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Missing Ione child found deceased

On March 2 at approximately 2 p.m. the Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report that Noah Burke, a four year old autistic boy, was missing from 72604 Highway 71 in Ione. This residence is located 10 miles south of Interstate 84 on State Highway 74.

The mother stated that Noah had been outside playing in the yard and that she had seen him three minutes before she had noticed he was gone. She called 911 and units responded to the residence. A ground search was initiated supported by a private aircraft.

At 5:47 p.m. a cowboy boot that was confirmed as belonging to the victim was located next to Willow Creek. The search concentrated on the banks of the creek for five miles upstream and two miles downstream. The creek banks were searched a number of times in both directions.

Later in the evening the search efforts were augmented by two National Guard helicopters out of Portland. The search continued until around 1 a.m. on Monday. The search resumed at first light. At the peak, there were between 80 and 100 persons involved in the search.

At 9:35 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, one of the National Guard helicopters observed a blue object in the water 2.5 miles downstream from the residence. Ground units arrived and assisted the helicopter crewman in retrieving the body of Noah Burke.

Oregon Army National Guard, Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, Gilliam County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Morrow County Health District, PGE Fire Brigade, Ione Fire Department, Heppner Fire Department, Lexington Fire Department, The Red Cross and numerous businesses and individuals helped with the search.

A fund has been set up for the Kenneth Burke family at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in memory of Noah. Donations can be made at any BEO branch.

A benefit spaghetti supper will be held Thursday, March 6, at 5 p.m. in the Ione School cafeteria. Donations will be accepted for the meal.

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Buttons, buttons, buttons - who bought the winning buttons?

St. Patrick's Celebration buttons go on sale today at Murray's, City Hall, Heppner TV and the Chamber Office. Own a collector's button and be eligible for three chances to win a $100 Pot O' Gold Drawing during the celebration.

Drawings for a lucky number will be during the Friday Night Amateur Boxing Smoker event, the KUMA Coffee Hour Saturday morning, and at the Tarish Concert on Saturday evening.

Sheryll Bates congratulates Mallorie Jones, a sixth grader in Mrs. Dowdy's class at Heppner Elementary School, for winning this year's St. Patrick's Celebration Button Design Contest. She will receive a gift certificate for large pizza at Howe's About Pizza.

Buttons are available at various business locations prior to the celebration and at the Information Booth beside the Post Office.

For more information call the Heppner Chamber Office at 676-5536

Schedule of events for St. Patrick's Celebration

Thursday, March 13 – "From Cenacle to Calvary," an original play written by Father Condon and original music by Joe Lindsay, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall. Two other play presentations will be held at the Grange Hall in Ione on Sunday, March 9, at 5 p.m. and at St. Patrick's Parish Hall on Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 14 – Texas Hold 'em will be sponsored by Heppner Daycare and Preschool at the Heppner Elk's Lodge at 7 p.m. For more information contact Brandi Sweeney at 676-5530.

-The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will hold its first annual Amateur Boxing Smoker Event at 8:30 p.m. at Heppner High School. Gates will open at 7:30 p.m. All entries must be received by Thursday, March 13. Admission is $10 for ages 12 and up, $5 for ages 8-12 and children eight and under are free. There will be no presale tickets. For more information or for entry forms call the Chamber office at 676-5536.

-Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., show and sale at Les Schwab.

-Heppner Public Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

-Morrow County Museum will be open from 1-5 p.m.

-Vendor's Square will be held all day at the Neighborhood Center on Main Street. For more information call 676-5024. There will be crafts, food and other treasures from local and visiting vendors.

-Cornerstone Gallery will be showing works by special artists all weekend.

-Friends of the Library will be selling books at City Hall from 1-6 p.m. to benefit the Heppner Library.

-Mrs. O'Leary's Stew Feed will be held from 5-7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center and will be prepared by the Heppner United Methodist Church members.

-Lind's Concession will open at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of Heppner Family Foods. The concession will feature corn dogs, elephant ears, funnel cakes, nachos, beer battered onion rings, cotton candy, caramel apples, etc.

-Rolling Thunder BBQ will open at 10 a.m. in City Park at the corner of Church and Main Streets. Featured will be BBQ sandwiches including tri-tip, corned beef, pulled pork, and pulled chicken, BBQ nachos and bratwurst.

Saturday, March 15 – Breakfast will be served from 7-10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will be prepared by the O'Senior Center. The cost is $5 for all you can eat.

-St. Paddy's Motocross will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds beginning a 9 a.m. Signups will be from 7-8:30 a.m. Admission is $5 and children ages five and under are free. This event is sponsored by the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee.

-Sheep Dog Trials will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will continue throughout the day at Thompson's Ranch, three miles northwest of Heppner on Bunker Hill Road off Highway 74.

-Children's Carnival Games will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will go to the HHS Drama Club and St. Patrick's.

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-KUMA Coffee Hour will be held at 10 a.m. upstairs at the Elks Club. Come hear music, stories and blarney. Enter the Irish Brogue Contest and win cash prizes.

-Heppner Public Library will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

-O'Senior Center will be serving homemade Irish soup, rolls, cobbler with ice cream, and coffee from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. The cost is $3 for children 12 and under and $6 for everyone else.

-The Stable of Youth/Shamrock Lanes will hold an Irish Sweepstakes/Mixed Doubles No-Tap Bowling Tournament at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

-Leprechaun Run will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park for children ages K-6. Participants need to meet at 11:15 a.m. at the park.

-Cruz-In Parade will be held at noon on Main Street and will include antique and classic cars.

-The Great Green Parade will be held at 1 p.m. on Main Street.

-O'Kiddie Tricycle Races will be held right after the parade at the BEO drive through for children ages two to five years old. Tricycles will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Heppner Daycare and Preschool.

-CEILI, Irish entertainment featuring John Doherty and the Irish Singers and more, will be held from 2-4 p.m. upstairs at the Elks Club.

-Ewe-Do-Bingo will be held at 2:30 p.m. in front of BEO. This event is sponsored by the cheerleaders.

-O'Ducky Race will be held at 3 p.m. and will start at the bridge in front of the Morrow County Courthouse. Adopt a duck to win a prize of $10 to $100. This event is sponsored by the Colt Football Program.

St. Pat's Pit Ham Dinner and Homemade Pies will be served from 4-7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall. There will be live musical entertainment on stage, Irish, of course.

-A buffet dinner will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Elks Club and will include corn beef and cabbage, etc. with music from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

-The Blue Mountain Fiddler's Show will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Dance Hall. There is no charge for this event that is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

-Tarish will perform from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School gymnasium. This event is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and is free to the public.

-Wee Hours o'the Mornin' Breakfast will be held from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. at the Volunteer Fire Department/Sheriff's Office Auxiliary.

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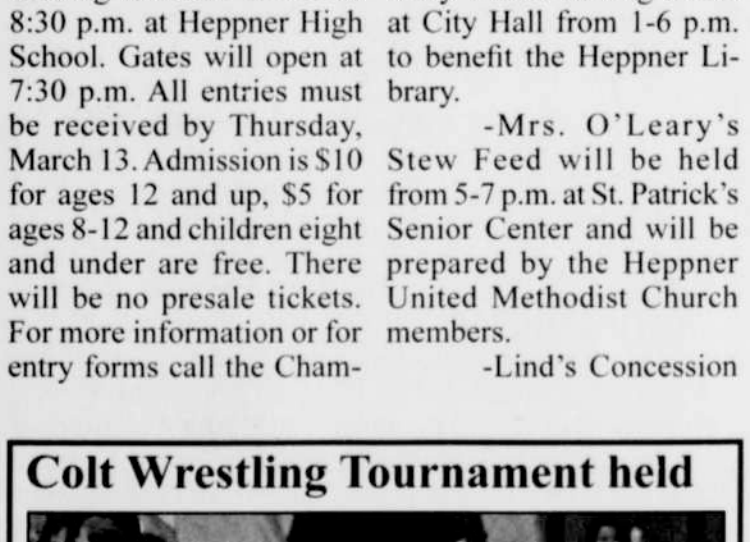
Colt Wrestling Tournament held



Logan Angell (left) and Hayden Qualls wrestled each other in the Colt Wrestling Tournament as their referee Jarreid Miller looks on. The tournament was held Thursday, February 28, at Heppner High School. More Colt Wrestling pictures can be found on page five. *–Photo by Autumn Morgan*

Don't forget to turn in your ballot

Tuesday, March 11 marks an election day in Morrow County. Ballots can be dropped off at the following locations:

New Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle; Irrigon Annex, 205 NE 3rd Street; Bank of Eastern Oregon, 280 West Main Street in Ione; Morrow County Road Office, 365 West Highway 74 in Lexington; and the Morrow County Courthouse, 100 S. Court Street in Heppner.

On election day, drop boxes at these locations will be open until 8 p.m. Ballots dropped off at the Post Office must be dropped off before 5 p.m. Postmarks do not count.

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