

Benefit spaghetti dinner and silent auction to be held for Zita family

A benefit spaghetti dinner and silent auction for Rich and Sheridan (Sweek) Zita will be held on Thursday, September 17, at the Heppner Elks Club on #358 from 5-8 p.m.

Sheridan is the daughter of the late Clayton Sweek and Evelyn Sweek of Heppner. She is a 1982 Heppner High School graduate. She is a grade school teacher at Echo grade school.

Rich is the son of Dorothy Cutsforth Hawkins. He works for Western States Equipment in Pendleton.

Both Rich and Sheridan are battling cancer. Sheridan has pancreatic cancer. Rich has cancer of the lymphatic system. They are both undergoing cancer



The Zita Family

treatments in Walla Walla, WA.

They have two sons: Cory, 19, a sophomore at University of Idaho, and Nicholas, 17, a senior at Pendleton High School.

Cost of the dinner is \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids. Everyone is welcome

to attend.

Silent auction items will include: men's Armani watch, Nouveau Spa signature pedicure, Nouveau Spa massage, two HHS sports passes for the year, Wii system, Pendleton Whiskey lamp, two handmade wine holders with wine, home-

made afghan, Mexican dinner, one day of handy man labor, and much more. A variety of baskets will also be available: Several wine and cheese, picnic, Mustang logo items, Hair Expression of goodies, kitchen items with fall theme, Demarle Cookware products, and Arbonne Spa products.

An account has been set up for the Zita family at Community Bank and can donations be made at any branch.

For additional information or to make a donation contact Kaedene Bailey at 676-5110. Checks for the dinner or auction can either be made out to St. Patrick's Altar Society or the Zitas at Community Bank. All donations are tax deductible.

Army of free tutors in place for Eastern Oregon students and lifelong learners

As the school year gets underway, an army of skilled tutors stands ready to help students and persons of all ages in Morrow County and elsewhere in eastern Oregon with homework, writing, resume-building, G.E.D. assistance, citizenship tests and many other studies.

The free service is available through public libraries in 15 rural Oregon counties and can be accessed by anyone seven days per week, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., wherever there is an internet connection.

Students from kindergarten through 12th grade, home-schoolers, those in introductory-level college courses and adult learners can simply visit any library in the 15 counties served by LEO or a library's website to get on-demand, interactive help from qualified tutors.

All that's needed is a library card or to request the tutoring service pass-code from any public library in eastern Oregon.

Access can also be made directly through the LEO website: www.librariesofeasternoregon.org.

Live, on line tutoring services have been made available for this school year in Morrow County with funding contributed by The Chalkboard Project, Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO), and the Oregon Trail Library District.

The project is part of "LEO Learns," an initiative to bring programs and services to persons of all ages across the region.

Administered by Tutor.com, the LEO Learns suite includes "Live Homework Help," the College Learning Center, and the Adult Career Center.

"Live Homework Help" connects students in grades K-12 with expert tutors in math, science, social studies and language arts.

The College Center provides remedial help for higher education courses and reports, essays and papers in a wide range of subjects. The Adult Learning Center provides assistance with studies for a high school diploma, U.S. citizenship tests, crafting a resume, and job search services.

Tutoring is avail-

able in both English and Spanish.

Students and tutors can review specific homework questions, as well as subject-specific concepts using features such as controlled chat, an interactive white board, and shared web browsing. There is also 24/7 access to worksheets, videos and tutorials in just about any subject. All tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors, graduate or undergraduate students from across the country. Tutor.com has more than 2,000 highly qualified, certified tutors serving 1,800 libraries across the country, although few in Oregon outside of this region. To date, nationwide the service has conducted over 4.5 million sessions.

"We're really pleased to have this help from the Chalkboard Project and some local libraries to have this service available in the region," said Lyn Craig, LEO executive director. "The learning suite is easy to use and significantly increases the library's presence and responsibility in the rural communities."

Launched in 2004, the nonprofit Chalkboard Project was organized by a consortium of six of Oregon's leading foundations to help bolster education with a goal of making the state's K-12 public schools among the nation's best.

Chalkboard Project aims to help create a more informed and engaged public to address issues required to build strong schools, and to enable statewide programs that can be applied at the local level to improve school quality, accountability and funding.

To learn more about Chalkboard Project and its efforts, contact project director Kylie Grunow at 877-YOUR-K12 or see www.chalkboardproject.org.

LEO serves public libraries in Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler counties. For more information, contact Craig at 541-763-2355 or OTLD director Marsha Richmond, who serves on the LEO board, at 541-481-3365.

Health Department Schedule

The Morrow County Health Department has released its September schedule as follows:

Wednesday, September 16: Heppner Senior Center Flu Clinic, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Ione Fire Hall Flu Clinic, 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, September 17: Heppner Clinic, 8 a.m. to noon; 1-4:30 p.m.

Monday, September 21: Boardman Clinic, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22: Boardman Clinic, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m.; Boardman Senior Center Flu Clinic 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 24: Heppner Clinic, 8 a.m. to noon, 1-4:30 p.m.

Monday, September 28: Boardman Clinic, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m.; Boardman Clinic Flu Clinic 4-7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 29: Boardman Clinic, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m.

Lemmon graduates from Pacific Coast Banking School

Mark Lemmon, Chief Financial Officer for Bank of Eastern Oregon, recently graduated from Pacific Coast Banking School.

PCBS is touted as the premier graduate level banking school in the country. For the past three summers, Mark has attended the two-week program at the University of Washington in Seattle. The curriculum included courses in lending, law, accounting, leadership, and numerous inter-year problems, as well as a thesis. Lemmon graduated as an honor roll student being specifically recognized in the top 10% of the graduating class of 228.

Lemmon joined the bank in 2006 and is a CPA.

Mark and his wife, Alaina, have six children and live in Lexington.



Mark Lemmon

"Mark once again proved himself to be a leader amongst his peers," said Jeff Bailey, President and CEO of the bank. "The PCBS coursework is quite intense. We are very proud of Mark's achievement. His dedication to the bank and desire to increase his knowledge in banking is another example of what sets us apart from our competition."

"I appreciate the opportunity to further my banking knowledge," said Lemmon. "The interaction with other bankers was a valuable experience."

Arlington Saddle Club queen tryouts to be held

Tryouts for the 2010 Arlington Saddle Club Queen will be held Sunday, September 27, at 11 a.m. at the Arlington Rodeo grounds.

The pageant is open to girls ages 16 - 24, who are committed to represent-

ing the Club at 10 mandatory events. Contestants do not need to reside in Gilliam County to apply.

For more information, contact Eileen Potter, Advisor at 541-384-6251 or e-mail to epotter@jncable.com.

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

Any given Saturday afternoon at Willow Creek Terrace almost always finds some residents enjoying a matinee movie, and they always welcome visitors to view it with them.

Saturday matinees are just one of the routine activities per week on the Hill that must be worked into a schedule that also includes a variety of special activities every month. Any designated day is never too insignificant for a celebration, especially when the day involves such activities as creating and drinking root beer floats (August 8), sneaking zucchini to your neighbor (9th), remembering and discussing and listening to the music of the King, Elvis Presley (9th), making and eating s'mores (13th), paying tribute to right-minded people - those left-handed people in our midst - and trying to write with that hand if you are right handed (16th), telling jokes because it is Tell-a-Joke Day (16th), learning something more about aviation and seeing whose paper airplane can fly the farthest (21st), and having peach pie for dessert on Peach-Pie Day (26th).

September has begun with similar busy-ness at the Terrace, as everyone was encouraged to read a book on the 7th, had hot dogs for lunch on that tasty cuisine's birthday (12th), and followed up on the 13th with a tasty tribute to National Chocolate-Milkshake Day. Residents will be invited to make a hat on the 19th, talk like a pirate on the 20th, create something impressive on Play-Doh Day (21st), think of something to do to celebrate the patent of the ice cream cone (25th), discuss and read comic books and also study information on Native Americans on the 26th, figure out in some tasty, creative way why there is a National Mocha Day, and see the month close while having a chew on Chewing-Gum Day.

September will also bring the birthdays of the youngest and the oldest residents at the Terrace. This, of course, means that residents will have to celebrate with Gloria and Stubby over some delicious birthday treats. And Manager Nairns reports that residents might be able to work in a trip through the mountains this month. With colors turning, September might offer an especially enjoyable ride to Ukiah, with especially enjoyable ice cream at that end of the trip.

Since their garden, which will be featured in next month's Ruralite, now requires a little less attention, some residents have a little more free time this month. The staff, however, continues to prepare the produce for meals and to freeze some for winter menus. The Terrace freezers are nearly filled to the brims, with these and other small containers and the 4-H pig that the Odd Fellows donated, along with the two beeves that Charlie and Marsha Anderson donated to the Community on the Hill. Friends who have shared their own garden harvest with the residents recently are Debbie Warren, Al and Donna Osmin, Tom and Arlynda Gates, and Daisy Collins. And the cookies from Floss Watkins were instantly and greatly appreciated.

Appreciated every day by the Terrace residents are the members of their staff, and Manager Nairns reports that three new members are already proving to be great additions: Michelle Greenup, Jessica Lentz, and Hilaree Stewart. Visitors are encouraged to come by to meet the new faces, play games, chat with residents, take in a movie. Visitors might just sit and relax... unless they happen to show up during any of the busy activities that the residents view as one reason life on the Hill can be a pleasure.

Oregon Cattlemen announce Stewardship Fund Scholarship winners

For the upcoming 2009-10 academic year, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association announces its Stewardship Fund Scholarship winners. Scholarships went to five college-bound Oregonians each receiving a prestigious \$1,000 academic award, including Shanna Rietmann of Heppner.

Rietmann is currently a first-year veterinary student attending Oregon State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"The Oregon Cattlemen's Association is proud to honor students in the community who are working to advance the economic, political and social interests of the Oregon

cattle industry," said Kay Teisl, executive director of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

The Stewardship Fund is available to current Oregon Cattlemen's Association members and members of their family. Applicant requirements included sophomore, junior, senior or graduate level and full-time enrollment at a community college or university for the 2009-10 academic year. All majors may apply; however, some relevance to the livestock industry must be demonstrated. For scholarship questions, please contact the OCA office at 503-361-8941 or email to katiegoff@orcattle.com.

Morrow County Soil Conservation Farms Recognized September 27

Wheat producers and interested persons are invited to attend a reunion of Morrow County Soil Conservation Winners 1948 through 1998. The event will take place at the OSU Extension Service Office in Heppner on September 27 at 3 p.m.

The Oregon Wheat Growers League honored producers throughout the state for their conservation efforts for 50 years, until conservation became the regulatory standard, and the program was retired. A celebration has been planned to preserve this history and acknowledge the farms that were selected from Morrow County.

The reunion will take place at the Morrow

County OSU Extension Office, located at the old Kinzua Mill Office site, North of Heppner on Highway 207. A plaque identifying the farms will be placed on the north wall of the conference room along with the personal plaques of the nine Morrow County Farms honored by the State.

This soil conservation program was promoted by the Oregon Wheat Growers League and supported by the County Wheat Growers League, and by the Oregon State University Extension Service in each County.

For more information or to RSVP contact Louis Carlson at 541-676-5302.

7th Annual Fund Raising Dinner

To Benefit Ione Education Foundation

501(c)3 non-profit corporation.

AUCTION and RAFFLE ITEMS

Saturday, September 26th

Ione American Legion Hall

Social hour at 6 p.m. / Dinner at 7 p.m.

Menu: Prime Rib, Salmon, Salad,

Baked Potato, Bread, Dessert.

Two drinks included with meal (choose from beer, wine and soft drinks).

Ticket Prices:

Adults - \$25.00

Children 7 - 12 - \$10.00

6 and under - Free



Come enjoy a fun evening and help support the Ione School.

To the people who write letters degrading our city council and workers using filthy language or writing about a deceased person who is like a sister to us, you are living cowards because they will not put their names on these letters. Any letters I send out, no matter who they go out to, I always sign my name because I am not a living coward like those who send out filthy letters.

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