning to college. Pre-registration is required.

A Business Start-Up workshop is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 22 from 6-9 p.m. at the Morrow County Extension Office. This class is designed to help those either new to business or still in the exploration stage. Tuition is \$35.

Students are now encouraged to register online at www.bluecc.edu. Contact the location coordinator, Anne Morter, at 422-7040, with any questions.

Mustang girls hang on to beat Prospectors

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity fell behind in the first half, went up by 13 early in the fourth, then hung on to beat the Grant Union Prospectors 53-49 on Monday, Dec. 27 in John Day in a non-league game.

The Mustangs improved to 8-1, winning their eighth straight game, and will be back to Columbia Basin Conference play on Friday, Jan. 7 at Umatilla and back home against Sherman County on Saturday, Jan. 8.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 6-0 lead on two baskets from Shanna Rietmann and one by Megan Orr and after four straight by the Prospectors, Rietmann scored off a drive to make it 8-4. The Prospectors then ran off eight straight to take a 12-8 lead after one and built it to 18-12 before the Mustangs got going as Lyndi Patton had 11 points, including a 3-pointer, and Terra Wilson had four to help them to a 25-20 lead at the half.

Susan Southworth hit one of two free throws and Orr scored off a drive to make it 28-22. Rietmann fed Orr for a lay-in and after a 3-pointer by the Prospectors, Orr scored off a rebound then off a steal, Southworth scored off a drive and Linsey Mitchell hit a jumper from the foul line to give the Mustangs a 38-27 lead after three.

Patton scored inside to open the fourth, then scored off a drive to make it 42-32. Sarah Price scored off a rebound to make it 44-37,

Wilson hit a jumper to make it 46-41, then converted a jumper off a steal by Southworth to make it 48-44, but the Prospectors rallied to take a 49-48 lead with 54 seconds left. Orr hit two free throws with 42.7 seconds left to give the Mustangs back the lead, then hit two more free throws with 32.8 seconds left and Southworth hit one of two with 11.5 seconds left to seal the win.

Orr led the Mustangs with 16 points, eight rebounds, five assists and two steals, with Patton adding 15 points, five rebounds and three steals. Wilson had eight points and four rebounds, Rietmann had 10 rebounds, three assists and two steals, Southworth had five rebounds and four steals, Price had five rebounds and two steals and Mitchell had four steals.

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Heppner- Megan Orr 6 4-6 16, Lyndi Patton 6 2-2 15, Terra Wilson 4 0-1 8, Shanna Rietmann 3 0-2 6, Susan Southworth 1 2-6 4, Linsey Mitchell 1 0-0 2, Sarah Price 1 0-0 2, Blair Keithley, Regi Seitz and Mahaley Huddleston. Team: 22 8-17 53. 3-pts: Patton.

Grant Union- Landis 5 6-10 16, Bartlett 3 0-0 8, Moore 3 0-2 6, Alley 2 1-2 5, Cary 1 2-2 4, Coxen 2 0-0 4, Holliday 2 0-0 4, Myers 1 0-0 2 and Ashby-Andrews. Team: 19 9-16 49. 3-pts: Bartlett 2.

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Real Estate

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THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCATION

Any Realtor will tell you that the three most important factors concerning the value of a house are: "Location, Location, and Location." Unfortunately, most home buyers ignore this important advice.

Location is especially vital when buying a house for maximum resale value. Statistics say that you will be reselling your home long before the final mortgage payment is in the mail. Therefore, take a long, hard look, not only at the present, but the future prospects for the community and immediate neighborhood.

Select a location where raw land and house values have an increasing price trend. Especially check into the zoning laws for any unfavorable change which could cause a depreciation in the value of the neighborhood and the resale price of your home in the near future.

Remember - you can remove, replace or remodel a house, but you can never change the location. So choose carefully.

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