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**Wee Bit O'Ireland in Heppner, Oregon**

By Claudia Hughes

The question is, do you wish to keep the Irish in Heppner, Oregon? It is imperative that a board of directors be formed immediately to ensure that this happens. Needed on this board is a representative from the city for liability purposes, the Chamber for communication purposes, and a number of members at large. Being of Irish heritage is not required, but would contribute to the mix.

What would be required of you, you might ask? A sense of humor, a desire to meet new people and an enjoyment of volunteering is all that is needed. You would be working in an advisory capacity as well as making a few calls to make sure that some of the essential committees are functioning. It's organized, it's laid out, and it comes with wonderful people working together to make Heppner a fun place to spend the weekend of March 17. Please call Claudia or Cara for more information or just your name and the words "yes, I can."

As for committee folks, would ye be willing to organize some games such as the bed races, O'Shanty races or plank races? Give a call. Would ye be willing to help with the publicity? Would ye take over the teen dance at the high school? Would your organization take charge of welcoming people from the green booth on Main Street? Many leprechauns make light work. The "old" folks are requesting new faces, younger faces. Learn an Irish jig. New ideas are welcome. Change is good. (541) 676-5536.

May the luck o' the Irish be with you and encourage you to help turn Heppner green for the 24<sup>th</sup> year. March 16-19, 2006.

**Raffles to be held 4-H Rocket Club meeting and launch is planned**

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court will raffle off a half a pig to be drawn on St. Patrick's weekend at the motocross race, with the other half a pig to be raffled on Sunday at the rodeo.

Also, a Black Hills Gold ring will be raffled. The ring will be on display at Peterson's Jewelers in Heppner. The drawing will be held on Sunday of fair and rodeo weekend.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. For more information, call 676-9474 or 676-9821.

The next meeting of the 4-H rocket club is planned for Thursday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m. at Ione High School in Dale Holland's science room. The club is planning a launch for Friday, Dec. 2 at Duane Neiffer's home at McNab. The details of the launch will be decided at the meeting.

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**Health District**

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-discussed staff recruitment and retention, including opportunities for advancement, education and training.

-voted to purchase Christmas hams for district employees and some volunteers.

-approved contributing \$1,000 toward an Irrigon community reader board at A.C. Houghton Elementary. The district would have access to the electronic system and would be able to put messages on the board.

-approved contributing \$200 for lights at the Heppner tennis courts, citing a commitment to improving health in the community. The Heppner Chamber is also participating. The board discussed having a fixed time for turning the lights out, so that nearby residents would not be inconvenienced by the lights.

-heard the October 2005 financial report which showed \$367,318 in gross patient revenue; \$385,123 in total operating revenue; \$443,893 in total operating expenses, less \$9,092 for a non-operating net gain, for a loss of \$49,677.

-learned from Mahoney that the district will receive a Medicare settlement of \$275,000 in January.

-learned that Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living is at full capacity. While it sadly recently lost a resident, a new resident has already committed to moving in. Vander Does said the center has a short, active waiting list.

-discussed purchasing a bus for the assisted living center. It was suggested that Morrow County Commissioner John Wenholz be contacted concerning obtaining a grant for purchase of a bus.

-heard the following report: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 349 visits for October with 25 new patients and 92 patients seen by a nurse; Irrigon Clinic had 173 visits with 39 new patients, 76 seen by a nurse and 24 no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 19 total runs with 17 transported and \$11,921 in revenue, Boardman Ambulance had 23 total runs with 18 transported and \$16,782 in revenue, and Irrigon Ambulance had 11 total runs with four transported and \$3150 in revenue and there were also two flights; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had eight admissions, two swing bed admissions, 422 outpatients, 76 emergency room encounters, 1474 lab tests, 73 x-ray procedures, 40 CT scans, 35 EKG tests, four respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 108 visits; Hospice had three admits; the pharmacy had 692 drug doses for \$33,382 in drug revenue

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676-9228



**NIFTY! NIFTY!**  
**RANDY is 50!**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**December 1st**  
Go Mustangs Go!!

**Obituaries**

**Joe E. Wright**

Joe Wright, 94, of Heppner, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005.

A memorial service was held at Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living in Heppner on Monday, Nov. 28.

A second memorial service for Mr. Wright was held Nov. 30 at Forest Lawn Cemetery Chapel in Gresham.

Mr. Wright was born May 1, 1911, in Portland, the son of Edward Robert and Annie F. Wilkes Wright. He attended school in Gresham. He married Maryette Hamlin on March 17, 1934, in Walla Walla. He lived and worked in Gresham at Gresham Transfer until moving to Heppner in 1951.

He purchased Aikens Tavern with his in-laws, but sold his share to buy a truck. Mr. Lewis hauled lumber and then logs for Heppner Pine Mills. He and his wife also owned the local flower shop, and he helped there for a couple of years.

The couple moved back to Gresham in 1965 and he continued to drive log truck for Knapp Logging until his retirement. Due to his wife's poor health, the Wrights moved back to Heppner where he lived with his daughter, while his wife was cared for at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home. Mr. Wright has spent his last years at Willow Creek Terrace.

He was a lifetime member of the Heppner Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 358 and was a lifetime member of the Gresham Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Wright was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; daughter, Joan Grey; brothers, E. R. "Ted" Wright and Eddie Wright; sisters, Geneva Johnson, Lena LaLonde, Gladys Hogg and Annie Wright. His daughter, Judy Buschke, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews survive him.

Memorial contributions may be made to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, P.O. Box 610, Heppner, OR 97836, or Heppner BPOE 358, P.O. Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Harvey R. Donnell**

Harvey R. Donnell, 83, of Kennewick, WA, died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005.

A celebration of life service for Mr. Donnell will be held Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, 3616 W. Court St., Suite F, Pasco.

He was born in Searsport, Maine, June 20, 1922, and spent his childhood in and around Lynn, Mass. He graduated from the Wayside Inn Boys' School in Sudbury, Mass., and served in the Marines in

the South Pacific in World War II.

Mr. Donnell later moved to Pasadena where he worked for the Pasadena Fire Department and then for Lockheed Missile Division in Sunnyvale, Calif., as a logistic analyst until retirement in 1983.

At that time, he and his family moved to Sierraville, CA., in the Sierra Mountains, where the couple's grandchildren loved to visit. He and his wife then lived in Rio Rancho, N.M., Heppner, and Kennewick since 1997.

Mr. Donnell was a member of First Church of Christ Scientist, Pasco.

He enjoyed driving in stock car races, bowling, working with youth groups, gardening, camping, music, bridge, parliamentary law, football and other sports, and church work. His family says they are grateful to have shared many happy times with him, especially in California and during trips to Boston, Alaska, Hawaii, New Mexico and Oregon.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Doris Donnell; a sister, Dorothy Delp of Danvers, Mass.; daughters, Alice Desroches and Kathi Honeycutt of Anchorage, Alaska, and Deborah Kendrick of Heppner; stepsons, Randy Bashta of Acton, Mass. and Dennis Bashta of Reno; 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to his church's building fund, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or a charity of choice.

**P. W. Kenneth Wenberg**

P. W. Kenneth Wenberg, 96, Heppner, died Nov. 11, 2005, at his home.

A memorial service for P. W. Kenneth Wenberg was held Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A candlelight committal service followed at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

He was born January 16, 1909, at Arcadia, Nebraska, the son of Otto and Anna Wollis Wenberg. He was raised on the family farm near Fullerton, Nebraska, where he graduated from high school. He worked on the farm until leaving during the "dust bowl days" tragedy. He sold his farm equipment for his college education at the age of 30. He graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1943.

On August 30, 1943, he married Freda Mae Cleaveland at Boulder, Colorado, the same day she graduated from nursing school. The couple lived in Missouri, Colorado, Ohio and Michigan until his retirement from pastoral and literature work for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They moved to Heppner where he has lived with his eldest son the past six years.

He enjoyed reading from his extensive personal library until he lost his eyesight in the past couple of years. He thoroughly enjoyed his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Wenberg was preceded in death by Freda Mae, his wife of 57 years; his parents; brother, Wayne; sisters, Luella and Nell; and a great grandchild, Wales Wenberg.

Survivors include his sons, Kenneth Fred Wenberg, and his wife Bonnie of Heppner, Daniel

Eugene Wenberg and his wife Sharlyn of Turlock, California; grandchildren, Erik, Heidi, Jamilyn, Lars, Scott, Peter, Nels and Mindy; great grandchildren, Sebastian, Akaina, Noah, Malychi, Annagrace, Mazie, Hailey and Abigail; brother and sisters, Saint Ena Eurath Mattison, Wales Denton Wenberg, and Elaine De Vere Payne.

Memorial contributions may be made to Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes

**Congratulations Heppner Mustangs.** Our community is proud of you, your teamwork and your coaches. Rumor has it that we may be able to cheer you on to yet another victory during this Thursday's annual Holiday Light Parade. Hope to see you with lights aglow.

Locate your long Johns, hats, and gloves before you head out to "Stroll Heppner" Thursday. Local businesses are holding "open houses" in appreciation of their customers and visitors. It's an opportunity for some early shopping, greeting friends and neighbors, and a chance to win prizes, maybe even a Christmas tree.

Drop by the city hall to meet the new city manager David DeMayo and his wife, Neva. At the same time take a peek at the Chamber/Hospice trees and baskets, which will be auctioned off immediately after the Light Parade. Hospice and the Heppner Chamber will share the proceeds to assist our citizens and enhance our community. Vote for the people's choice and buy a few raffle tickets to win a tree adorned with a variety of creations, from snowmen to Christmas stamps, and return to bid on your favorite after the parade. Santa will be on hand from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for photos.

Light parade prizes will be awarded in four categories: individual, schools, community, and commercial. Sponsors are the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Morrow County Grain Growers, Windwave, and Columbia Basin. (If you're reading this on Wednesday, you still have time to get in line on Thursday.)

It's a busy early December with much to offer; Thursday's Heppner festivities, football, shopping, the Willow Creek Symphony and Singers, Christian Women's Cookie Exchange. It's Advent, after all, and time to give thought to your reason for the season. Breathe and enjoy.

**Justice Court monthly report**

The Morrow County Justice Court has released the following information for the months of August and September 2005.

During the month 314 traffic citations were issued; along with 16 misdemeanors; five DUIs; four small claims; three civil claims; 10 hearings scheduled; and 74 warrants issued.

The total amount received from fines and fees was \$73,927.24. The state received \$21,540. The county received \$51,982.24 and \$405 was paid in restitution.

**HEPPNER ELKS 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

**- Thursday, December 1st -**

**LADIES' NIGHT**  
Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

**Prime Rib with all the extras**  
Prepared by chefs Marty & Tony

**LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
for our departed members at 8 p.m.

**"Never forgotten, Never forsaken"**

**Emmett Kenny (life member) 1-31-05**  
**Oliver Devin 2-16-05**  
**John Akers 4-5-05**  
**E.O. Keithley (Past Exalted Ruler) 4-29-05**  
**William Hollen 7-9-05**  
**William Scott 7-9-05**  
**Stanley Cox 11-6-05**  
**Joe Wright 11-22-05**

*"The faults of our members are written upon the sands.  
Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."*