

## Irish road bowling date set

Irish Road Bowling will return to Heppner on St. Pat's weekend this year, so adults up to the challenge, Irish or not, are encouraged to join the fun on Sunday, March 18, at 1:30 p.m.

Though road bowling has been a sport in Ireland for centuries, last year brought the sport to Heppner for the first time. Tim Daly, who was raised on Little Butter Creek and now lives in western Oregon, suggested the sport to the St. Pat's committee, supporting what two members of that committee had been thinking for quite a while. Daly had seen the sport played while in Ireland and knew it would be a fun-filled addition to the Wee Bit O' Ireland celebration. He was so sure, he donated the "bowls" (iron balls) used in the sport and came from Portland to participate last year.

A trophy displayed in City Hall is topped by a bowl and is etched with the name of the first year's winning players from Redmond, Oregon: Kirk and Lottie Holcomb come virtually every year for the annual celebration and are oftentimes participants as well as spectators at the

## Education achievement

### standards forums to be held

The Oregon Department of Education will host "Making Sense of the Achievement Standards" as part of a series of seven regional meetings throughout the state to present recommendations from the December 2006 Standards Setting Panel meeting.

Achievement levels ("cut-score") for test in reading, math, science and English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) will be presented with examples of test items.

Participants will be asked to respond to the recommendations. Results of participant responses and comments will be reported to the State Board of Education before the standards are adopted in March.

Educators, parents, and community/business members are encouraged to attend. Registration is not required, but is requested to

ensure that adequate meeting space and materials are available. Meetings will be held in the following locations: Monday, January 29, at 4 p.m. - Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (UMESD), Lodgepole-Ponderosa meeting room, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton

Monday, January 29, at 7 p.m. - Hermiston School District Office, board meeting room, 341 N.E. Third St., Hermiston. To register for either location, log onto the Oregon Department of Education's Web site at <http://www.ode.state.or.us/news/events/>.

For more information contact Barbara Wolfe at the ODE at [barbara.wolfe@state.or.us](mailto:barbara.wolfe@state.or.us), or Kacie Moss for the Pendleton forum (541) 966-3220, or Kathy Rankin for the Hermiston forum (541) 667-6010.

weekend events. Last year was their first encounter with road bowling, as it was for the other players, and as soon as the prizes were awarded, they and their two other team members, Kirk's daughter Keri and husband Jerod Lopez, were laughingly "planning strategy for next year." A second winning team's name will be added to the trophy this March and each year for years to come, the St. Pat's committee hopes.

More information will appear in future editions of the *Gazette Times*, and information on road bowling is available on the Internet. Teams will consist of at least two and up to four members, who take turns tossing the "bowl" (small, iron ball) through a course of one to two miles of city streets and/or country roads.

The team that reaches the finish line with the fewest tosses wins the prize money, bragging rights, and the honor of having their team's name on the trophy.

Each participant will \$5 to play, and the winning team will receive half of the total purse, with the other half going to the St. Pat's fund.

## Two Ag scholarships available

The Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation (OAEF) announces the availability of two scholarships for Oregon high school graduates attending a junior college or a four-year college or university in Oregon, with plans to pursue a career in the agriculture industry.

The Oregon Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarship is open to new and continuing full-time students, who are pursuing an agriculture-related major. Two scholarship winners will receive \$1,500 and there will be a number of \$1,000 and \$750 award recipients, depending on available funds. (Typically, eight to 10 students are honored each year.) It is possible to reapply for the scholarship annually.

The Willamette Valley Ag Association Scholarship is available to full-time students who are college-level juniors or higher, and are pursuing an agriculture-related major. A number of \$1,000 scholarships will be given, depending on available funds.

A current application must be used when applying for the Academic Year 07-08. The deadline is April 1.

Both applications are available online at <http://www.oregonfb.org> (under the "Programs" menu - "Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation" - "Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarship") or by contacting Betty Brose at (503) 399-1701, ext. 327, or e-mail [betty@oregonfb.org](mailto:betty@oregonfb.org).

The goal of the OAEF scholarships is to: "Support students that would have a positive impact on production agriculture and other agricultural-related fields."

## Marriage Licenses

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:

-January 16 - Ralph William Deboer, 58, Lexington, and Burul Bakishevna Urazova, 41, Lexington.

## Time to take down lights

It is time to take down the tree lights on Heppner's Main Street. Lights need to be removed by the week of January 29. Lights can be brought to the Chamber in a bag with your name on it and will be stored for next year if you do not wish to store them yourself.

## Three HHS students place in top four in Garden Club essay contest



Pictured are: kneeling (L-R) Zach McCarl, Kylie Van Arsdale, Erin Price, Kellee Jones, Joshua Gaines, and Forrest Reed. Middle Row (L-R) Lane Wight, Brandon Garcia, Tomás Elguezabal, Jessica Hughes, and Chris Lien. Back Row (L-R) Andre Rauch, Frank Meyer, Brent Eckman, Torri Lovgren, Wacy Coil, Jordan Hatfield, and Mrs. Collins. Not pictured are Lacie Wagoner and Catherine McElligott.

The Heppner Garden Club, under the direction of JoAnne Bursleson, assisted in sponsoring 18 local students from Heppner High School in the National Garden Club 2006-2007 High School Essay Contest.

The topic this year was Preserve the Worlds Delicate Tapestry. The

minimum length of the essay was 500 words.

The students were scored on content, composition and manuscript, with emphasis on the rainforest, rivers, oceans, or the atmosphere.

All 18 entries attend Mrs. Collins 9<sup>th</sup> grade English class. Out of the 18, three placed in the top four

spots statewide. Winners will be recognized at the State Garden Club Convention in June in Eugene.

First place winner was a junior who attends Lincoln High in Portland.

Second place was Lacie Wagoner, third place was Erin Price, and fourth place was Lane Wight.

## Heppner Christian Church to host seminar

Heppner Christian Church will hold a free five-hour seminar Saturday, January 27, at 1 p.m. The seminar will be led by Lee Turner and is based on a revealing exposition of Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39. Printed notes will be available for every participant. Refreshments will be served at the halfway point.

The Bible gives great insight about that 'final war' between Islam and the West. The wars in Afghanistan, in Iraq and in Somalia are only the prelude to a much wider all-out war. In the March 20,

2006 issue of U.S. News & World Report, the editor, Mortimer B. Zukerman wrote that "just a few days before the Palestinian election, Ahmadinejad met Mashal and Hamas; another leader-in-exile, Musa Abu Marzuk, in Damascus, along with the leaders of nine other Syria-based terrorist groups. The Palestinian conflict, they concluded, will become a 'focal point of the final war' between Islam and the West."

Turner spent 15 years in Pakistan and left only because he lost his Visa. He and his son took a six-

month tour of the Middle East on their way out of Pakistan. They visited every Middle East country except Iraq. He had a church in Philadelphia for 9 years and has 5 churches started in Pakistan.

On Sunday, January 28, Lee will be doing a sermon entitled "New Horizons For The Mission Committee, How The Heppner Church Can Have Influence For God Around The World." Sunday School starts and 9:45 and church services start at 11:00 a.m. at Heppner Christian Church.

## A view from the hill

by Doris Brosnan

December was a wintry whirlwind of activity at Willow Creek Terrace, and January does not appear to be much less busy, which is just fine with the residents and staff who view visitors and activities as mainstays to life on the Hill.

Residents enjoyed their participation in the Heppner Chamber's Tree Auction, enjoyed viewing the towns' Christmas-lights displays, and watched the light parade. The Terrace's dining room was the hub of activity throughout December, as visitors and several groups of carolers shared their joy for the Christmas season, helped decorate cookies, and enjoyed Christmas and New Year's Eve dinners with the residents. Mayor Dave DeMayo and his wife, Neva, joined the residents in "decking the halls" for the season and returned for the wonderful prime-rib dinner on Christmas. Crab was the main fare at the table as 2006 was ending.

Of course, December also included some "snuggly" moments reminiscent of wintry days gone by, like the hot chocolate and cookies after one outing and the "pajama day" a few days before Christmas.

Wintry weather has continued in January, making the Terrace a welcome refuge from the cold, and celebrations and activities have continued to bring variety beyond the scheduled events each week. The Frisbee Toss attracted several residents during morning exercises on the 12<sup>th</sup>. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, a fitting tribute to Ben Franklin's birthday and one of his scientific discoveries was a candlelight dinner. This followed a tribute earlier that day: cookies baked and delivered by staff to the maintenance workers on the hill and in Heppner, for keeping the icy roads to the Terrace so well graveled. Hat Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> resulted in a profusion of styles and colors, as residents and staff sashayed and went about their routines in their best-looking headgear. The vast variety included French beret, stocking cap, beanie with propeller, visor, derby, and baseball cap. Always welcome at the Terrace, the Fiddlers returned for a jam session on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and the local Book Worms returned for their monthly meeting with their two resident-members, Mary Goheen and Sylvia McDaniel, on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Such good fortune for them that they met on what was also Pie Day! Young, local

## Rural Oregon Day to be held in Salem

Rural Oregon Day will be held Monday, February 12, at the Oregon State Capital Building, Galleria in Salem. Legislators will be available for meetings by appointment.

For more information contact Chris Marko, Oregon Rural Development Council, and RAC at 503-228-1780 or email to [cmarko@rcac.org](mailto:cmarko@rcac.org).

## Career Showcase to be held

The Career Showcase will be held at the Pendleton Convention Center on Wednesday, February 14. Nearly 1,300 eighth grade students from Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties will attend, along with around 50 booths highlighting various career paths. Leadership students from Pilot Rock will assist throughout the day.

The annual event is sponsored by the Umatilla-Morrow ESD.

## Morrow County Road Committee to meet

A special Morrow County Road Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, January 24, at the School District Office in Lexington at 7 p.m.

## Morrow County Gun Club news

The Morrow County Gun Club reports the following results for their last shoot:

Singles - Jeff Cutsforth, 24; Dick Goodhead, 23; Harvey Childers, 23; and Mark Schlichting, 22.

Sub junior - Austin Harris, 12.

Annie Oakleys - Childers winning one, and Schlichting and Goodhead each winning two.

The next gun club shoot will be held Sunday, Jan. 28 at noon.



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