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Garden Club elects officers



The Heppner Garden Club concluded this year's activities with a plant exchange at the St. Patrick Senior Center on May 2, 2009. The following officers have been elected for the year 2009-2010: Neva DeMayo, president; Danny Picard, vice-president; Jan Delinger, secretary; Melissa Monaco, treasurer. —Contributed Photo

Oregon Trail Library District launches Summer Reading Program

"Be Creative @ Your Library" this summer at the Oregon Trail Library District libraries in Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon. Explore the worlds of music, dance, art, books, and more.

The 2009 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, ages 0-12. There will be programs, a visit by a special performer, prizes and a lot of fun. Registration for the Summer Reading Program will begin Wednesday, June 3.

For more information call the OTLD Boardman library (541)481-2665 or OTLD Heppner branch at (541)676-9964.

All programs are free of charge.

Summer Episcopal church camp announced

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon invite parents to send their children to summer camp for a week at Ascension School Camp in Cove.

A typical day at camp includes blocks of time for Christian education, crafts, swimming, recreational activities and camp fire programs for the

entire camp in the evening. Beginners Camp, Intermediate Camp, Junior High and Senior High camps for children 8-18 years of age are available.

Anyone interested is sending their child to camp can contact Ascension School at 541-568-4514. Transportation and scholarships are available.

Kinzua lunch group meets

The Kinzua lunch group met at Service Creek on May 15. Those attending were: Dixie and Bruce Hollomon, Jean Ann and OL Adams, Marilyn and Dawn Garcia, Pat Hyatt, Montell McDonald, Bill Potter, Mary Lee and Bob Britt, Ada and Ernice Schell and Sharon and Smokey Smiley of Hood River.

The next lunch group meeting will be held July 17.

YOUR ASSISTANCE NEEDED.

I need help with a new book project. After the recent passing of my father and listening to all the great stories, not just about him but about his peers as well, I realize that they need to be compiled for all of us and future generations to enjoy and cherish. There is an era of colorful characters, our parents and grandparents mostly that lived much differently than we're allowed to live today. Some would call them "the good ol' days"! We all agree you just can't get away with things you used to be able to get away with. I plan to call the book

"The Best and Last of Eastern Oregon's Greatest Outlaws"
"An era of upstanding citizens who got away with hell!!!"

Please mail or e-mail me your stories and please don't be shy! My goal is not to embarrass anyone, but to share the memories and the laughter. Pictures are encouraged and appreciated. Everyone contributing will receive a copy of the book and your names can be included or kept anonymous. I hope I count on everyone, I can't write this book without you..... My Thanks in advance for your contributions.

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Obituaries

Willard R. Horton

Willard Russell Horton, 68, of Hermiston died Friday, May 15, 2009 at his home.

Mr. Horton was born in Wallowa on April 24, 1941, the son of Cyril and Emma Henderson Horton. He joined the United States Navy in 1949. After his honorable discharge from the Navy he worked in logging and with heavy equipment. He married Judy Ann Savage at Lewiston Idaho in 1962.

He is survived by: his wife, Judy Horton of Hermiston; daughters, Sonya Edgemond of Weston, Judy Marie Story also of

Weston, and Diana Teal of Hermiston; son, Willard Russell Horton Jr. of Wallowa; brother, Richard Horton of Hermiston; sister, Daphene Nytz of Hermiston; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Willard R. Horton

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Warren Horton and Steve Horton, a nephew, Cyril Horton.

Disposition was by cremation and a memorial service will be held at Wallowa at a later date.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Lee T. McRoberts

Lee Thomas McRoberts, 80, formerly of Heppner died Friday, May 22, 2009 at his home in Portland.

He was born October 24, 1928 in Heppner, the son of William and Stella McDander McRoberts. He was raised and attended school in Heppner where he graduated from high school in 1946. He attended college for a time before marrying Marianne Gammell on March 12, 1949 in Pendleton.

Mr. McRoberts worked in the welding supply business which took him around the Pacific Northwest. Following his retirement he took up the game of golf and accomplished a hole in one on four different occasions, a feat he was understandably proud of. He also enjoyed traveling, biking, gardening, and cooking.

Survivors include: his wife, Marianne McRoberts of Portland; sons, Terry

McRoberts and his wife Ellen of Coto De Caza, CA, and Tim McRoberts of Vancouver, WA; daughter, Sherie Knight and her husband Don of Auburn, WA; sisters, Caroline Goodwin of Portland and Frances Wright of Twin Falls, ID; brothers, Arlo McRoberts of Rancho Mirage, CA and Ellis McRoberts of Heppner; grandchildren, Amy Herter, Eddie McRoberts, Kristin McRoberts, Molly Kinghorn, Kevin Knight, Chris Knight, and Shaun Knight; and great-grandchildren, Aiden, Delaney, Cassie, Jady, and Logan.

A graveside service for Mr. McRoberts will be held at noon on Thursday, May 28, 2009, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Food Bank, PO Box 55370, Portland, Oregon 97238-5370.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Heppner Methodist Women to hold annual Indoor Yard Sale

On Saturday, June 6, the Heppner Methodist Women will once again hold their annual "Indoor Yard Sale". The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the basement of the Heppner Methodist Church, but there may be some outdoor displays of items for sale as well. There will be many bargains, but no early sales.

In previous years, there has been an excellent selection of gently used goods including exercise equipment, linens, kitchen

and household items as well as a good selection of tools, which is expected again this year. There also will be many miscellaneous items such as homemade food items and other numerous items.

Money from this sale is used for youth programs, repairs and refurbishment of the parsonage as well as other church needs that are not in the budget. The Heppner Methodist women appreciate all the support that is received from the community.

Hardman Cemetery work party held



On a blustery Tuesday afternoon, several members of the Heppner Odd Fellows Lodge held a work party at the historic Hardman Cemetery in preparation of Memorial Day weekend. Lawn mowers, weed eaters, and tractors with bush-hog mowers moved-in and in short-order had the cemetery looking ship-shape. Volunteers donating their time and equipment were Dan Brosnan, Gary Jones, Bob Jepsen, Bob Stevens, Frank Osmin, Al Riney, Tim Dickenson, Corey Sweeney, Mark Wunderlich, Steve Rhea, and Tom Wolff. The Hardman Cemetery is under the care and maintenance of Heppner Lodge #66 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has graves dating from 1892 to the present. Several century-old grave stones have very decorative and unusual inscriptions, with many pioneer families interned there. —Contributed Photo

Heppner Garden Club to hold June meeting

"Prepare for the Fair" will be the topic for the June meeting of the Heppner Garden Club at St. Pat's Senior Center, 7 p.m., on June 1. Discussion will include plant divisions, classifications, rules and helpful hints for exhibitors.

Hostesses will be Eve Ironhawk and JoAnne Burlson.

Dinner-at-the-Cemetery Players' production to be held

By Doris Brosnan

"Rails, Riches, and Rejection: The History of the Railroad in the Willow Creek Valley" is the title of the June 13 play that will feature the Dinner-at-the-Cemetery Players.

The dialogue of the main characters – Tom Ayers, Marian Good, and Jerry Brosnan – and scenes depicting significant events carry the audience through the coming of the OR&N railroad and its history in the valley, to the final departure of the UP railroad, and into a thought-provoking image of the future.

"Rails" is the fifth play offered by the thespian group that originated with its 2003 presentation commemorating the 1903 Heppner Flood. The core group is joined this year by several more actors eager to help bring history to life. A cast of thirty-two will entertain with drama and comedy as the stories unfold. These stories will feature railroad "suits," Valley movers and shakers, good guy-bad guys, local names and faces from the distant and recent past.

As this is "dinner theatre," a formal dinner will precede the production. This year, the dinner will be served inside the museum, surely a first for the museum and the diners. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the play, which will last approximately one and a half hours, will begin at 7 p.m.

Dinner-theatre tickets will go on sale on June 1. They will be available at the Heppner Chamber office, Murray's, Bank of Eastern Oregon, and Heppner TV. The price is \$20.

The thespians will present this original stage production by the mural on the side of the agricultural museum, on Riverside Drive, weather permitting. Should inclement weather require a change, a decision to move dinner and the play to the St. Patrick Parish Hall will be made on Saturday morning.

Boardman Community Clean Up Day a success

The Boardman Community Clean Up Day was a huge success for the residents of Boardman.

With over 70 people working 233 hours on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, volunteers bagged over 150 bags of trash along Boardman Avenue and on Front Street. The volunteers planted bushes and trees in front of Boardman Family Foods and the Library they put in a water drip system and then finished off the landscaping by spreading bark.

In front of Boardman Auto Parts – NAPA workers put in an irrigation system and are planting grass. Workers also cleaned the signs and picked up trash along the Heritage Trail.

Mayor Phillips

cooked hot dogs for all the workers as a way to say thank you for spending the morning working. The hot dogs and buns were donated by Boardman Family Foods, and Swire Coca-Cola donated soft drinks.

The organization that donated the most volunteer hours was the Youth Advisory Group from Riverside High School; they received \$300 for their efforts. Second place went to Cub Scout Troop 615, they received \$125.

This event was made such a success by many sponsors and all the volunteers that willingly gave their time and energy to help the Boardman Chamber of Commerce host this important clean up day.

Smithsonian Art Series continues at Heppner Library

The next program in a series offered at Heppner from the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) will be held this Thursday, May 28, at the public library at noon.

The public is invited. Lunch will be provided for all attendees at the one hour program.

SAAM staff will present "Personal Values Associated with Place in the U.S." – a program showing pieces from our country's national collection of art that reflect life on the farm, in small towns, and in cities.

This program will explore concepts of art as portrayals of rural areas as peaceful and tranquil, and the city as often conceived of as corrupt, crime-ridden, crowded and polluted or as a cultured, progressive, diverse place with numerous opportunities.

The program is presented as a live, two-way interactive videoconference, where local residents will be able to talk directly with museum staff and they

with local residents.

The SAAM series were developed specifically for Eastern Oregon residents to enhance the regional project "A Sense of Place" currently underway by the nonprofit Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) to bring programs in the arts, sciences and humanities to the region.

SAAM staff has developed its series at no cost to LEO. Other programs in the sciences and humanities are made possible by a grant to LEO from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

"We're hoping for a good turn-out from area residents," said Marsha Richmond, director of the Oregon Trail Library District. "If we have a number of people in the audience, we can continue to offer programs such as this in our district."

For more information, please contact Richmond at 541-481-3365 or LEO executive director Lyn Craig at 541-763-2355.

HES/HHS Spring Concert to be held Thursday

Heppner Elementary School and Heppner High School will hold their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 28, at 6 p.m. at the HES gymnasium.

HES to hold awards night

Heppner Elementary School will hold their awards night on Tuesday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.