

## Road Bowling returns to St. Pat's weekend

Heppner's Irish Road Bowling event will draw the St. Patrick's Day weekend celebration to a close on Sunday, March 15.

Participants in this fourth-year event will gather on Sunday afternoon before the 1:30 p.m. activity commences. Participants must be 18 years old or older.

This Irish sport that dates back to the 1600's was played in America by the Irish troops in West Virginia during the Civil War. In recent years, a resurgence of interest in the sport has developed in both Ireland and the United States. Heppner's event has gained popularity since it was first offered in 2006, and entries are limited, so interested persons should pick up entry forms at the Chamber of Commerce Office and return them, filled out, soon.

Teams of two to four members compete over a course of approximately one mile by tossing the iron-and-steel "bowls" that



The Road Bowling Trophy, now displayed in the window of Peterson's Jewelers, will feature another group of names after the competition this Sunday. Last year's winners plan to return this year, determined to see their names engraved again on the coveted trophy. —Contributed Photo

weigh 28-ounce and are slightly smaller in diameter than a tennis ball. The team that completes the course with the fewest tosses wins. In 2006 and 2008, teams of four won. In 2007, a team of two won the competition.

Each participant must pay \$5 to play. The purse is then divided, with half going into the St. Patrick's Weekend fund and half being divided among the top three teams. Names of the winning team's members will be added to the trophy that is on display in

the window of Peterson's Jewelers.

The starting point of the course will be determined and that information will be available at the Information Booth on Main Street on Saturday, March 14. Details will also be announced at the Saturday-morning Coffee Hour. Spectators are welcome at the event but are cautioned to remain a safe distance from the action because the bowls are heavy and have been known to break bones in unfortunate situations.

## Blue Mountain Fiddlers to perform Saturday

The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers will be playing Saturday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the dance hall at the fairgrounds. There is no charge for admission.

The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Association has been around for over 50 years. Members from all over the northwest, travel to various shows and contests delighting audi-

## Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative schedules power outage

Bonneville Power Administration and Columbia Basin Electric Coop announce a one hour power outage beginning at midnight, Monday, March 16, until 1 a.m. Tuesday, March 17. This one hour outage will allow Bonneville Power Administration to perform required N.E.R.C. reliability testing.

All Columbia Basin Electric Coop members served from the Ione BPA

ences everywhere. The goal of The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Association is to keep the art of old time, dance hall music alive.

During the fiddle show Equine Elegance and the Stir It Up 4-H groups will be selling pie and coffee. Come and listen to good old time music and support your local 4-H kids.

substation will be affected by this outage. (Lower Rhea Creek, the City of Ione, The area north of Ione, Willow creek from Cecil Jones' north to the Morrow County line, Four mile and Eight mile Canyons).


We regret any inconvenience this will cause; however, it is very important that Bonneville Power Administration completes this required testing.

## Sally Anne's Shoppe to open for business

Sally Anne's Shoppe, located at 168 W. Willow, will open for business on Thursday, March 12.

Available for purchase will be: past and present items, home and garden items, western decorative gift items, ready to hang wood mounted classic movie posters, vintage crate labeled art, flower arrangements, and jewelry.

Sally Anne's Shoppe will be open for business 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



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### HOW MUCH DOWN?

Rather frequently the question arises as to how large a deposit a buyer should put down or, to put it another way, how much deposit should the seller reasonably require?

The deposit should be sufficient to make sure the buyer will have good reason to see the transaction through and to reimburse the seller for taking the property off the market and other expenses in case the buyer defaults. The length of time from signing the agreement to the date of transfer may have a bearing. For example, one

calling for performance in 90 days, should require a substantial deposit. A 30 day agreement might call for less. Beware, however, a 30 day agreement due to unforeseen circumstances may have to be extended and actually result in a 60 or 90 day agreement.

The term "deposit" as used above is to be distinguished from "earnest money" which is a relatively small payment intended to bind sale until a formal agreement can be written.



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## Heppner Head Start holding blanket raffle



The children at Heppner Head Start are raffling off a queen-sized blanket. The cost of the tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchase tickets at Artisan Village (where the blanket is on display), Lott's Electric, or from any Head Start parent. The winner will be announced during the St. Patrick's Parade. For additional information call Matt Best 676-5127. —Contributed Photo

## BMCC to hold grant workshop in Heppner

Blue Mountain Community College has scheduled a one-day workshop entitled, "Getting a Grant," for Wednesday, March 18, at the Morrow County Extension Office in Heppner. The class will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants should bring their own lunch. The cost of the workshop is \$22 and pre-registration is required.

This one-day seminar will introduce participants to the basics of getting a grant and then what to do once a grant has been received. Topics covered include: demystifying the grant-seeking process; identifying funding sources; framing the project; elements of a proposal; and what to do once you get a grant.

Susan Plass, Blue Mountain Community College's Director of Grants, will present the workshop. Plass has over 20 years experience in the field of grants and proposals.

Pre-registration is required and may be done by contacting Anne Morter, BMCC Coordinator for Morrow County, at 422-7040.

## Spray Rodeo tryouts to be held

Try outs for the 2009 May 23 & 24 Spray Rodeo will be held Saturday, March 21 at 1 p.m. at the Spray Rodeo grounds.

Contestants do not have to be local or Wheeler County residents. They must be at least 15 years old, never been married or had children.

For more information call 541-468-2442.

## Marriages

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:

-February 27: Kelli Scott McAllister, 21, Ione, and Rhiannon Lea Corry, 24, Ione.

## Heppner Elementary PTC sponsoring dance

The Heppner Elementary PTC is sponsoring Celebrate Oregon dance to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> year of Oregon being a state. The dance will be held March 19 at the Heppner Elementary Gym and is open to all HES families. The cost is free and snacks will be provided.

Music will be provided by Desert Music Mobile and will feature music of the wagon trail days. The dance begins at 6:30 and goes until 9:30. Students must be accompanied by an adult.



The theme for Heppner Elementary PTC sponsored dance will be "Celebrate Oregon." —Contributed Photo

There are eight baskets (each having a separate theme) that will be raffled off. Tickets for the raffle are \$.25 cents each. Kick

up your heels, put on your western wear and come and Celebrate Oregon.

## Boardman appoints new planning commissioner

Tuesday night the Boardman City Council appointed Kellye Finch to the Boardman Planning Commission. She will serve a three year term ending December 31, 2011.

Ms. Finch is a city resident with a history of volunteering in the Boardman community. She has served on the Boardman Police Advisory Committee and the Boardman School Board Advisory Committee. She has also volunteered with the Boardman Senior Center and the AARP Tax Advisory program.

The Boardman Plan-

ning Commission meets the third Wednesday of each month to discuss city planning issues for recommendation to the Boardman City Council.

Currently there are two vacancies on the commission; the city would like to fill those immediately. Interested parties should contact Boardman City Hall for information on how to apply.

In other city news, the Boardman Urban Renewal Agency approved their 2008-2009 budget. City councilors heard a report from Emily Doherty

of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). The YAC has several projects planned to raise funds for their youth-oriented programs and listed the volunteer activities they

plan to be involved with.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boardman City Council is Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at Boardman City Hall.

## HHS senior class to hold weekend fundraisers

The Heppner High School senior class will be holding a bake sale, silent auction and raffle at Heritage Land on Main Street on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the St. Patrick's Weekend festivities. Tickets are available to win one spa basket,

one fishing basket and one garden basket.

The senior class will also be selling water at the Motocross and at the mill site where the Cruise-In will begin.

Proceeds will benefit the senior class graduation party.

### St. Patrick's Pit Ham Dinner

Where finicky Leprechauns eat!



**Saturday, March 14 from 4 - 7 p.m.**

Serving: Pit Ham, Irish Potato Casserole, Irish Flag Salad, Veggie, Roll & Homemade Pie!

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