

St. Paddy's Cruz-In to be held March 19

The 10th annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In will be held on March 19 during the 29th annual St. Patrick's celebration in Heppner. The show area will be on Willow Street (between Heppner Family Foods and St. Patrick's Senior Center) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Anyone who has a classic vehicle and would like to join the show can register from 9-11 a.m. The cost is \$20 per vehicle.

There will be 13 awards this year including: Leprechaun's Choice, Mustang's Choice, Best Convertible, Teenage Driver/Owner, and more. There will also be a Participant's Choice Award to be voted on by the car owners themselves. Judging will begin at noon. The awards will be given out at 2:30 p.m.

Friends of the Heppner Library holding annual book sale

The Friends of the Heppner Library will be holding their annual book sale St. Patrick's weekend. The sale will be held at Heppner City Hall on Friday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and continue on Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At the close of the St. Patrick's Day Friends' Book Sale, there will be a drawing for an electronic "NOOK" reader. Tickets for the raffle are being sold at Sweet Productions for \$1 each or six for \$5, and will be on sale during our two day book sale.

Ione American Legion & Auxiliary to hold poker tournament Saturday

The Ione American Legion and Auxiliary Post #95 2011 annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker, bingo and bake sale fundraiser extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, at the Ione Legion Hall. The money raised goes into the general fund with it paying for insurance for the hall, upkeep and renovations. The hall is rented to community members to use for receptions, fundraisers, large meetings, etcetera.

Buy-in for the poker tournament is \$40. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. with poker play to begin at 6:30 p.m. No late buy-ins will be allowed. The last four players will win money. This year Bingo will start at 5:30 p.m. For a quarter per card played, players have the opportunity to win cash.

There will be a variety of locally baked goods for sale. A sandwich and salad bar with a variety of sandwich fixings, salads, and baked beans will be available for a donation.

near the big green shamrock painted on Main Street.

This year's awards are sponsored by D&L Auto Parts, Heppner High School, Les Schwab Tires, Lexington Auto Body, a Cruz-In supporter, and Looslie Towing.

The event will include a participant's poker walk through five downtown businesses with cash prizes for the first and second best poker hand.

Car owners can also enter the Great Green Parade that will begin at 1 p.m. Registration forms will be available at the Cruz-In registration desk.

For more information, to register, or to volunteer, contact the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536 or Gary Jones at 541-676-5456.

Anyone who would like to help set up on Thursday, after 5 p.m. is welcome. The help would be greatly appreciated. An "early bird" book sale for Friends of the Heppner Library Members will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Membership is \$5.00 and will be available that evening and during the two day book sale.

The money raised will be used to provide equipment, books and activities for the children, and adult patrons of the Heppner Library, that are not part of the limited budget.

Remembrance Walk/5k Run planned for St. Pat's Celebration

The Remembrance Walk/5k Run event is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, and will begin with a social hour and registration from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall. The Walk/5k Run will commence from that point at 9:30 a.m. Commemorative wrist bands are planned for participants.

Funds from the \$5 Walk/5k Run entry will be earmarked for the purchase of a GlideScope which will assist doctors, nurses and EMTs in the emergency room at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. This life saving tool can be used for both children and adults when breathing is compromised. Friends Helping Friends goal is always to focus on medical needs in our community. The remembrance fundraiser is inspired by the memory of Donna Schonbachler, an RN, Home Health and Hospice nurse.

To pre-register or donate in memory of your loved one, please make contributions payable to Pioneer Memorial Hospital and send to: Kathi Dickenson, PO Box 566, Heppner, OR 97836. Please include the name of the person you wish to memorialize.

You need not walk or run to participate. A \$5 gift donation can be made in memory of a loved one. A list of all names will be published after the Remembrance Walk/5k Run event. The Friends Helping Friends Committee is working to gather photos of those memorialized which will be placed on shamrocks lining the walk route. Contact Susan Hisler, 541-676-5878, if you would like to share a photo of your loved one.

With the "Luck of the Irish," the 50th pre-registered (paid) entrant will receive a free large pizza, courtesy of Howes' About Pizza.

Inland Northwest Chorale to perform March 12 & 13

Inland Northwest Chorale will present "Toward the Unknown Region" under the direction of R. Lee Friese. Performances are planned for: March 12 at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Milton-Freewater; and March 13 at 4 p.m. at the Umatilla High School Commons in Umatilla.

Admission is free to all Inland Northwest concerts. Donations are always gratefully accepted. A reception of beverages and cookies will be held following the concerts.

The chorale consists of 35 volunteer singers from many locations in the Northeast Oregon. Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at Harris Junior Academy in Pendleton. New singers are always welcome. No auditions necessary.

HHS FBLA goes to state

The Heppner FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) has 10 students who have earned the opportunity to represent Heppner at the state FBLA convention in Portland April 7-9.

These students took online tests, spoke in front of panels, and some even took paper/pencil tests. Competing against schools from Wallowa, Umatilla, Union, and Baker County, they placed in the top 10 at the FBLA Regional Competition in La Grande in February. Gabby Sanchez, Tayllor Gould, and Daisy Victorio placed 10th in management decision making; Ashlie Hanson placed 9th in public speaking; Jacob Moore placed 6th in public speaking; Austin Gutierrez and Austin Roberts placed 7th in entrepreneurship; Drew Brannon placed 9th in sports management; Kellie Nelson placed 9th in business law; and Connor Pappas placed 9th in cyber security.

To raise funds for the trip, the FBLA will hold a bake sale on Friday, March 11, beginning at 9 a.m. in front of Heppner Family Foods.

Volunteers needed for Watermelon Festival Committee

The Watermelon Festival Committee is looking for volunteers to sit on the planning committee for 2011.

The Watermelon Festival Committee plans the annual event and decides how to use the proceeds from the event to serve the community. The Watermelon Festival is the main community celebration for Irrigon and brings people from all over to enjoy the fun. The festival

helps to raise awareness of the great place that Irrigon is and it also provides funding for community needs.

Events like the Watermelon Festival can only take place when the community members step up and volunteer to help. The Festival Committee meets once a month from February through October.

Anyone who would like to volunteer can contact committee chair Donna Epenbach at 541-922-3197.

HHS students place top three in essay competition



Heppner freshman writing students take the top three spots, plus an honorable mention, this winter for an Environmental Essay Competition in Oregon sponsored by the Heppner Garden Club. Oregon students were asked to write an essay focused on things they felt they could do to improve the environment. Clayton Cook won first place, Samm Lemmon placed second, Jordan Bailey placed third, and Marie Owen was chosen for honorable mention. The first place paper has been sent to California to compete at the regional level. -Contributed Photo

"Oliver" to be performed March 13 & 17

For the last six years, Fr. Gerry Condon's original dramas have unofficially marked the start of St. Patrick's Weekend activities in Heppner. Fr. Gerry is the pastor of St. William Parish, Ione, and St. Patrick Parish, Heppner. "Oliver," his newest production, tackles a more serious topic than the last few plays - religious persecution in Ireland and martyrdom. This play tells the story of Oliver Plunkett, an Irish priest and bishop killed for his faith. Saint Oliver Plunkett is perhaps not as well known to Amer-

icans, so Irish native, Fr. Gerry, chose his story for his next drama.

Performances will take place in Ione on Sunday, March 13, 3 p.m., in the Ione High School Cafeteria and a dessert theater in Heppner, Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish Hall. Free-will offerings will be accepted with all proceeds donated to a cause chosen by the cast and crew.

Proceeds from the play will be donated to Creative Care Preschool in Ione and Heppner Daycare and Preschool in Heppner.

St. Pat's musical schedule announced

Heppner's 29th annual St. Patrick's Wee Bit O' Ireland Celebration Entertainment promises a great evening on Saturday evening, March 19. The music will be sure to get your toes tapping, your head nodding, and possibly force you to put your hands together in a clap or two.

The Old Time Fiddlers will be putting together some old time fiddle music at the Morrow County Fairgrounds dance hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. the Pacific North-

west's internationally traveled, virtuoso ambassadors of song "Tiller's Folly" will be performing in the Heppner Elementary Gymnasium with "The NeverCanEvers" (a local band from Mitchell) filling in during the intermission time.

To view a full schedule visit www.heppnerchamber.com.

There is no admission charge as all of the entertainment is being funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Paris flea market to be held in Ione

A Paris flea market will be held in Ione on Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. - noon in the school cafeteria. Proceeds from the sale will support Ione students who will be traveling to Paris and Normandy in March 2012 with advisor Lea Mathieu.

Items to be sold include jewelry, collectibles, arts and crafts, toys, household goods and linens, electronics, furniture, and a couple of antiques.

Ione 4-H Livestock Club meeting held

By Oskar Peterson

The Ione Community 4-H Livestock Club held their first meeting on February 13 from 3:30-4:40 p.m. at the Ione Community Church. Club members present were Austin Carter, Tyler Carter, Aaron Smythe, Hannah Padberg, Jenna Taylor, Oskar Peterson, Kylie McElligott, Mary McElligott, Rita McElligott, Donald McElligott, and Austin Morter.

The first item of business was to elect club officers for 2011. President is Austin Carter, vice president is Hannah Padberg, secretary/treasurer is Kylie McElligott, and reporter is Oskar Peterson.

After much discussion, the group voted unanimously for red and black

as the club colors. Other business included choosing a community service and fund raiser project. The club voted unanimously to host a clean up day at the Ione Cemetery prior to the celebration of Memorial Day and to host a concession stand at one of the home tennis matches at Ione High School.

The final item of business was record books. Club members are to complete a portion of their record books on-line and bring it to the next meeting. There being no further business, club president, Austin Carter, adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m. and announced the next meeting will be on March 13 at 3:30 p.m. at the Ione Community Church.

Willow Creek Tea Party to meet Monday

The Willow Creek Tea Party will meet on Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at Columbia Basin Electric.

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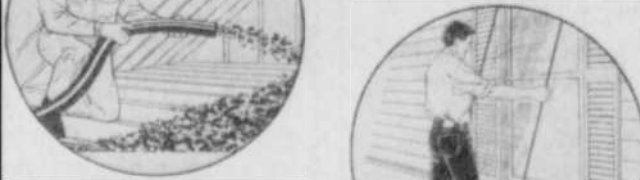
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