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Adams, Eckman engagement announced



Jared Eckman and Trisha Adams

Mike and Tonia Adams of Heppner announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Trisha Kay, to Jared Dean Eckman, both of Heppner.

Trisha is a 2000 graduate of Heppner High School. She earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell in 2004. She will graduate on June 4, 2009 from Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine, earning a doctorate of medicine degree, and will then begin her residency training in family practice.

Jared is the son of Kenny Eckman and Judy Eckman, both of Heppner. He graduated from Heppner High School in 1999 and earned his associate's of arts degree in building construction from Clackamas Community College in Oregon City in 2001. He is now a self-employed contractor and owner of JDE Construction, LLC of Heppner.

The wedding will be held on May 9, 2009 at Ruggs Ranch near Heppner.

2009 Lone American Legion & Auxiliary Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament Bingo Party Bake Sale & Rifle Raffle

Buy-in: \$40.00 Taylor's Cafe & Bar serving drinks
Sign-up: 6:00 PM
Play Begins: 6:30 PM
No Late Sign-ups!!!
Saturday, March 21, 2009
Raffle Rifle- Marlin 22 LR
Tickets: \$1.00/ea, \$5.00/6
Tickets available at the event
Winning ticket will be drawn at the event

Lone American Legion Hall, 2nd Street Lone
For information call 541-422-7534

Marvin and Regina Brannon

Would like to invite our family and friends to our wedding reception on March 21, 2009 at the Heppner Elks Lodge from 1-6 P.M. upstairs. Food and drink will be provided



A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

February became a month of goodbyes and hellos at the Willow Creek Terrace. Residents view some of those moments with sadness and some with excitement.

Never is saying "goodbye" to friends a truly easy experience, so Kathleen Hisler's passing was a difficult event. Kathleen had become one of Heppner's and the Terrace's most respected residents and a beloved source of history and entertaining stories.

Three Terrace residents said their goodbyes last month, and the community misses Elmer Meligan, Floyd Green, and Kathryn Lindstrom. Kathryn has moved nearer to her family. Elmer and Floyd have moved to the long-term care facility at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, so they remain close enough for some visits.

The "Welcome" mat was out for two new residents, and Dallas Craber and Lois Allyn have added their energies and perspectives to the mix of neighbors on the Hill. Lois has moved from Lexington, so is no stranger to many of her new neighbors. Dallas has spent much of his 96 years in the Willow Creek Valley and joins his brother, Gordon, 94, at the Terrace. The two siblings have become known as "the Boys" and spend much of their time together.

Everyone on the Hill hopes that another two newcomers will join them soon.

Also new to Willow Creek Terrace is Traci Jeffreys, the new cook who has already dazzled staff and residents with some impressive menus. Her first, immediate, surprise was on February 2, her delicious crème brulee. She helped to make Valentines Day special by serving chicken cordon bleu at the candlelight dinner. For February 21, which, as everyone knows, is designated "Sticky-Bun Day," Traci offered monkey bread as a special treat.

As always, the Terrace community stays busy with their weekly events, so February was no exception. The month began with the Super Bowl and a few side bets by those so inclined.... Everyone was seeing red on "Wear Red Day" because staff and residents got into the spirit of the event. Residents might disagree on the efficacy of "World Cabbage Day," but few seemed to argue that "Cherry Pie Day" wasn't worthwhile.

"Tooth Fairy Day" may have brought the biggest surprise to the Terrace. On February 28, the Tooth Fair, wings and all the other paraphernalia that said fairy must have, visited each apartment. Every resident was offered a "gold coin," possibly because the Fairy fell down on the job from time to time in the past? Imagine the surprise of the Fairy and the residents when the supposed candy "coins" turned out to be bubble gum.

Surprise and routine, both are viewed as important elements of life at Willow Creek Terrace.

Creative Arts and Crafts to showcase at Les Schwab

Members of Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will have a variety of items at the Les Schwab store front on Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Among those showing are: Ann Jones with a variety of candles; hand-made rugs by Beverley McCloud (wool) and Mary Ella Johnson (crocheted cotton);

Carol Kight with her beads and jewelry; Phil the upholsterer man with his creations; Babbett Wall with her sewing creations; Dennis Wall with his wood creations and hand tied flies; Robert Reid his wood creations and many other country items.

On Saturday, the vendors will be joined by Raquel Herra with her sewing and breakfast burritos and tamales.

Boys' basketball team to host hoop shoot and breakfast

The Heppner High School boys' basketball team and team parents will be sponsoring a children's hoop shoot and the Wee Hours O' the Mornin' Breakfast this weekend.

The children's hoop shoot will be held Saturday immediately following the parade until 2:30 p.m. The hoop shoot is for children of all ages and will be held by the Stable of Youth.

The Wee Hours O' the Mornin' Breakfast will also be held at the Stable of Youth. From 9 p.m. Saturday to 3:30 a.m. Sunday.

Funds raised from these events will be used to fund a trip to San Diego, CA to play basketball next Christmas.

Willow Creek Farmers Market to open in June

Willow Creek Farmers Market held a meeting on February 26 with 26 people in attendance where it was announced that the market will open on June 5.

The market will be located at City Park beginning June 5 and will be open every Friday through September 25 from 3-7 p.m.

All vendors are welcome to set up a table with anything homemade or homegrown. There is no charge to set up a table.

The next meeting will be held on April 23 at City Hall at 5 p.m.

For more information contact Margaret Flaherty at 676-5972.

Wilkinson Arena token machine to be changed

The Morrow County Fair is changing the token machine in the Wilkinson Arena. The round tokens will not be usable after Monday, March 16, when the new machine is installed. Old tokens will be exchanged for new ones and there will be no refunds. Tokens will still be available at the Fairgrounds Office and MCGG's Green Feed store.

Gravelle, Hornyak to take the stage at HES gym

There will be two entertainers taking the stage at this year's Wee Bit O' Ireland celebration at the Heppner Elementary School Gym from 6:30-9 p.m. Lindy Gravelle, one of Heppner's very own singing artists will return this year to be part of the main entertainment, along with Will Hornyak, Storyteller.

Lindy Gravelle was born into entertaining with her father and brothers and sisters singing in a country and western band, performing at that time at the "Wagon Wheel". Lindy made her debut as a performer at the age of three, when her father brought her onstage for a nightly solo. They would bring her out to sing and then her mother would take her back home and put her to bed. Lindy started playing piano and singing as a regular member of the band when she was eight. Lindy has built her reputation on being a great songwriter and performer and we are proud to be able to bring her back again this year.

From Irish and Scottish folktales, American tall tales, Native American

legends and beyond, Will Hornyak weaves a wide web of beautifully crafted stories. A strong performer with a love for the music and rhythm of language, Will fully engages an audience as he brings traditional and original stories to life. Hornyak teaches storytelling at Marylhurst University and performs at festivals, schools, theatres, pubs and churches throughout the Northwest. He was named Artist of the Year in 2004 by Young Audiences of Oregon and Southwest Washington. He lives in Milwaukie. Hornyak will begin the evening entertainment at 6:30 p.m.

During this event there will also be a drawing for the final \$100 Pot O' Gold. The Old Time Fiddlers will be also performing this year, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds dance hall.

All of Saturday evening's entertainment is free to the public and is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District, and Friends of the Library helped to sponsor Will Hornyak.

Leprechaun Run returns once again

On Saturday, the leprechauns will return to Heppner for the Leprechaun Fun Run. Last year was the first for this free event, and it proved successful among runners in grades kindergarten through sixth.

"I think someone has proven that leprechauns are not only crafty but also quick, so catching one definitely requires speed," a spokesperson reported. "Our Leprechaun Run will provide the young runners an opportunity to test their sprinting abilities before they find themselves trying to chase down a leprechaun for its pot of gold."

The event is truly just a free run for fun, not a race. Each participant who completes the distance will receive a gold piece from the leprechaun's pot. "So, you see," added the spokesperson, "these kids won't actually even have a need to chase a leprechaun because they will already have cleaned out its fabled pot of gold! We are sure the leprechauns will appreciate this."

Every child, kindergarten through sixth grade, is encouraged to join the run. To participate, each child must turn in a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian. The slips were sent home with students in Heppner Elementary School earlier this week. Visiting students are also encouraged to meet at the steps of the library, at the north end of Main Street. Permission

slips will be available at the Information Booth on Main Street and at the library.

Participants will gather at 11:15. The runs will begin at 11:30. Running brackets will be kindergarten, first and second grades, third and fourth grades, and fifth and sixth grades. The run will be up Main Street from the city park, all the way to the intersection beside Les Schwab Tire Center, and back to the finish line at the shamrock intersection. Total distance will be about ¼ mile. Running and walking - no artificial/mechanical means of travel - will be appropriate for the run.

The St. Pat's weekend committee sponsors this event and is adamant about the safety of the participants. Barriers and adult volunteers will be at Main Street intersections to stop cars from entering Main Street. Last year, a few drivers ignored the traffic deterrents and created potentially dangerous situations. It is imperative that vehicles not travel on Main Street while barriers are in place. "The young runners will not be watching for traffic, nor should they need to, because the barriers mean 'no vehicles on Main Street,'" the spokesperson added. "These runners will be intent on just one thing, finishing the run, and they will be small and fast. We stress for everyone in a vehicle to cooperate by staying away from Main Street on Saturday morning."

Annual Pit Ham Dinner to be held Saturday

The annual Pit Ham Dinner will be held Saturday, March 14, at St. Patrick Parish Hall. Serving begins at 4 p.m. and will end at 7 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. The menu will include pit ham, Irish potatoes, Irish flag salad, corn, rolls, homemade pie and drinks.

Irish entertainment will feature the Lindsay family.

Filing deadline announced for May election

March 19 is the deadline for file for the May 19 election. A list of open positions can be found in last week's edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times.