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MCSO to hold vehicle & scrap metal clean up

Sargent Randy Rayburn, MCSO, Dan Looslie and Danielle Looslie, Lexington Auto Body, unload a broken down vehicle.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office will be holding a scrap metal and broken down vehicle cleanup for South Morrow County April 10 through May 21. Morrow County Grain Growers has loaned the sheriff's office property in Lexington next to the grain elevator to store vehicles and scrap metal. They will not be accepting household garbage, rubbish, batteries or tires. Anyone caught throwing away household garbage, etc., will be charged with offensive littering.

For City of Heppner, City of Ione and Town of Lexington residents, Lexington Auto Body will tow your broken down vehicle for $50 as long as it has two good tires.

Collection times will be held Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have a vehicle or scrap metal to drop off, please call Sgt. Rayburn or Deputy Lehman at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, 676-5317, to make arrangements.

Lexington Grange to host candidate's forum

A candidate's forum is planned at the Lexington Grange on Monday, April 17. A potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the forum to follow. The public is welcome to attend.

HHS to hold parent-teacher conferences and open house

Parent-Teacher conferences at Heppner High School will be held April 6, 7 and 11. On April 6 and 11, everyone is welcome to attend, no appointments are necessary, from 4-8 p.m. On April 7, appointments may be scheduled between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., and need to be scheduled by April 5.

An open house is scheduled for April 11 from 4-8 p.m. This event will include the viewing of student projects, ASB tours, snacks and other activities. The open house is open to all community members.

Ione Community Church to hold various Holy Week activities

Holy Week begins for Ione Community Church with a Palm Sunday Parade, April 9, at 9:45 a.m. Children, families, members of the community (and donkeys) are invited to join the parade, which begins at St. William's Catholic Church and concludes with a short outdoor service, weather permitting, then hot chocolate in the Community Room at Ione Community Church.

A Children's Choir will join the Adult Worship Team for Gathering Music at the 11 a.m. Palm Sunday service. Young children and their families are welcome to join the Children's Choir. Call Ione Community Church for the rehearsal schedule.

Singspiration, an evening of music sponsored by the South Morrow County churches of Heppner, Lexington and Ione, will be held at Ione Community Church at 7 p.m., Palm Sunday, April 9. Christian musicians are invited to share their musical gifts during this hour of inspiration.

Other Holy Week events at Ione Community Church include Clean Up Day of Preparation on Saturday, April 8; a showing of the second half of the Jesus Film on Monday, April 10 at 5 p.m.; a Messianic Seder Dinner and service otherwise known as the Last Supper (reservations required) on Wednesday evening, April 12 the first night of Passover; a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 13; and a showing of the film, The Passion, on Friday evening, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Week, culminating in Resurrection Sunday, also known as Easter, is the most important Christian holiday because it is a celebration of Jesus' last week on earth. It begins with his being crowned King on Palm Sunday, then later in the week giving the new covenant at the Last Supper, his betrayal and death on the cross, followed by being buried in a tomb and his resurrection on the following Sunday morning.

The purpose of Ione Community Church is to advance faith in Christ and meet spiritual needs of the communities of Ione, Lexington and Heppner. Sunday services are held at 9:45 a.m., at the same time as Sunday school and 11 a.m., when nursery is provided.

Rev. Dr. Lori Wiley is serving as transitional pastor. For more information, call 422-7530 or e-mail ionecommunitychurch @windwave.org.

Meteorite program set at Heppner

A special family program about meteorites will be held in Heppner on Monday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m., by the Cascadia Meteorite Laboratory of Portland State University. The program will be held at the Oregon Trail Library District's branch library in Heppner. The program is free and open to persons of all ages.

The event is sponsored by the nonprofit Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) and the library district as part of an Eastern Oregon tour for the meteorite program this spring.

According to scientists, in eastern Oregon there is likely at least one meteorite lying on the earth's surface within every half square mile.

Richard Pugh, a renowned meteorite scientist who travels worldwide to search for and research these rocks from space will present a lively program that includes a power point presentation and question and answer period.

Pugh said he will bring $15,000 worth of meteorites with him and he encourages those attending to pick up and handle the meteorites.

Pugh will give a presentation to students earlier in the day.

"To date not one meteorite has been found in Oregon east of the Cascades," Pugh said, noting that only a total of three meteorites have ever been found in Oregon.

"The eastside of the state is most intriguing to scientists. We know that there are meteorites out there and that it's just a matter of time until one is found," Pugh said.

Pugh asks that anyone with a rock that he or she thinks may be a meteorite, to please bring it to the event for identification.

Most meteorites are heavy, magnetic and irregular in shape, often with indentations that resemble thumbprints. They often appear rusty with a thin black or brown burned coating from being hurled through space.

This program is one in a series of family science programs from LEO in partnership with the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) to bring science and space science programs to rural Oregon.

For further information, contact Lyn Craig, LEO Executive Director at (541) 763-2355 or Marsha Richmond, OTLD Director at (541) 481-3365.

Candidate Road Show travels to Umatilla County

The four Democratic congressional candidates from the 2nd Congressional District will visit Pendleton on Sunday, April 2, at 1:30 p.m. The event takes place at Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion, in the Community Room. The event is open to the public and all community members are encouraged to come.

Chuck Butcher of Baker County, Dan Davis of Jackson County, Scott Silver of Deschutes County and Carol Voisin of Jackson County, the four candidates contending for the Democratic nomination, will be challenging each other for the Democratic nomination. The winner of the Democratic primary election will go on to face Republican Congressman Greg Walden in the November general election. Information about the candidates can be found on the 2nd Congressional District website: www.2ndCD.org.

At this ninth stop on their district wide tour, candidates will visit Pendleton to meet with voters, answer questions and discuss their individual platforms. Dessert will be served at 1:30 p.m. The candidates will give statements beginning at 2 p.m. and public questions will follow.

This stop is part of the "Candidates Road Show," which is a seven-week event designed to bring all four Democratic candidates from the 2nd Congressional District together and give voters a chance to hear from each candidate before the May 16, 2006 primary election. This road show is the first of its kind for the 2nd Congressional District, which is the largest congressional district in Oregon and covers nearly two-thirds of the state.

"This is an exciting stop on the tour," said Ben Talley, chairman of the Umatilla County Democratic Party Central Committee. "Voters from Pendleton and the surrounding area will get a first hand chance to understand each of the candidate's positions on the important issues of this election."

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