

First Friday Friends of Jesus

First Friday Friends of Jesus will hold its final session for this school year on Friday, May 4, from 8 a.m. until noon at All Saints Episcopal Church.

All children ages four through 12 are invited; newcomers are also welcome this month to check out First Friday and see if

they'd like attend when the program resumes in the fall. Each session is filled with Bible stories, skits, crafts and games, and concludes with a free lunch. Call the office of the Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal churches at 541-676-9970 for more information.

Weather spotter training in Heppner

In just the past year, three intense rainfalls have flooded portions of Morrow County, including Heppner. Storm spotters with rain gauges were the first to validate the National Weather Service Doppler Radar precipitation estimates and confirm that flooding was likely or occurring.

Volunteers are being sought to participate in the latest weather spotter training on May 21 in Heppner. Weather spotters trained by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) are key volunteers who assist the meteorologists by providing up-to-date information about storm activity.

The training is free and will be held in the Emergency Operations Center, 320 South Willow. The training will begin at 1 p.m. and is co-sponsored by Morrow County Emergency Management.

Even with the Doppler radar scanning the skies and the NOAA Weather Radio broadcasting forecasts, watches and warnings, forecasters depend upon getting good ground truth information from trained Skywarn weather spotters.

Club's cake creations really pop



(L-R): Babali Peterson, Morgan Orem, Aaron Smythe and Sydney Stefani show off their cake pop creations. —Contributed photo

By Aaron Smythe

On April 15, four members, two leaders and one mom of the Ione Community Foods 4-H group met at the Ione Community Church to make cake pops. Members present were Megan Orem, Syd Stafani, Babali Peterson and Aaron Smythe.

To make cake pops: -Smash up cooked cake in a bowl. -Mix in frosting

and form it into golf balls and put them in the freezer to chill.

-While the balls are chilling, melt candy coating in cups and add color to it.

-Dip a stick in the coating, insert the coated stick in the chilled cake ball, and then dip the ball in the coating.

-Shake on sprinkles and other decorations and set the cake pops upright in holes poked in a cardboard box to dry.

Things the members learned: You have to work fast to get the sprinkles to stick, you have to swirl the stick to catch the drips, sometimes food coloring makes the coating thick and hard to dip, it makes a lot of cake pops, and making cake pops is very messy and very fun.

Working on record books while waiting for things to chill and melt and dry was not as fun, but it got done anyway. Participants then ate cake pops and took some home to share.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all-entities report on Thursday, May 3, at noon at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Cost of lunch is \$9; Heppner Family Foods will cater.

Chamber luncheon attendees are asked to RSVP no later than the Wednesday before.


Kinzua lunch group

The Kinzua lunch group met in Prineville on April 20 at the Apple Peddler. Those attending were Nancy Benson Christensen, Mary Bryant, OL and Jean Ann Adams, Bob and MaryLee Britt, Bonnie Campbell, Tom and Shirley Gregson, Tom and Marilyn Ledford, Sheridan Ledford, John and Midge Geer, Montell McDonald, Windy Liptak, Patsy Jean Metteer, and Marilyn Garcia.

The next lunch will be at Service Creek on May 18. June lunch will not be held, as the Kinzua Reunion will be in Fossil on June 16. The group will meet in Prineville in July.

Catholic men plan meeting, Mass

The men's group of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Heppner and St. William's Catholic Church of Ione will hold their first Friday of the month meeting at 6:45 a.m. on Friday, May 4, at the parish office in Heppner. First Friday Mass will follow at 7:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church.



7th Annual Youth Fishing Derby

Free

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Morrow County Parks are sponsoring a **FREE YOUTH FISHING DERBY**.

Where: Cutsforth Park
When: May 5, 2012
For children 14 years old and younger
Address: 58430 Willow Creek Rd., Heppner, Oregon

Start Time: 8:30 am
End Time: 11:00 am

For more information contact Betty Gray at the Morrow County Public Works Office (541) 989-8214

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