

Open house to be held for families wishing to host foreign exchange students



An open house will be held at the Willow Creek Diner on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. for families interested in becoming host families for foreign exchange students. Come and meet the team of dedicated host parents for a question and answer time. A team of area representatives will be on hand to answer questions. You will also be able to meet foreign exchange students from the Heppner and Lone communities and will be able to ask questions.

If you cannot make it to the open house and would like more information about the foreign exchange program contact Kathy Marick at 541-965-1713 or Teresa VanDoom at 541-377-2162.

Columbia Basin announces capital credit redemption

The Directors of Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op are pleased to announce the retirement of \$350,000 in capital credit patronage. The consumer-owned cooperative will redeem all of the 1978 outstanding patronage of \$91,000 and 36% of the 2007 patronage at \$259,000 for the total of \$350,000.

"The Board is required to redeem the oldest outstanding year, but they also wanted to reward our current members" a spokesperson said.

Capital Credit patronage is the margin, or "profit" a cooperative retains to use as working capital. It represents the equity of the members in the co-op. As the utility grows and pros-

pers, it is able to return the equity to its members. In this redemption, those members who have active accounts and a return of less than \$20 will see the value applied to their account. Those members whose value exceeds \$20 will receive an actual check.

By utilizing consumer/member equity to provide working capital, the cooperative is able to keep electrical rates among the lowest in the nation. Since 1949, CBEC has retired more than \$3,059,786 in capital credits. The refunds are tangible evidence of CBEC member's ownership in the cooperative. It's the cooperative way.

Boardman approves water/sewer rate increase

During Tuesday's meeting, the Boardman City Council approved resolutions for an increase in the city's water and sewer rates. The rate change is due to the increased cost of providing water and sewer services. The water rate has not increased since 2005 and sewer rates were last increased in 1999. The residential water base rates will increase by \$2.45 however, customers will receive an additional 2,000 gallons of water before overage charges apply. The sewer rate will increase by a flat rate of \$4.50 per month.

Commercial customers and customers outside the city limits utility rates will also increase. The new rates will take effect July 1, 2008.

In other City business, City staff was directed to draft a procedure for the disposal of the City-owned real property located on Front Street NE.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Boardman City Hall.

Annual Gem and Mineral Show to be held

The 22nd annual Gem and Mineral Show will be held May 17-18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Hermiston Conference Center. This event will be hosted by the Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society of Hermiston. Admission is \$2 for adults and ages 15 and under free may get in for free. There will be exhibits and displays by local collec-

tors. There will be dealers for jewelry, gems, minerals, rocks, books and more. Demonstrations will be held for rock tumbling, Cabochan making and sphere making. A silent auction for adults and kids will be held all day, both days. A kid's corner will be available with fun games and prizes. Hourly door prizes will be awarded.

This even will be handicap accessible.

Kilkenny earns engineering degree

Conor Kilkenny rugby while at Gonzaga and received a degree in civil engineering from Gonzaga University on May 11. His emphasis was in structural engineering.



Conor Kilkenny

Kilkenny plans to move to southern California to pursue his career in engineering. He also played

plans to continue playing in California. His younger brother, Rory, is a junior at Gonzaga and is also majoring in civil engineering.

Kilkenny is the son of John and Diane Kilkenny.

Ione Community Church replacing annual auction

After many years of holding an annual auction, Ione Community Church has decided to instead hold a fundraising campaign for the Perpetual Auction Replacement Fund. The fundraising campaign is called "Open Doors and Open Hearts." The campaign will be ongoing for the next six months.

The auction was started 45 years ago in an effort to raise money to help maintain a permanent minister in the church. On Sunday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the Ione Community Church the congregation will be celebrating and relating fond memories of auctions past. Everyone is welcomed to attend and share their memories.

DA's Report

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

-Kenneth Wayne Twidwell, 45, was convicted of assault in the fourth degree, a class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 170 days suspended, two years bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other numerous conditions and pay \$1,413 in fines, fees, and assessments.

-Kenneth Wayne Twidwell, 40, was convicted of harassment, a class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended, one year bench probation, complete 20 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$588 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Antonio Hernandez-Duran, 35, was convicted of contempt of court, an unclassified misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 68 days suspended, one year bench probation, other numerous conditions, and pay \$413 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Joshua Lee Kent, 20, was convicted of contempt of court was sentenced to 30 days in jail with 30 days suspended, one year bench probation, complete 10 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$383 in fines, fees and assessments. Kent was also convicted of theft in the third degree, a class C misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 30 days in jail with 30 days suspended, one year bench probation, complete 10 hours of community service, other numerous conditions and pay \$393 in fines, fees and assessments.

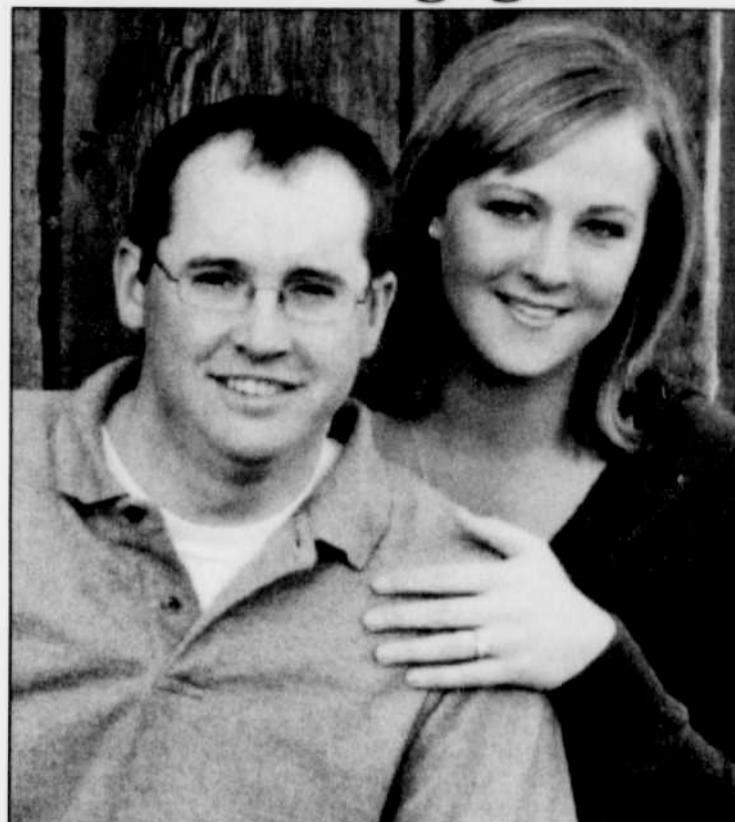
-Victor Landeros Jr., 20, was convicted of criminal mischief in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 180 days suspended, two years bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$8,382 in fines, fees and assessments.

Divorces

The Morrow County Circuit Court at the M.C. Courthouse in Heppner has released the following report:

-May 8: Jeffrey Keith Key and Lydia Kay Key.

Hanson, Sweeney announce engagement



Cameron Sweeney and Stefanie Hanson

Keith and Angie Hanson of Heppner and Pat and Trisha Sweeney of Heppner announce the engagement of their children, Stefanie Joelle Hanson and Cameron Ryan Sweeney, both of Heppner.

Sefanie is a 2004 graduate of Heppner High School. She is currently employed as a cosmetologist and nail tech in Heppner.

Cameron is a 1998 graduate of Heppner High School. He attended Linn-Benton Community College in Albany. He is currently employed with Ruggs Ranch Hunting Preserve in Heppner.

The wedding will take place August 30, 2008 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

Visitors of Willow Creek Terrace may enjoy a stroll of the grounds. And meandering about the facility offers a clear view of why the Heppner Beautification Committee has just honored the Terrace for its "creative outdoor environment." Residents and staff appreciate this recognition of their planning and work as they strive to enhance their landscape for their pleasure and that of their guests. Soon to be added to their landscape are the plants that residents started from seed, both flowers and pumpkins, for they are now large enough to be transplanted outside.

At focal points within the Terrace, residents and guests may still view poems recently shared by students of Heppner Elementary School. That event was followed later in April by another literary event, the Terrace's hosting of a public discussion of the "Joy Luck Club," the novel offered by the National Endowment for the Arts as a "big read" event throughout the USA.

Beautification does not end with the landscape and the décor at the Terrace. A few of the ladies enjoyed having their nails done by Diana Ball and Pat Edmondson last month, and they and others look forward to the two's return this month.

This month got off to a lively start, with the Cinco de Mayo celebration. The day's menu included Mexican food and margaritas. A special lunch was served to celebrate Mothers Day, and the next day featured build-your-own hot fudge sundaes because it was... Nutty Fudge Day!

On Friday, the 16th, both residents and staff may be wearing purple to show Support for Peace. Forever optimistic, they all hope for warm weather on that day, also, for they plan to be decked out in purple on their deck for a pizza party and planting of some flowers. Since the 17th is Armed Forces Day, some local veterans have been invited to a special coffee hour. During that time of visiting, prayer and silence will be offered in thanksgiving for all who have served and/or are serving our country. Of course the many military men and women who gave their lives in battle will be remembered during the Memorial Day observance on the 26th.

Anyone wanting to listen to some good jazz could amble up to the Hill on the 24th. International Jazz Day must certainly be recognized by these "up-beat" people who are always looking for a reason to celebrate.

Favorite celebrations continue to include the birthdays of the Terrace neighbors. Last month, Mary Goheen (the 1st), Elmer Meligan (the 5th), and Juanita Martin (20th) shared their latest birthdays with friends and neighbors. This month, everyone has to wait until the 24th for special birthday treats. That is when Irene Swanson will celebrate with her favorite dessert.

Sadly, one of the Terrace's favorite people will no longer be joining the staff and residents for special moments. Twelve residents attended the Celebration of Life for Donna Schonbachler last month. This beloved nurse is remembered fondly, and her laughter and tender care will be missed. Everyone views having had Donna in his or her life a true blessing.

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