

Local students hold Winter Dance Recital



On Friday, Feb. 25, 25 local girls, ages 3-12, held their Winter Dance Recital at Heppner High School. The girls are trained by Elyshia Rennison, owner of Performing Arts and

Humanities of Hermiston, who comes to Heppner on Mondays to teach tap, jazz and ballet.

During the recital, the girls were broken into five different groups with four groups performing both

a jazz or ballet piece and a tap piece and one group performing only a tap piece.

The girls will be performing soon at Willow Creek Terrace for the residents and will hold their Spring Dance Recital in May.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

There was a robin in my yard this morning, a true sign of spring. Rain is now falling soft upon our fields this afternoon and it's beginning to look "green" in the Chamber office and around Heppner as "A Wee Bit O' Ireland" fast approaches.

People are coming through the Chamber door for parade applications, Cruz-In information, bringing donations for the first ever Luck O' the Irish Casino night, getting applications for feeding large groups of people, checking on RV sites and the list goes on. March 17-20 is just around the corner. Pick up a brochure to see some of the new events added.

A call to the office today offered a true Irish brogue at the other end, calling from Arlington, VA. Alan Carrick and friends will be here for our celebration to sing around town at various events and at Bucknum's. He wanted to be sure that Father Condon knew they had learned to sing "Molly Malone," just for him. It may be difficult to beat these guys if they choose to enter the KUMA coffee hour brogue contest.

'Tis grateful I am for all the leprechauns in the form of Joann Burlison, Doris Brosnan, Tonia Adams, Sharon Harrison and Chamber President Nancy Gochbauer, who checked mail, answered requests, sent out parade registration, worked on publicity, took minutes and performed a myriad of other tasks involved with the Chamber of Commerce while I was out for two weeks.

Chamber weekly meetings continue. All entities report at Chamber this first Thursday, March 3. On March 10, Representative Greg Smith will hold a conference call at noon giving the Chamber a monthly legislative update and on March 17 a member business will again be featured during the Chamber luncheon. The Chamber Board of Director's meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23 at 11:30 a.m. at John's Place.

Thought for the Week: "People often say motivation doesn't last; neither does bathing, that's why both are recommended daily." -Zig Ziglar

Seventh-Day Adventist Church hosts guest speaker

World-renowned author and speaker Doug Batchelor will be speaking at the Heppner Seventh-Day Adventist Church via satellite on Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m. There will be no charge for the meeting or for the study materials. Free child care will also be provided.

Batchelor, who was living in a cave and found an old Bible, dusted it off and began his journey. Through years of in-depth study, he

discovered the deep secrets of Bible prophecy. He speaks on the "amazing" facts of last-day events... events that are happening today.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church is located at 560 N. Minor Street in Heppner.



St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Volunteers from the Christian Life Center are hosts for the March 9 noon meal at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu for the day is chili, baked potatoes, coleslaw, Parker House rolls, peaches and cottage cheese and brownies.

The Center has been notified that the Mural Committee has elected to present a print of the museum mural to the Senior Center. The presentation will take place on March 9 during the meal. The center is encouraging an exceptional attendance on that day to show the Center's appreciation for the gift.

Last week, members of the Heppner High School Honor Society filled in as hosts of the meal. They prepared the room, served participants and helped clean up. The center appreciated their willingness to offer community service at the gathering.

DA seeks medical rep for county child abuse team

The Morrow County Health District heard a request from Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen for a medical representative to serve on the county's child abuse multidisciplinary team.

Allen asked the health district to allow a provider to serve on the team and suggested Terry Anderson, a physician's assistant who is working at the Irrigon clinic. Allen said that the child abuse multidisciplinary team has been lacking the medical piece of the team, which is vital. He said that funds for training, transportation, mileage and lodging for the team member and medical exams for the possible victim are available through CAMI (Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Investigation) which is funded by the state through criminal fines, fees and assessments.

Allen said that while the team member would be required to attend training, meetings and appear in court, the team sees only around 10 assessments per year and probably only one or two of those actually come to trial. He said the bulk of incidents probably occur in the Boardman-Irrigon areas. He also said that the team would welcome other medical professionals, such as nurses, nurse practitioners and MDs.

The board agreed with the request and gave permission for Allen to contact Anderson.

Beautification Commission declares City Cleanup Days

The City of Heppner's Beautification Commission has declared March 1-13 as "City Cleanup Days."

During the annual "City Cleanup Days," residents are encouraged to do their part in beautifying the community. The cleanup days are being timed to happen before Heppner's St. Patrick's Celebration to spruce up the town before the large influx of visitors.

Les Schwab Tire Center is helping the community by accepting tires for disposal. This is limited to Heppner residents and four passenger or pickup tires per family.

The following cleanup opportunities are also available and are located at or near the City Yard off Riverside Street next to Jay Coil Fabrication.

-A metal recycle dumpster for larger metal objects. Tires, refrigerators, washers, dryers or other appliances cannot be accepted.

-A yard debris only dumpster (no household garbage).

-A year-round recycling bin for household metals, glass, newspapers (no plastic).

These are limited to City of Heppner residents only. For further information contact Heppner City Hall at 676-9618.

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Also at the meeting, the board:

-heard the January financial report which shows a \$47,000 loss for the month, compared to a \$14,000 loss for December and a \$25,000 average monthly loss. The loss was due in part to a \$27,000 Medicare payment settlement, a physician's quarterly bonus and increased costs to hire a substitute lab technician to replace one out following surgery. MCHD also paid \$13,538 to Columbia River Health Services, according to the district's agreement to help with funding the new Boardman clinic. In additional operating revenue, the district received a \$20,775 grant to purchase a four-wheeler for use at the county's new OHV park.

-heard that the district's cash flow was up \$185,000 and the days in accounts receivable was down to 67 days, both improvements.

-heard that the new director of nursing services, Molly Rhea, was doing "excellently." "A lot of things have been coming at her and I think she's really enjoying it," commented CEO Victor Vander Does. He said that the switch in job descriptions for Rusty Estes, from maintenance to emergency services, and Carl Lauritsen, from emergency services to maintenance, was also working well.

Ione Schools corrects honor roll list

The recently published honor roll list from Ione Schools for quarter two and semester one had been made in error, including no distribution between group A (4.0-3.5) and B (3.49-3.0) honor roll students. The corrected list for the school is as follows:

Quarter 2:

Grade 5: (A)- Steven Holland, Zac Orem, Jordan Peterson, Christine Raible, Makenna Ramos and Mary Rietmann; (B)- Adam Collin, JoAnna Patton and Micah Stillman.

Grade 6: (A)- Beth Morter (4.0), Mariah Bradfield, Tom Holland and Jake Trahan; (B)- Tim Clay, Mary Gates, Marco Juarez, Kevin LaRue, Alex Rietmann, Tanner Rietmann and Shelby Wiggers.

Grade 7: (A)- Alex Carlson (4.0), Sarah Stillman (4.0), Stefanie Archer, Mike Raible, R.J. Ramos and Heather Wiggers; (B)- Gunner Jessen and Tyree Svetich.

Grade 8: (A)- Tiana Camarillo, Kara Clay, Matt Coleman and Brenna Rietmann; (B)- Luke Bradfield and Clay Morter.

Grade 9: (A)- Justin Archer (4.0), Shannon Clay (4.0), Emily Rietmann (4.0), Kip Krebs and Teonna Vandever; (B)- Paige Armstrong, Kaylee Palmateer, Alan Rietmann and Kyle Svetich.

Grade 10: (A)- Stephanie Holland and Kayla LaRue; (B)- Mason Bradfield, Meghan Gaines and Megan Tollefson.

Grade 11: (A)- Tony Bolin, Jenny Griffith and Kyle Palmateer; (B)- Tyler Brown, Ashly Grams, Kelly Thompson and John Walton.

Grade 12: (A)- Nick Christman (4.0), Barbara Holland (4.0), Kasie Peterson (4.0), Alyssa Rietmann (4.0), Missy Baker, Arthur Ekstrom, Amanda Emery, Sara Peck and Tyler Riverman; (B)- Austin Arballo, Taylor McElligott and Kim Morris.

Semester 1:

Grade 5: (A)- Steven Holland, Zac Orem, Jordan Peterson, Christine Raible, Makenna Ramos and Mary Rietmann; (B)- Adam Collin and Micah Stillman.

Grade 6: (A)- Beth Morter (4.0), Mariah Bradfield, Mary Gates, Tom Holland, Alex Rietmann, Tanner Rietmann and Jake Trahan; (B)- Marco Juarez, Kevin LaRue and Shelby Wiggers.

Grade 7: (A)- Alex Carlson (4.0), Sarah Stillman (4.0), Mike Raible and R.J. Ramos; (B)- Stefanie Archer, Matt Hams, Gunner Jessen, Tyree Svetich and Heather Wiggers.

Grade 8: (A)- Tiana Camarillo (4.0), Kara Clay (4.0), Matt Coleman and Brenna Rietmann; (B)- Luke Bradfield and Clay Morter.

Grade 9: (A)- Justin Archer (4.0), Shannon Clay (4.0) and Emily Rietmann (4.0); (B)- Kip Krebs, Kaylee Palmateer, Alan Rietmann, Kyle Svetich and Max Trahan.

Grade 10: (A)- Stephanie Holland (4.0), Kayla LaRue and Megan Tollefson; (B)- Mason Bradfield and Brittnee DesBouillons.

Grade 11: (A)- Tony Bolin, Ashly Grams, Jenny Griffith and Kyle Palmateer; (B)- William Bergstrom, Tyler Brown, Kelly Thompson and John Walton.

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