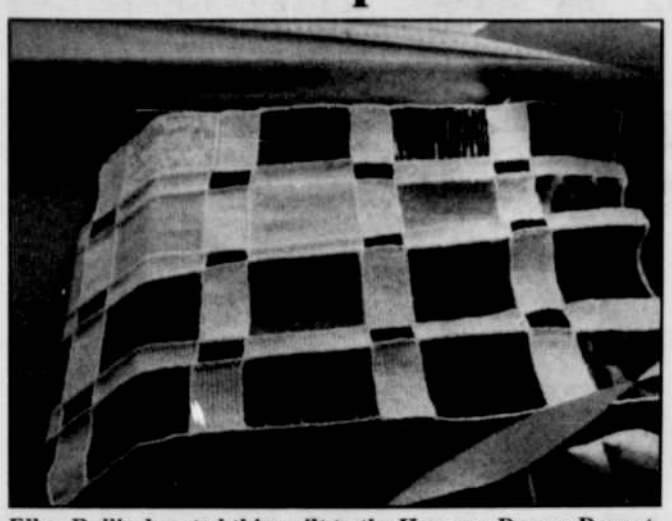
Quilt raffle being held for drama department



Ellen Rollis donated this quilt to the Heppner Drama Department to be raffled off. *-Contributed Photo*

Raffle tickets are currently on sale for an Afghan quilt. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the Heppner Drama Department. The drawing will be held April 2.

Tickets are $1 each or six for $5 and can be purchased at Sweet Productions.

The quilt was donated by Ellen Rollis.

Spring Youth Turkey Hunt to be held April 9-10

The 2011 Spring Youth Turkey Hunt will be held April 9-10 at the Morrow-Grant County OHV Park.

Hunters age 17 and younger are eligible to participate. In these hunts an adult 21 years or older, who may not hunt, must accompany not more than one youth hunter. Hunters must possess a 2011 spring turkey tag.

The daily bag/season limit is one male turkey or one turkey with a visible beard.

For more information contact the Morrow County Public Works Department at 541-989-9500.

BMCC to offer Conversational Spanish Class in Heppner

Blue Mountain Community College will be offering a Conversational Spanish Class in Heppner this spring.

The class is for adults and is geared toward beginners who have some experience with Spanish. While the course is designed to build upon material presented in the fall and winter terms, anyone with some basic knowledge of Spanish is welcome to join. The instructor, Amy Blauer, will focus on correct pronunciation of new words, and work on helping learners build a basic vocabulary set designed to enable the students to communicate in Spanish. Classes will include a brief review of information covered last term, instruction on pronouns, key verbs, adjectives, and more.

The eight-week class will take place at Heppner High School on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and will run from April 7 through June 2. The cost is $60.

Register online at www.bluecc.edu or contact Anne Morter for more information at (541) 422-7040.

City of Boardman to sponsor spring clean up

The City of Boardman will sponsor a community-wide clean-up the month of April. The city has garbage vouchers available, with a $50 limit, to residents of the City of Boardman. The vouchers are valid during the month of April at Finley Butte Landfill and the North Morrow Transfer Station.

The garbage voucher program encourages citizens to clean up their residences by disposing of yard debris. City residents may pick up their vouchers at Boardman City Hall at 200 City Center Circle beginning April 1.

For more information on this program, call Boardman City Hall at 541-481-9252.

Pirate Island Dinner Theatre to be held April 29 & 30

Heppner Drama Club will hold their spring production of Pirate Island Dinner Theatre April 29 and 30. Both productions will begin at 6 p.m. with pre-show hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $12 for children and can be purchased at Sweet Productions or by calling 541-676-8022.

Annual Ione American Legion and Auxiliary poker fundraiser held

Top Photo: John Jepsen with gun raffle winner Laurie Barrow. Bottom Photo: Beef raffle winners Kristy Crowell & Maureen McElligott. *-Contributed Photos*

Ione American Legion and Auxiliary Post #95 recently held their seventh annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Fundraiser, Bingo and Bake Sale.

Troy Hyatt was the winner of the poker tournament. Tim Patton came in second place, Mary Riggs in third place, and Keith Rea in fourth place.

Along with the poker tournament, raffles were also held for two sides of beef and a gun. Laurie Barrow had the winning ticket for the Super Comanche gun donated by John Jepsen. The two winners for the beef drawings were Kristy Crowell and Maureen McElligott.

General CRP signup continues

Lynn Voigt, State Executive Director for the Oregon USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced that the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup is underway, and will continue through April 15. This is the second consecutive year that USDA has offered a general CRP signup.

"Financial incentives available through CRP afford farmers and ranchers a low risk opportunity to implement a variety of conservation practices that will benefit the environment in a number of ways," said Voigt. "Over the past 25 years, CRP practices have improved water and air quality, increased wildlife habitat and prevented soil erosion," he said.

Landowners enrolled in the CRP program receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP can be offered during sign-up if all eligibility requirements are met.

CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall can make new contract offers during the signup period. Contracts awarded during this general signup will become effective October 1, 2011.

All CRP offers are evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that indicates the environmental benefits of enrolling land in CRP. There are five environmental factors that make up the EBI: wildlife, water, soil, air, enduring benefits and cost. Decisions will be made following the end of the sign-up period and after analyzing EBI data on all of the offers.

In addition to the general sign-up, the continuous CRP sign-up program will be ongoing.

For more information, contact your local FSA office or visit http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

Rocket Club to hold monthly launch Saturday

The South Morrow County 4H Rocket Club will hold their monthly club launch on Saturday, April 2. The launch, hosted by John and Marlinda Flynn, will be held on Lower Rhea Creek (eight miles north of Ruggs on Rhea Creek Road) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information contact Pat Struthers via email at patstr@uci.net or by phone at 541-626-3096 or 541-676-5443.

James "Jim" David Ramos "Bone"

The families of Jim Ramos would like to extend a sincere heartfelt THANK YOU to ALL, during an extremely tough time in our lives. Words do not begin to do justice to the continued support we have received from our friends and extended family members. We are truly blessed to be able to lean on each and every one of you. Your love and support through prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, food, and your presence at his memorial service has totally embraced us.

A special THANK YOU to Pastor Stuart Dick for his spiritual guidance during such a difficult time and his gift of a wonderful message delivered at the service that will honor Jim's memory for a long time to come.

We are so grateful for your generous donations to Jim's daughters' educational fund.

We are greatly indebted to the Echo School District for the use of the facilities and all the help given before, during and after the service. We appreciate all of the food that was so kindly provided at the memorial dinner, all the dedicated help from community members and students in the kitchen and the entire organization of the meal.

We would like to express our gratitude for those who provided babysitting during the service.

Our family would like to recognize and thank the help given to us by the Stanfield Police Dept., the Hermiston Ambulance Service, the Echo Quick Response Team and the Med Star Staff. We know how truly blessed we are to live in the area we do and to be surrounded by some of the most loving, kind, caring and compassionate people.

Stacy Ramos, Lindzey, Courtney & Meghan
John & Elaine Ramos
Chris Ramos Bettencourt Family
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Paul Ramos Family

Morrow County Health District would like to acknowledge and thank the Friends Helping Friends 2011 Remembrance Walk/Run Committee and Donors for their $3,300 contribution toward the future purchase of a Glidescope for Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Members of the Committee are: Patty Matheny, Susan Hisler, Jan Stroeber, Kathi Dickinson, Peggy Fishburn, Barb Watkins, Kelly Boyer, Joyce Shepherd, Janelle Healy, Mary Ann Elguezabal and Sandy Matthews.

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