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2007 Pheasants Forever banquet to be held

The Columbia Plateau Chapter of Pheasants Forever will hold its second annual banquet Saturday, April 14, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Heppner Elks Lodge. "We are moving to a little different format for this year's Banquet," said Skip Matthews, Chapter President. "We had such an awesome response at our first banquet last year we will be expanding the dinner time and moving the auctions upstairs to give everybody a little more room to move around."

Pheasants Forever is a national non-profit conservation group that raises funds for upland wildlife habitat. "One of the great things about our fundraising effort is that all of the money that we raise from the banquet stays in control of our local group," said Matthews. "We are able to put nearly 100% of our funds into conservation and habitat efforts here in Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla Counties."

Banquet flyers for dinners and sponsor packages are available now at several local businesses. The tickets and prices are as follows: Single - \$50 (Includes 1 PF membership, 1 dinner ticket, 10 raffle tickets); Couple - \$60 (Includes 1 membership, 2 dinner tickets, 20 raffle tickets); Ringneck - \$30 age 15 and under (PF Ringneck membership, PF Ringneck hat, 1 dinner ticket, 10 youth raffle tickets, 1 youth banquet gun raffle ticket); Rooster Booster - \$125 (1 membership, 2 dinner tickets, 50 raffle tickets, 1 ticket for banquet gun).

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St. Patrick's celebrates 25th anniversary

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as the oldest native-born Irish woman with an award from John F. Kilkenny. Bill Lowe won the Hutch's Printing Award as the oldest Englishman present. Kate Daly won as the oldest native Irish person born in County Conegal and Kathleen Hisler was named the oldest Irish person whose ancestors came from County Leitrim and she won a prize donated by Ralph Currin.

M.C. Pierce declared that Ron McDonald was awarded a prize from Boyce Insurance for being the oldest Scotchman present; Vic Lovgren was given a prize from H-M Ranch for being the oldest Irish-Swede. Red Leonard, Hermiston, got the Turner-Van Marter & Bryant Insurance award as the reddest-faced Irishman, or facsimile, and Bud batty was awarded a prize from M&R Floorcovering because he was judged the shortest Irishman or facsimile.

The newest Irish Immigrant prize, donated by Eb Hughes, went to Patricia (Mrs. Patrick Campbell) a recent-from-Ireland bride. The youngest Irish person, Janelle Healy, gained a prize given by Paul Hisler, Jr. The final award was a



Ron McDonald entertained the crowd with Irish songs.



Many in green crowded in and outside Farley's showroom.



The Heppner Jr. High band performed under the direction of Jim Ackley. photos by David Sykes

Photos from 1982 Heppner Gazette-Times



A leprechaun, alias Donna Moeller.

crooked 2x4 from Kinzua corp. which went to the "Crookedest Irishman" Jimmy Farley.

The entire Morrow County Community gained much pride and joy on its prize-winning St. Patrick's Day in 1982. Let's do this every year.

Ione School planning Thursday memorial service

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staff are working to help prepare for the memorial by collecting photos to display and arranging for flowers.

The Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District's (UMESD) Crisis Flight Team was activated Monday morning to the school to set up a safe room and to help students and staff cope with the loss.

The Crisis Flight Team is a specially trained team of responders from the UMESD and local school districts who are available to assist administrators and provide support to students, staff and parents during traumatic situations that may affect the school's climate. A school administrator may request the Crisis Flight Team be activated, which Browning did. A pastor also responded to the school this morning to assist students and staff. Browning said once students began talking about Kendrick's death this morning, emotions began to rise and "they definitely kept the Crisis Flight Team busy."

"They just need to talk about it," Browning said. "With such a small school and town, everyone's really close, so it's hitting us hard."

Several students on a youth group trip to California have been notified of Kendrick's death and will return to school Tuesday,

Browning said. "I'm sure that's when things will get really tough, when they come back," she added.

A benefit lasagna dinner was held Tuesday night from 6-8 p.m. at the Ione High School cafeteria to raise money to help

Heppner Parent Teacher Club to raffle off baskets this weekend

The Heppner Parent Teacher Club will be raffling off baskets during the St. Patrick's Day festivities this coming weekend.

Members have been hard at work gathering the contents and local businesses have been very generous in giving. They have six options: Wine Things, Just for Kids, Just for Men, Pamper Time, Spring, and A Night on the Town in Pendleton.

They will be out selling tickets at the Motocross, before the fiddle group Lott's Electric, before and after the parade, and other locations throughout the weekend. The baskets will be on display at Heppner T.V. The drawing will be held Sunday, at the end of the Road Bowling Court.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and can be purchased before the weekend, just call Alita Nelson at 676-8733.

Kendrick's parents, Susan and Andre Kendrick, who have had to take time off of work and need help to pay for their son's funeral.

Browning said community members stepped in to lend support to the benefit dinner and have already opened a fund at the

Council mulls county request for road levy support

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off Stansbury during school hours instead of just permanently closing it down. "This decision affects more neighborhoods than just the school," said Heppner Mayor Les Paustian. "The superintendent says kids have darted out from behind a pillar in front of traffic. A barricade would be effective," he said.

Morrow County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Rayburn, who lives in and patrols around Heppner, said it would be easiest to close the street off during school hours, but he would not particularly like to see it closed down for good. He cited times such as during rodeo when a closure would cause traffic problems.

Heppner City manager Dave DeMayo, who had earlier met with school officials about the street, said closing it down was a city council decision.

Bank of Eastern Oregon in Susan Kendrick's name for donations.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Casey White, who is serving as the Ione School District's public information officer during this time.

The council voted unanimously to not support closure of Stansbury Street.

In other action the council heard a report from city public works director Brian Harmon, who said it cost the city over \$45,000 to clean the digester at the sewer plant. The project was recently completed by a company from Portland, which dug out sludge accumulating for "many years" in the bottom of the tank. "The workers said that was the worst tank they had ever seen," said Harmon. He said everything from towels to syringes was pulled out of the gunk, and that at \$20 per ton, it cost the city \$3,500 to dump the debris at Finley Buttes landfill.

To correct the problem the city has been discussing several proposed upgrades to the sewer plant, including a new grinder and mixer. Those repairs have been estimated to cost up to \$200,000, money the city at this time does not have.

In other business, the council approved an agreement with the Bi-County Communications Board for use of radio frequencies in the area. The city is going to purchase radios for the public works department that will need to use the frequencies. The radios are being purchased with \$8,000 of "tippage" money received this year from the county.

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