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Ione to host Easter egg hunt

The Easter bunny is coming to Ione for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7, at 10 a.m. in the Ione City Park by the amphitheater. Children up to fourth grade are welcome to come and join him for the egg hunting and fun.

Donations for this annual event may be dropped off at the Bank of Easter Oregon in Ione.

Van Cleave brothers win road bowling

The Van Cleave brothers, Darren and Matthew, won the 2007 road bowling championship, held during the 25th annual St. Patrick celebration in Heppner March 18.

This second year of the bowling activity started as soon as the thirty participants had read the "guidelines and rules," signed on the dotted line, paid their entry fees, and grabbed their bowls, rugs, and chalk.

Leading off with the oft' heard warning "Bowling!" were last year's winners, Kirk and Lottie Holcomb, and their four-person team. As they neared the end of Gale Street, they demonstrated the one hazard on the course by missing the Willow Creek Bridge and not stopping the bowl before it landed in the creek. Since "a real Irishman never loses his bowl," a team member hastened after a magnetic metal detector, which was attached to a long handle for successful retrieval of the bowl.

In the meantime, the other eight teams learned from the Holcomb's miscalculation and tossed their ways over the bridge, around the Union-Street loop, and on down Riverside to the Canyon-Road intersection. They were not far ahead of the Holcomb team, time wise, but had added up their tosses and anxiously guarded them from one another while they waited for last year's winners to finish the course.

Players admitted to a few surprises as the bowls veered one way or another or covered a shorter or longer distance than anticipated by the players. The most common number of tosses on the 1.3-mile course was twenty-seven. (The Road Rovers demanded a senior division next year after noting the difference between their score of thirty-seven and the winning score of twenty-four.)

Teams comprised of two, three, and four players participated in the afternoon event, and a team of two took home the prize. Matthew and Darren won $75, which was half of the entry fees, and their names will be engraved on the Road Bowling trophy, which will be on display at City Hall.

Roadside spectators at the finish

Shane Laughlin fishing his bowl from Willow Creek with stick magnet

Shane Laughlin bowling

Holcomb/Laughlin team-Kirk, Lottie, Tami and Shane

2007 winners, the Van Cleave brothers, Darren and Matthew, won $75 for first place. Last year's winners were Kirk and Lottie Holcomb.

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Heppner FFA well represented at state

Representative Greg Smith talks with Wacy Coil, Dalton Wellman and Josie Miller.

Left to right: back-Dalton Wellman, Lane Wright, Wacy Coil; front-Josie Miller, Jessica Hughes, Emily Thompson of the Heppner FFA.

The Heppner FFA Chapter was well represented at this year's State FFA Convention held in Corvallis on the campus of Oregon State University. Heppner Chapter advisor, Beth Dickenson, took six students, Dalton Wellman, Lane Wright, Wacy Coil, Josie Miller, Jessica Hughes and Emily Thompson, to participate and compete in local and state activities. Each member who attended had responsibilities during the convention. Most served on State Proficiency Committees, which select the state winners from their Supervised Agricultural Education Program.

The Heppner Chapter is included in the Blue Mountain District, which held its district officer elections during convention. Josie Miller was elected to district secretary. "Josie is a

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Tami Berthold and Shane Laughlin discuss how to get their bowl out of the creek

Heppner Easter egg hunt Saturday

The annual Heppner Easter Egg hunt, sponsored by the Heppner Elks Club will be held this Saturday, April 7, at 10 a.m.

Children kindergarten and younger will hunt at the Heppner City Park. Those in first and second grade will hunt at the Morrow County Courthouse yard and third and fourth graders will have their hunt at Hager Park near the dam.

The Easter Bunny will make his annual visit to the city park.

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