

Ione American Legion and Auxiliary to hold annual Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament

The 2010 Ione American Legion and Auxiliary Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament and bingo and bake sale fund-raising event will be held on Saturday, March 20, at the Ione American Legion Hall in Ione.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Sign-ups will be held at 6 p.m. with play beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the four top players. A sandwich and salad bar will be available and drinks will be served by Taylor's.

Two raffles will be held throughout the evening, a rifle raffle and a beef raffle. The rifle is a Savage Model II .243 Winchester bolt action with a 3x9 Bushnell scope. The beef raffle includes two halves of beef, cut and wrapped. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.



Willard French displays the gun he donated for the Ione American Legion and Auxiliary annual fundraiser. -Contributed Photo

This annual event helps raise money for up-

keep and maintenance of the facility and the special

programs the American Legion and Auxiliary supports and offers throughout the year. The Legion Post sends a high school junior to Boys' State each year. They also award a college scholarship to one qualified recipient each year. The Auxiliary sends two high school junior girls to Girls' State each year. They award an annual scholarship to a qualified senior girl.

The American Legion and Auxiliary also donates beef to the VA Kidney & Liver Transplant Housing Facility in Vancouver, WA each year. They also provide support to the Veterans Nursing Home facility in The Dalles. Both organizations support many small projects throughout the year including projects that support our overseas troops, Veterans programs and community needs.

Chamber events announced

This week's Chamber lunch meeting will be an overview of Windows 7 by Pat Struthers. The meeting will be held at City Hall at 12 p.m.

The cost for lunch is \$9. Sweet Productions will be catering the lunch.

Those planning to attend weekly Chamber lunch meetings are asked to RSVP by the Wednesday before each meeting to accommodate enough food and seats.

Upcoming events:

A community open house will be held on Thursday evening beginning at 7 p.m. at Heppner City Hall.

March 11-14: St. Patrick's Committee is

wrapping up the planning of this year's 28th St. Patrick's "Wee Bit O' Ireland" celebration which will start on Thursday evening, March 11, with the variety program "Ireland in Story, Song and Laughter" written and coordinated by Father Condon and Joe Lindsay. The celebration will end with the Sheep Dog Trials and Road Bowling on Sunday, March 14. The Heppner Chamber Board is working on the coordination of the third annual Amateur Boxing Smoker Event which is scheduled to be held on Friday, March 12, beginning at 8 p.m. at Heppner High School.

Heppner Seventh-Day Adventist Church to host concert



Heppner Seventh-Day Adventist Church will host an evening of gospel blue grass music on Saturday, March 6, at 5 p.m. in the church gym. The group Hand Picked will be performing.

Refreshments will be served following the concert.

The church is located at 560 North Minor Street.

FEAST meeting to be held March 2

A FEAST (Food Education Agriculture Solutions Together) community food meeting will be held Tuesday, March 2, in Heppner at the OSU Extension Office from 10 a.m. to noon.

Welborn awarded Bronze Star Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts to meet

Former Heppner resident William Welborn, grandson of Gladys Van Winkle, was recently awarded The Bronze Star for his service in Iraq.

Welborn is a Sergeant First Class in the Oregon National Guards C/7-158th AVN, an air ambulance or MEDEVAC unit. SFC Welborn was also inducted into the Army Aviation Associations Order of St Michael for lifetime contribution to Army Aviation. The medal was presented by Governor Ted Kulongoski during the unit's demobil-

ization ceremony January 25 at the Army aviation facility in Salem.

During the unit's deployment from January 2009 until their return in January 2010, Welborn was a platoon sergeant and led a team of soldiers in Central Iraq performing both life saving and routine medical evacuations. All soldiers returned home safely. Welborn had previously deployed to Afghanistan in 2002 and works full time as a registered nurse for the Portland Veterans Hospital.

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts to meet

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will meet February 25 at 1 p.m. at The Stable of Youth.

St. Pat's is the main item on the agenda. Anyone taking part in the sale at Les Schwab is asked to contact Mary Ella Johnson at 541-676-5347 so a list can be made of who will be attending.

The Robert Walton Class has been set for June 11, 12, and 13. A snow

scene of Lake Penland will be painted. Anyone interested in taking this class is asked to contact Betty Mills at 541-676-5546.

Setting up a watercolor class is also on the agenda. A list of those planning to participate in the class is needed.

Those unable to attend are asked to contact Sharon Harrison at 541-989-8496 or Trish Sweeney at 541-676-9226.

Community rallies to help injured cowboy Emmet Evans

The rodeo, ranch, and business communities have come together to help cowboy local Emmet Evans with expenses incurred as a result of a recent calf-roping accident in Walla Walla, WA.

Hamley's of Pendleton has donated the use of the Slickfork Saloon Saturday, March 6, beginning at 7 p.m. Emmet's family will host a silent auction while Hamley's Pat Beard hosts a "Roundup of Talent". As

of this news release, eight different acts were on the tap, each scheduled to perform two to three numbers. There will be a \$10 entrance fee at the door: half will go to Emmet's benefit fund and half to cover Hamley's expenses.

On January 17, 30-year-old Evans was seriously injured at the calf roping in Walla Walla, WA. The

accident occurred when he stepped off his horse to tie his first calf and somehow his horse clipped his leg as he was getting stopped. According to reports, he broke both his tibia and fibula bones above his ankle. Both the bones shattered with the tibia also breaking further down the leg at the ankle joint. Unfortunately, the force of the accident did result in part of his tibia coming out through the skin, the side of his boot and his jeans into the dirt, so it was a really bad, open fracture with lots of contamination. Evans had surgery at St. Mary's hospital the day it happened, to clean the wound and repair the fibula with a plate and screws. Doctors also placed an external fixator on the leg to stabilize his tibia which still has not been repaired. The wound is still open, because it cannot be closed due to all the swelling. To try to keep the wound clean, he has had a "wound vac" on, which sucks out fluid and dirt. He went to surgery

again, two days after the accident, but the swelling was too much for the doctors to do anything but wash it out again. On January 24, his family was finally able to move him to his current home in Pullman, WA, with the wound vac in place. The first appointment with the Pullman surgeon resulted in reports that his leg was still too swollen to close. Once the swelling subsides the surgeon will attempt to repair his tibia. He was currently scheduled for surgery Tuesday, February 9. He remains at home in Pullman with his wound vac on and his leg elevated.

Emmet, a 25-year Pendleton Roundup volunteer raised in the Pendleton area, has lived in Pullman, WA, since 2006. His girlfriend, Marni Hamack, will graduate from WSU's School of Veterinary Medicine in 2010. He works for Wesmar Construction, and trains and shoes horses for a living. "Emmet is an excellent leatherman and also competes in Northwest

rodeos in roping events," said a spokesperson. His mother, Julie Evans, a certified nursing assistant from Eugene, has been taking care of him since he was able to go home to Pullman. Unfortunately, he does not have health or disability insurance to help cover the enormous expenses that will result from the accident.

An account has been established for Evans at Banner Bank. Any-

one who would like to contribute to the Emmet Evans benefit fund, send contributions to Banner Bank, 1300 S.W. Court, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Evans is a Heppner High School graduate.

Anyone with donations for the auction can contact Cathy Thompson at 541-566-1515, Sherree Mahoney at 541-676-5876, or Beth Dickenson at 541-676-9138.

Heppner FFA members to receive state degrees

On March 22 Heppner High School FFA members Brandi Hong, Brynna Rust, Haley Struckmeier, Willy Gentry, Brett Harrison, Jarreid Miller, Devin Robinson, and Kellee Jones will be part of the 289 Oregon FFA members receiving their State FFA degree at the 82nd Oregon FFA State Convention in Corvallis.

Oregon FFA has a total membership of over 4,500 members. This achievement is the result of their participation in the Oregon FFA for a minimum of two years and meeting the high standards required for the degree.

Each State FFA degree recipient began in the FFA with the Greenhand degree followed by the Chapter FFA degree. These two degrees are awarded by their chapter after they have met the qualifications for each degree. For the State FFA degree each recipient must have two years of records of working in an agricultural placement for over 900 hours or earned and invested \$1,000 in an entrepreneurship supervised agricultural experience.

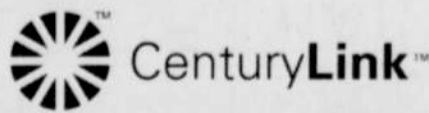
After completing the application for the State degree each candidate had to pass a written exam and a presentation on their project to a team of the 2009-10 Oregon FFA State Officers.

Senior Center Menu

Heppner United Methodist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, March 3. The menu will include chicken casserole, green salad, Jell-O with fruit, and brownies.

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