

Emigration to Happiness off to a good start



Emigration to Happiness, a play in three acts, written by Fr. Gerry Condon, was well received last Sunday afternoon in Ione. The performance of the drama about the mass movement of Irish people from their homeland in the 1840's will return to the stage Thursday evening in Heppner.

Emigration to Happiness is free to the public at the St. Patrick Church parish hall, behind the Gale-Street church. The performance will begin at 7:30. The St. Patrick's Altar Society will serve dessert during the evening.

The cast and crew will give any donations for the evening's offerings to the St. Patrick Senior Apartments, located in the historic hotel building on Main Street.

Red, White and Blue Jeans Bash tickets available at the door

The deadline has passed to purchase tickets to the Oregon East Symphony's Red, White and Blue Jeans Bash on March 10, however, tickets are available at the door starting at 8 p.m. for those who would like to take part in the auction and enjoy the music by Swing Set. The cost is \$5. The music will play from 9 to 11 p.m. at the Slickfork Saloon at Hamley's.

The auction will include vacation packages at Inn of the 7th Mountain in Bend, beach cottage at

Lincoln City, a B & B in Joseph, and a house at Sunriver as well as artwork by Lorie Baxter, Hiroko Cannon, Gus Mortier, and Cecilia Storey. Other items include permission to hunt on private prime game land around Poverty Flats, Round-Up memorabilia and tickets, membership in the Tennis Center and many other items.

For more information call the Oregon East Symphony office at (541) 276-0320 or email oes@uci.net.

Horses of Course 4-H Club Elects Officers

On Saturday, March 10, the Horses of Course 4-H Club had their first official meeting and elected their officers for the year. They are Stacey Halvorsen, President; Jordan Peterson, Vice President; and Lilly Sandford, Secretary/Treasurer with the Reporter position to be a revolving duty amongst the members. The club leaders are Linda Halvorsen and Sylvia Sandford with Pre 4-H member of Ivy Sandford.

The club received their record forms, 4-H horse project books, officer duty information and hoof picks from their leaders. The club had met earlier on February 17 at Linda Halvorsen's home for a meeting on safety and their first riding lesson.



Pictured are Stacey Halvorsen, Jordan Peterson, and Lilly Sandford.

During the March 10th meeting, the club worked on a horse breed crossword after electing their officers. The afternoon concluded with the members riding lesson and making plans for their April meeting.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Chaunesy Allan was convicted of Assault IV, a class A felony, and Harassment, a class B felony - 180 days in jail with 180 days suspended, 40 hours of community service, 24 months bench probation, and other numerous conditions, \$1561 in fines, fees and assessments.

-John Ray VanFossen was convicted of Harassment, a class B misdemeanor - 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended, 20 hours of community service, 18 months bench probation, and other

numerous conditions, \$533 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Brian Harris was convicted of Assault IV (lesser included), a class A felony - 180 days in jail with 180 days suspended, 40 hours of community service, 24 months bench probation, and other numerous conditions, \$1066 in fines, fees and assessments.

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National FFA Week activities a hit



Members invited their peers to compete in a bale-throwing contest.

The Heppner FFA Chapter had a very busy week March 5 -10. The chapter's members celebrated National FFA Week with the rest of the school and hosted various activities throughout the week.

Kendra Rayburn and Josie Miller were co-chairs for the FFA Week Committee. The week's activities started with a tike tractor obstacle course on Monday. Cyde Coil won for the girls and Chris Lien won for the boys. Members also invited their peers to compete in a bale-throwing contest later in the week and were impressed to see Mr. Stone and Mr. Palmer come out to play. Although Jake Vandoor won the contest, it was quite entertaining for everyone that watched! Daye Stone commented, "This says a lot about the

kids, the school and the program, when 90 % of the school comes up to the barn to watch this kind of activity!"

FFA members would like to thank all community members that were able to make it to the free community breakfast on Thursday morning and for the donations. The money will go towards our upcoming trip to State FFA Convention.

The donkey basketball game drew quite a crowd to HHS gym on Thursday evening. Thanks to everyone that came out - "it was pure entertainment!" The staff team a.k.a. "OLD" led in points throughout, until the last minute, when with the help of teamwork and more agility on behalf of the FFA members, their team went ahead to beat the teachers!

Morrow County undersheriff led on high-speed chase

On March 8, 2007 at 7:23 a.m., Morrow County Undersheriff Steve Myren was advised by Tri-county dispatch out of Condon that there had just been a drive-off from a service station in Arlington. A dark blue Ford Mustang with Idaho license plates had attempted to pay for fuel with a stolen credit card.

When the attendant at the service station confronted the operator of the vehicle, he immediately left the service station. Initially, the operator got onto the westbound on ramp to I-84, then moments later, came back down the on ramp against the flow of traffic at high speed. The operator then proceeded eastbound on I-84 at a high speed.

Undersheriff Myren set up in the median of I-84 at milepost 153. At around 7:35 a.m. the vehicle passed his location at a speed that was registered on radar at 153 mph. Undersheriff Myren started after the vehicle and called both Boardman Police Department and Oregon State Police to assist. The vehicle continued east at high speed with units from

Oregon State Police, Morrow County Sheriff's Office, and Boardman Police Department in pursuit.

Oregon State Police Deployed "Spike Strips" at mile post 177 causing the right front tire to be deflated. The vehicle continued eastbound at over 100 mph until the tire disintegrated just prior to exit 182. The operator pulled over at that point, got out of the vehicle and laid down on the ground. He was taken into custody without further incident.

The 2006 Ford Mustang GT was found to be stolen out of Boise, ID.

The operator is identified as Jason Brant Koch, 17 years of age out of Star, ID. Mr. Koch was cited for numerous traffic offenses in both Umatilla and Morrow Counties and criminal charges are pending.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office wishes to acknowledge the assistance of both the Oregon State Police and the Boardman Police Department. This incident would not have been resolved in the manner in which it was without their involvement.

Heppner Little League tryout schedule announced

The 2007 Heppner Little League player tryouts are scheduled as follows:

-Major boys baseball on Thursday, March 15 at 4 p.m. at George Waterland Field. Previous major players do not need to attend tryouts.

-Major girls softball on Thursday, March 15 at 4 p.m. at Bob Kilkenny Field.

-Minor boys baseball on Tuesday, March 20 at 4 p.m. at Shad Hisler Field.

-Minor girls softball on Tuesday, March 20 at 4 p.m. at Bob Kilkenny Field.

There will be no t-ball tryouts.

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Two college ADs come from Heppner

Heppner High School has two graduates who have held the position of Athletic Director in two of Oregon largest universities. Patrick Kilkenny at University of Oregon and Jim Barratt at Oregon State University

Barratt held this position of Athletic Director from 1965 to 1975.

Jim Barrett was born and raised on a ranch near Heppner, Oregon. (The Kirk-Robinson family lives there now). His father Garnet Barratt was Morrow county judge for many years.

After graduating from Heppner High School in 1943 Jim joined the Navy and served in the South Pacific theater. After the war ended, he ran basketball tournaments for the Navy in Shanghai, China. When he returned from the war he married his Heppner High School sweetheart, Dorothea Wilson. Dorothea's parents owned Wilson's Mens Wear in Heppner, later to become Gardner's Men's Wear. In 1946 he enrolled at Oregon State University and graduated in 1950. He majored in Business and minored in Journalism, which led to a stint as editor of OSU's student newspaper, The Daily Barometer. He also received the U.G. Dubach Award.

In 1950 Barratt joined the staff of the OSU Alumni Association as director and editor of The Oregon Stater, the association's alumni publication. In 1951 he began working at the OSC Athletic Department as assistant athletic director, business manager and golf coach. He was executive director of the Far West Classic annual holiday basketball tournament for many years.

In 1952 he became business and ticket manager for athletics at OSU, a position he held until 1965. When athletic director and legendary basketball coach Slats Gill died that year, Barratt was appointed athletic director in 1966. He was co-founder of the Corvallis Ambassadors and the State of Oregon Elks Free Throw Championships, which grew to 15,000 participants. He elevated Crew to a major sport and initiated Kiwanis Kids Day, Band Day and Beaver Caravans.

During Barratt's 10 years as athletic director, OSU experienced success in many sports. Olympic track athlete Dick Fosbury invented his "Fosbury Flop" high jump technique while a student-athlete.

It was also Barratt who reached into the Midwest to hire a basketball coach from Iowa who many people thought was too old to be competitive. His name was Ralph Miller and he went on to become a Hall of Fame coach. He also hired successful coach Jack Riley in baseball and Beernie Wagner in track.

Under Barratt's leadership and fund-raising efforts, OSU expanded Parker Stadium, installed AstroTurf on the football field, and he was a key figure in the installation of an all-weather track at Patrick Wayne Valley Field. Barratt was also responsible for the creation of Kiwanis Kids Day, Beaver Caravans, Band Day, and the reorganization of the Beaver Club.

He was named to the Athletic Directors' Hall of Fame in 1985, received the Dan Poling alumni Service award in 1995, and was elected to the OSU Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

Jim's family continues to sponsor The Jim Barrett athletic and academic trophy given at Heppner High School graduation every year. This award is given to the outstanding senior who excels in sports and academics.

Jim and his wife Dorothea returned every year for many years to participate in the Willow Creek Country club Couples tournament and St. Patrick's Day celebration until his health made it impossible. Jim passed away in 1998.

All of us who remember Jim know how he loved his hometown of Heppner and made sure everyone he met on his world travels knew where Heppner was.

Paullus graduates from training

Army Pvt. Kory D. Paullus has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

The training included completion of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). In basic training, he received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During AIT, he completed the Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course.

Trainees learn to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled Howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; and perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment. They also learned to establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

Paullus is the son of Rick A. Paullus of Heppner and Shanna M. McCoy of Kennewick, WA. Paullus is a 2005 graduate of Heppner High School.



Jim Barratt



Pat Kilkenny

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