

Confirmation held St. William's Catholic Church



Back row (L-R): Fr. Gerry Condon, Zac Orem, Steven Holland, and Bishop Vasa. Front row (L-R): Rita McElligott, Emily Holland, Mary McElligott, and Jaqueline Juarez. —Contributed Photo

Bishop Robert Vasa of the Baker Diocese confirmed six students at St. William's Catholic Church in Ione on Sunday, March 29.

The confirmation rite followed two years of study by the candidates, as well as participation in a retreat at St. Patrick's in Heppner. The students were Zac Orem, Steven Holland, Mary McElligott, Emily Holland, Jaqueline Juarez, and Rita McElligott.

The candidates each also completed over 10 hours of community service. A reception sponsored by St. William's Altar Society followed the confirmation mass. Fr. Gerry Condon is the pastor at St. William's.

Boardman seeks grant for park and sports complex

Friday morning the Boardman City Council met in special session to discuss a grant application for funding of the city's proposed park and sports complex. The approaching deadline for the application through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Local Government Grant Program made it necessary for the special session.

Councilors unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the grant application.

The proposed park and sports complex will be located on city property north of Mt. Adams Avenue

and west of Faler Road and will be comprised of outdoor baseball, softball, and soccer fields, as well as a nature playground and walking trails. Other such sport complexes are in a "clover" shape with four ball fields around a centrally located restroom/concession area.

The city is applying for \$350,000 and plans for the sports complex to be funded in phases.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boardman City Council is Tuesday, March 7, 2009 at 7 p.m. at Boardman City Hall.

Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on March 25 at the county courthouse with Judge Tallman, Commissioner Grieb and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of those meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court approved the minutes of January 28, 2009.

The court approved monthly accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$62,218.60.

The court signed an agreement for education between Oregon Health and Science University School of Nursing and Morrow Health Department. This will allow the university to send student nurses to our area for hands on training.

The road department provided the following report: Road Canyon Bridge — The crew has formed and poured the concrete on both headwalls and three of the four footings for the wing walls. They are now in the process of tying rebar and forming up the last footing for the wing walls. Upper Rhea Creek Road — The crew has been working on extending some culverts and adding width to parts of the road as needed. Have also been sloping some banks back and cleaning out ditches for better sight distance on some of the corners.

Road grading — Continuing with road grading as weather permits. Graders are working in the Dry Fork, Clarks Canyon and Alpine areas. Road sweeping — The crew

has finished the sweeping in the Irrigon area and is now working in the Boardman area. The crew repaired or replaced numerous signs in the Irrigon area.

The court approved and signed the renewal of three five year rock pit agreements.

The court approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for services, between the Sheriff's Office and the City of Irrigon. The sheriff reported that there is a COPS Grant that may be available to rural areas. The grant would pay for the wages for a new officer for three years with the county being required to pay the office's wages in year four. The court gave the sheriff approval to pursue the possibility of obtaining the grant for one or two officers.

The court received for their review a copy of the new Code Enforcement Ordinance. The court directed the County Planning Department to schedule the needed public hearing so the ordinance can be enacted.

Commissioner Rea reported that the most recent Water Policy Committee meeting was held by teleconference on March 23. Reported that there is a proposal being submitted (SB740) which would subject all water right holders to pay an annual or biannual fee just because they have a water right. Commissioner Rea reported that she was the only one that spoke in opposition to the bill.

The Kinzua Lunch group held their March lunch in Prineville.

Those attending were Bob and MaryLee Britt and John and Midge Geer from Fossil and grandsons Trenton and Thad, Marilyn Garcia, from John Day; Bob and Lavonne Slinkard, from Heppner; OL and Jean Ann Adams and Bonnie Campbell, from Metlious; Montell McDonald, from Condon; Gael (Windy) Liptak, from Prineville; Harold and Peggy Reed, Bob and Peggy Nelson, John and Rosemary Nelson, and Nancy Benson Christensen.

The next lunch will be April 24 at Service Creek Lodge at 11:30.

Alumni sought for summer concert series

The Inland Northwest Musicians Orchestra and Chorale is inviting anyone who has sung or played with them in the past to rejoin the group for the pops concerts scheduled for June 13 in Ukiah and June 14 at the Port of Morrow in Boardman.

The group is celebrating its 10th anniversary season in 2009. Rehearsals for the summer series will begin in late April.

Interested musicians and singers can call Teresa Best at 289-4696 for more information.

Confirmation held at St. Patrick Parish



Pictured are: back row (L-R) Fr. Gerry Condon, Austin Gutierrez, Jessy Wolford and Bishop Vasa; front row (L-R) Macy Gibbs, Carrie Hagewood, and Mariela Sanchez. —Contributed Photo

Bishop Robert Vasa, bishop of Baker, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on five students of St. Patrick Parish.

The students had studied for this sacrament since last September, attended a retreat, and performed charitable works. Following the ceremony, the St. Patrick Altar Society had a reception for the students and their families.

Gertrude L. McRae Trust Scholarship application available

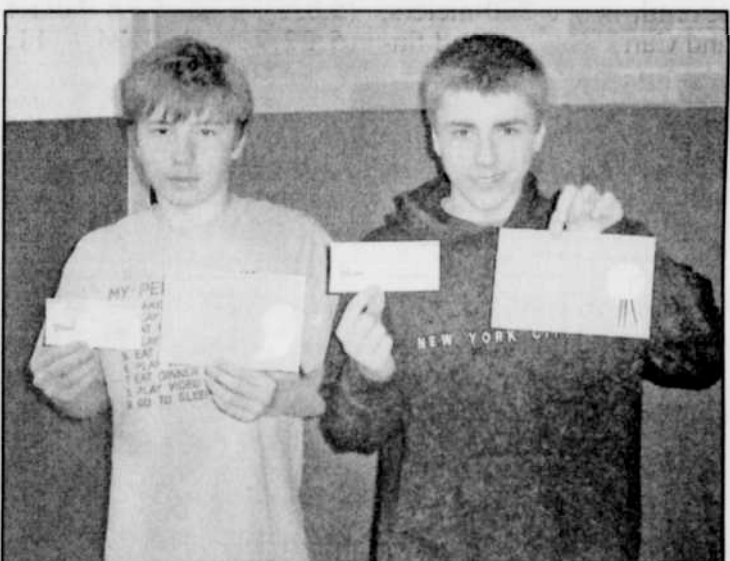
The Gertrude L. McRae Scholarship Committee has announced that the 2009-2010 academic scholarship applications are available to graduates of Grant County high schools. Graduates of high school within Morrow Wasco and Wheeler counties may also be considered for a scholarship award if too fee Grant County applications are received.

Preference will be given to Grant County high

school graduates who reside in Oregon and have completed one or more years of an accredited college.

For an application and student criteria list contact the McRae Scholarship Committee c/o Grant County Court, 201 S. Humboldt St., Suite 280, Canyon City, OR 97820 or call 541-575-0059. Fully completed application packets must be received by the Grant County Court office by July 15, 2009.

Essay winners received checks and certificates



Heppner High School students who placed first, second and third in the state for their essays recently received their checks and certificates. Pictured are (L-R) Conner Pappas, 3rd place, and Shane Smith, 1st place. Not pictured was Zachariah Hintz, 2nd place. They were sponsored by the Heppner Garden Club. —Contributed Photo

Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:

- Raymond D. Sinclair, 35, Hermiston, DUII diversion.
- Clifford Joel Dougherty, 45, Heppner DUII diversion.
- Steven E. Strahm, 55, Ione, driving while suspended (misd.), \$945 fine.
- Justin W. Laurendeau, 29, Heppner, violation of the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$113 fine.
- Jan Antonin Vyhna, 73, failure to use seatbelt, \$76 fine.
- Tara R. Ozment, 26, Milton-Freewater, violation of the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$185.

Land slide next to U.S. 395, drive with caution

The Oregon Department of Transportation is monitoring an 80-foot wide land slide adjacent to U.S. Highway 395 approximately 20 miles south of Pilot Rock.

The slide is located at mile point 37.1 in the Battle Mountain area and has caused the down sloping hillside on the west side of the highway to drop a dozen feet in some areas. It has not impacted the highway at this time.

As a safety precaution ODOT has closed the southbound shoulder. Crews are monitoring the roadway and working on plans to stabilize the hillside before the highway is impacted. Motorists are advised to slow down and pay extra attention in this area until repairs to the hillside can be made.

April 12th is Easter!



Easter Drink Specials

Peaches & Creme Italian Soda
Coconut Creme Latte



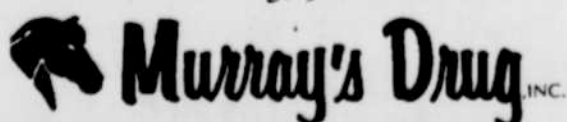
Wedding Tables

Riley Brett Wight &
Amanda Dawn Miles
Saturday, May 2nd

Jared Dean Eckman &
Trisha Kay Adams
Saturday, May 9th

Megan Kae Bailey &
Kyle Richard Snow
Saturday, May 30th

Shelley Kathryn Rietmann &
Adam Ashley McCabe
Saturday, June 27th



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