

HHS National Honor Society members help at Senior Center



Members of the Heppner High School National Honor Society (L-R): Kylee Disque, Liz Orwick, Jessica Wainwright, Laurie Murray, Cara Kennedy and Kyle Huddleston.

On Wednesday, Feb. 23, Heppner High School's National Honor Society students helped serve lunch at the Senior Center. Debbie Basil and Cindy Kennedy prepared the lunch. The seven members of the National Honor Society who attended the lunch served

pizza, vegetables and dessert to the senior citizens. As part of an effort to show appreciation to the community for their support through out the years, the National Honor Society of HHS has been involved in various volunteer and community service activities.

As President of the National Honor Society Cara Kennedy said, "What better way to help the community, by serving lunch to our most important community members." The seven students enjoyed the experience so much that they want to continue to do it as a monthly activity.

Legion continues building improvements



(L-R): Ione Legion Commander Bob Baker received a donation of \$1500 from Bank of Eastern Oregon- Ione branch manager Sharon Rietmann, along with Chairwoman of the restoration project Jean Jepsen and Legion Auxiliary President Irene Holtz.

The Ione American Legion Hall is nearing the end of its restoration phase as members of the Legion and Auxiliary have worked for the past five years restoring flooring, windows, heating systems and other projects. Through community support and grant writing a sundry amount of projects have been able to be completed. The list of projects began in 2000 when it was determined that many cracks in the hall's wood flooring needed to be repaired in order to maintain the floor. As the group was working on the floors, it was determined that the old oil furnaces and flues were

unsafe. To help with the needed funding to complete the projects a capital funds campaign was begun and Vincent McElligott offered his services to help Jean Jepsen, project chairwoman, write grants. A grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust along with the gained funds helped pay for the replacement of the heating system along with new windows, doors and some insulation. The following year, the bathrooms and new fixtures were updated and vinyl and carpeting was laid. The bar area was also updated to become a permanent fixture.

In 2003, a grant from Wildhorse Foundation helped repair the sub-floor and put new vinyl in the kitchen and meeting area. The next and newest phase of the restoration project is to bring the building up to electrical code and install new lighting throughout the hall. With these improvements the hall should be completed. Funds for the final projects are being brought in through community donations along with a second grant from the Wildhorse Foundation. Also, as a way to help gain more funding, the Legion and Auxiliary is holding a Poker and Bingo fundraiser on March 6. The fundraiser will include Texas Hold 'Em, Bingo, food and a silent auction. Everyone is welcome to attend the event, which will begin at 4 p.m. at the Hall. Those wishing to join the poker tournament should sign-up between 3 and 3:45 p.m. The Legion and Auxiliary appreciates all the community support and the many grants that have been received. "The hall should be in good shape now for many more years," said Jepsen.

Food Handlers class no longer available in Heppner

The Food Handler's classes are no longer being offered by the State Health Department in the area. However, food handler's cards are still required for people who handle food. This includes vendors and groups preparing food or meals for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Heppner.

A couple of options are available for those interested in obtaining a food handler's card. The course may be taken online or by mail through the Oregon Restaurant Association. Their website is www.ora.org/education/education_fonline.htm. Food handler's cards are good for three years and cost \$10.

Shamrockettes kick their way to Portland

The dancers of the Shamrockettes Dance Team were kicking up a storm for a Kick-a-thon fund raiser on Feb. 18. The girls are saving up to fund a trip to Portland in March for the Oregon Dance/Drill Competition. The team cannot perform because they are not school affiliated, however, they are going to watch and learn and then decide what the team will look like for the future.

The team has intensively trained since Christmas for the Kick-a-thon.

Practices often consisted of 200-300 kicks over the practice hour. The dancers challenged the coach, Kellee Jones-January Shamrockette of the Month.

Jodi Chapa, to do kicks with them. "Back in the West Albany Hi-Steppers, 20 years ago, 550 kicks was a breeze. One hundred forty-four is all I could kick out today, maybe more next year," said Chapa.

The girls collected sponsors for their kicks, either receiving flat fees or 1-5 cents per kick. The shoulder-high-minimum kicks were all performed to music and done non-stop.

HHS 2005 baseball schedule

Heppner High School has announced its 2005 baseball schedule as of Feb. 28, 2005:

- Varsity:**
 Monday, March 21- Clatskanie at Heppner, 1 p.m.;
 Tuesday, March 22- Sherman County at Heppner, 12 p.m.;
 Friday/Saturday, March 25,26- Colfax Tournament at Colfax, TBA;
 Friday, April 1- Grant Union at Heppner, 2 p.m.;
 Saturday, April 2- Warrenton at Warrenton, 12 p.m.;
 Saturday, April 9- Nyssa at Heppner, 1 p.m.;
 Tuesday, April 12- Weston-McEwen at Weston, 4:30 p.m.;
 Saturday, April 16- Umatilla at Heppner, 11 a.m.;
 Monday, April 18- LaGrande at LaGrande, 3:30 p.m.;
 Friday, April 22- Stanfield at Stanfield, 11 a.m.;
 Tuesday, April 26- Pilot Rock at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.;
 Saturday, April 30- Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 11 a.m.;
 Tuesday, May 3- Umatilla at Umatilla, 4:30 p.m.;
 Friday, May 6- Hermiston JV at Heppner, 1 p.m.;
 Tuesday, May 10- Stanfield at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.;
 Saturday, May 14- Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 11 a.m.;
 Saturday, May 22- District Tournament at Pendleton, 12 p.m.
JV:
 Thursday, March 17- Riverside at Boardman, 3:30 p.m.;
 Monday, March 28- Hermiston at Hermiston, 4 p.m.;
 Thursday, March 31- Umatilla at Umatilla, 3 p.m.;
 Monday, April 4- Stanfield at Heppner, 4:15 p.m.;
 Thursday, April 7- Stanfield at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.;
 Thursday, April 14- Riverside at Heppner, 3:30 p.m.;
 Thursday, April 21- Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.;
 Thursday, April 28- Pilot Rock at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.;
 Monday, May 2- Stanfield at Heppner, 4 p.m.;
 Thursday, May 5- Umatilla at Heppner, 4 p.m.



Jodessa Chapa was the top Kick-a-thon kicker with 480 kicks.

The top kicker was Jodessa Chapa with 480 kicks. "I really want to go on this trip," said Jodessa. The other team members in their order of kicks were, Kolleen Chapa- 320; Carrie Haguewood- 202; Katie Tayloe- 107; Amber Gray 89; and Ashley Wolff- 74. Not all team members were able to compete due to injuries. "Even sickness hasn't stopped the girls, maybe limited the number of kicks, but not their spirit for helping their team," added Coach Chapa.

Even though she was unable to compete due to an injury, Kellee Jones, Shamrockette of the Month for January, helped hold arms during the kick-a-thon. "Kellee has showed up to practices to run music and stretch, participated in

fundraising and supported her team even days after breaking her arm. Her dedication, enthusiasm, understanding of "team" and undying spirit had her easily selected as January's Shamrockette. She is the true example of our team motto, "There is no I in team."

The team hasn't quite made the total amount they need for the trip in March so they are collecting pop cans to finish out the amount. If you have cans, please contact a dance team member or call 676-8161. They will be rushing back from their trip to open the St. Patrick's Parade on March 19 and then perform at the Ceili Celebration later that day.

HHS 2005 golf schedule announced

Heppner High School has announced the 2005 golf schedule as of Feb. 15:

- Friday, March 18- Arlington at China Creek, 10 a.m., B/G/V/JV;
 Friday, April 2- Umatilla Invite at McNary, 10 a.m., B/G;
 Friday, April 8- Small Schools Invitation at Echo Hills, 10 a.m., B/GV;
 Thursday, April 14- Riverside/Condon/Umatilla/Echo at Willow Creek, 3 p.m., B/G;
 Friday, April 15- 2A Invite (Enterprise) at Wildhorse, 11 a.m., B;
 Friday, April 15- Girls Invite at Umatilla, 1 p.m., G;
 Thursday, April 21- Invitational at Pendleton C.C., 1 p.m., G Varsity;
 Friday, April 22- Arlington Invite at China Creek, TBA, B/G;
 Thursday, April 28- Pendleton/Hermiston JV at Willow Creek, 4 p.m., B/G;
 Friday, April 29- Invitational at Pendleton C.C., 1 p.m., B Varsity;
 Friday, May 6- Heppner/Condon/Riverside/Kinzua at Condon/Kinzua Invite, TBA, B/G;
 Saturday, May 7- Heppner High Scramble, 9 a.m.;
 Monday and Tuesday, May 9-10- District Tournament at Wildhorse, TBA, B/G.

- Tuesday, April 19- Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 4 p.m.;
 Saturday, April 23- Stanfield at Stanfield, 1 p.m.;
 Tuesday, April 26- Culver at Heppner, 4 p.m.;
 Saturday, April 30- Umatilla at Heppner, 1 p.m.;
 Tuesday, May 3- Pilot Rock at Heppner, 4 p.m.;
 Saturday, May 7- Culver at Culver, 1 p.m.;
 Tuesday, May 10- Weston-McEwen at Weston, 4 p.m.;
 Saturday, May 14- Stanfield at Heppner, 1 p.m.;
 Tuesday, May 17- Make-up/Play-Off;
 Saturday, May 21- District Tournament at La Grande, 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

HHS 2005 softball schedule announced

Heppner High School has announced its 2005 softball schedule as of Feb. 15. Following is the schedule of games:

- Thursday, March 17- Union at Union, 2 p.m.;
 Saturday, April 2- Warrenton at Warrenton, 12 p.m.;
 Saturday, April 9- Nyssa at Heppner, 12 p.m.;
 Tuesday, April 12- Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.;
 Saturday, April 16- Umatilla at Umatilla, 11 a.m.;

HHS announces 2005 track schedule

- Heppner High School has announced its 2005 track schedule as of Feb. 15:
 Friday, March 18- Umatilla Icebreaker at Umatilla, 2 p.m.;
 Friday, April 1- Dick Horyna Invite at Stanfield, 2 p.m.;
 Thursday, April 8- Hermiston JV 5-way at Hermiston, 3 p.m.;
 Saturday, April 9- Umatilla/Heppner Invite at Umatilla, 11 a.m.;
 Saturday, April 16- Condon Invitational at Condon, 11 a.m.;
 Friday, April 22- Rivers Edge at Umatilla, 2 p.m.;
 Friday, April 29- Morrow County Invite at Boardman, 2 p.m.;
 Tuesday, May 4- Pendleton Four-Way at Pendleton, 4 p.m.;
 Saturday, May 7- Pre-District Meet at Stanfield, 11 a.m.;
 Friday, May 13- District 7 2A meet at Sherman, 2 p.m.;
 Saturday, May 14- District 7 2A meet at Sherman, 11 a.m.;
 Friday and Saturday, May 20-21- State 2A meet at Monmouth, TBA.