

St. Patrick's schedule of events

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Sunday, March 16 - The Stable of Youth/Shamrock Lanes will hold an Irish Sweepstakes/Mixed Doubles No-Tap Bowling Tournament at 10 a.m. and noon.

-Lind's Concession will open at 9 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.

-Church: your choice, visitors are welcome.

-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.

-Sheep Dog Trials will be held all day at Thompson's Ranch

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

-Road Bowling will be held at 1:30 p.m. Get your team of four people ready and meet at the junction of Willow Creek and Balm Fork.

Also, St. Patrick's raffle tickets are available at City Hall and Heppner TV. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds will go to support St. Patrick's activities. Raffle items are on display at Heppner TV and City Hall. The tickets will be sold through Saturday, March 15, and will be drawn during Saturday evening's entertainment. You need not be present to win. There will be various prizes including a men's basket and a women's basket.

RV parking for the weekend is available at Willow Creek RV Park (541-676-9618), Northwestern Motel and RV Park (541-676-9167), and Morrow County Fairgrounds (541-676-9474).

For more information about any of these events call 676-5536 or 676-9618 or visit www.heppnerchamber.com and click on Events, then Featured Events.

Oregon Trail Library District announces kick off of The Big Read in Heppner

The Oregon Trail Library District has launched its Big Read Program in celebration of The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan. Free copies of the book are now available in Heppner at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, City Hall, St. Patrick's Senior Center, and the Heppner branch library. The Big Read is presented in partnership with the Libraries of Eastern Oregon.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA present The Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. The Big Read in the Pacific Northwest is supported, in part, by a grant from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation. The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment.

Heppner is one of 127 communities nationwide participating in The Big Read from January through June 2008. Since the program's national launch in 2006, the NEA has funded more than 300 Big Read programs in the nation's towns and cities. The community will read The Joy Luck Club during the month of March. In April, Heppner will celebrate the Joy Luck Club with a full calendar of events including a visit from author Greg Nokes and a program from the Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum. A full event schedule will be announced as it is finalized.

MC Health Department to hold open house

Morrow County Health Department will hold an open house on Wednesday, March 12 from 1-4 p.m. to showcase their expanded office. Refreshments will be served. Morrow County Health Department is located at 120 S. Main Street upstairs in the Gilliam Bisbee Building.

Class of '68 planning Vegas reunion

HHS Class of 1968 is planning their 40th reunion to meet in Las Vegas, NV the weekend of May 24-25-26, 2008. For more information contact Marsha Lovgren Shannon at mshannon7@yahoo.com or 317-727-7047. We are still in the planning phase and welcome all classmates, even those who did not graduate with us.

Penny War fundraiser held at Ione School

A week long battle for pennies ended with three winners at Ione Schools last week. The ASB leadership at Ione High School organized a Penny War for grades K-12 to raise money for a shadow box for Stormy Kendrick's football jersey. Stormy was a freshman student last year who passed away.

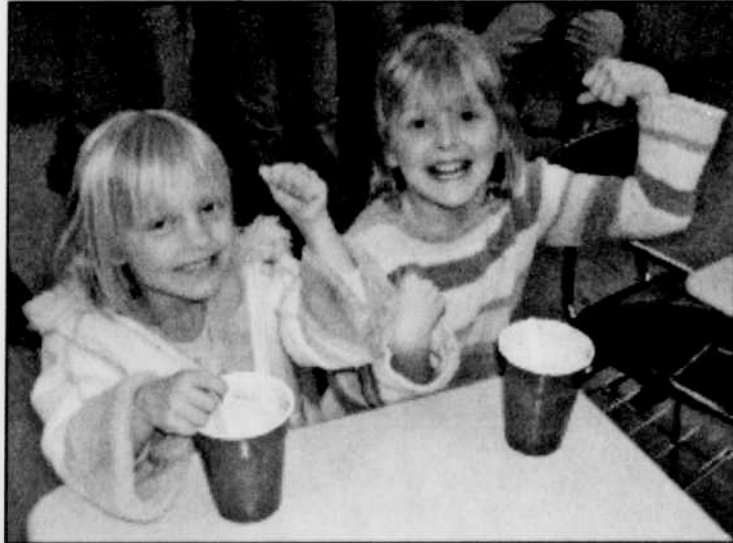
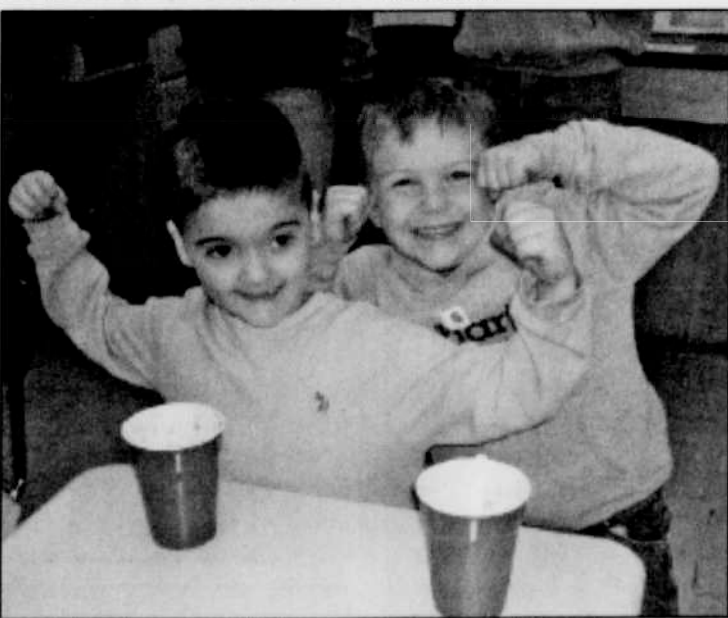
"It was a neat activity for us to get to do for Stormy," said ASB President Kip Krebs. "Lots of classes really were competitive."

The objective of the penny war was for each class to bring as many pennies to put in their class container. Any silver coins would count against the class, so many students brought coins to sabotage other classes. In the grade school category, the kindergarten brought over 5,000 pennies, in the middle school category the



eighth graders brought over 6,000 pennies and the freshman won the high school category with 7,500 pennies.

The ASB collected \$775.00 dollars total from the event.



Top Photo: Members of the freshman class at Ione High School share root beer floats with the kindergartners after winning the penny wars last week.

Center Photo: Madison Aldritt and Jill Rudolf are excited to be members of the kindergarten class. The kindergartners won the grade school competition for the penny wars last week at Ione Schools.

Left Photo: Kindergartners Jake Heideman and Matt Orem show off their muscles while enjoying root beer floats.

Registration forms available for St. Patrick's Celebration events

Registration forms for Amateur Boxing Smoker, Cruz-In, Great Green Parade or Road Bowling can be picked up at the Chamber office, or call 676-5536 to have one mailed out. Deadlines are approaching so pick up a form or make the call today.

Local resident earns Dean's List honor at Pacific University

Shanna Rietmann of Heppner was named to the Fall 2007 Dean's List at Pacific University.

To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts and Sciences, a student must achieve a term GPA of 3.70 with 12 or more graded hours.

"Earning their name on the Dean's List at Pacific University is an honor for the student and for Pacific," said Pacific University President Dr. Phil Creighton. "It exemplifies the caliber of students and the programs offered at the University."

Weed control assistance offered to Willow Creek area landowners

The Lower Willow Creek Weed Management Area is offering financial and technical assistance with aerial and ground spraying of Russian knapweed, yellow starthistle and spikeweed, said coordinator Clint Carlson.

The work is funded by a grant from the Oregon

State Weed Board. An earlier grant from the weed board was used to map infestations of the three noxious weed species covering about 500 acres in the lower Willow Creek Valley, and to test control methods.

Noxious weeds have invaded the bottomland throughout the Wil-

low Creek valley, reducing farm productivity and threatening fish and wildlife habitats. Landowners restoring stream bank vegetation through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program have also found that newly planted trees and shrubs face tough competition from aggressive weeds if left untreated.

Test plots using Milestone™ herbicide showed promising results. The cost of the herbicide and a portion of the application cost for helicopter and ground spraying are supported by the state grant. Landowners match the grant by paying a portion of the application cost or by applying the herbicide themselves.

The Lower Willow Creek Weed Management Area and landowners will work with the Gilliam and Morrow County weed departments to monitor and evaluate the project.

The weed management area encompasses 200,000 acres in northern Morrow and Gilliam counties. It includes the lower 15 miles of Willow Creek, which flows into the Columbia River, and the surrounding range and farmlands east and west of the creek. The weed management area was established with support from The Nature Conservancy to bring private landowners, county, state and federal agencies together to develop and implement effective weed control measures.

To participate in the program or for more information, contact Clint Carlson at 541-422-7450 or e-mail at ccarlson@tnc.org.

South Morrow County Scholarship applications available

Applications are available for the South Morrow County Scholarship. Heppner High School counselors and Ione High School counselors have them available in the form of a computer disk.

The South Morrow County Scholarship is awarded annually to four graduating seniors from South Morrow County. The scholarships are given annually using the following criteria, scholarship, leadership, citizenship, financial need, and probability of success in the student's chosen field.

Contacts for this scholarship are Barb Hayes, Del LaRue or Martha Munkers.

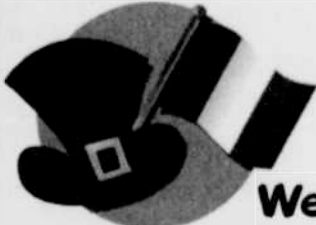
St. Patrick's Committee to hold final meeting

The final St. Patrick's Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Pizza and beverages will be served.

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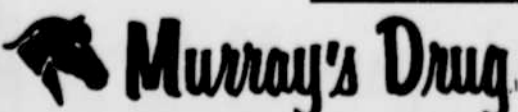
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