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4-H leaders wanted

The Morrow County 4-H program is looking for leaders to help advise and meet with local club members for various project areas.

Anyone who is skilled in the arts, or maybe has a green thumb, or perhaps knows their way around the kitchen...any of those skills, along with many more, are available to county youth as 4-H projects.

"Have a friend that you would like to team up with to start a club? That works too—the more the merrier!" says OSU Extension agent Ashley Jones.

The 4-H program is specifically looking for cooking leaders in the Heppner area to start a new club with interested members.

All new 4-H leaders must submit a completed application, pass a background check, and also attend a new-leader training.

Prior experiences in the project area and working with kids in a safe environment are two key elements to help both leader and club succeed.

Anyone who has questions, needs more information, or is interested in volunteering as a Morrow County 4-H leader, call the office at 541-676-9642, stop by at 54173 Hwy. 74 in Heppner, email ashley.jones@oregonstate.edu, or check out the website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/morrow/> and click on "4-H youth."

Pro-life rally held at St. Patrick's church

From the West Coast to the East Coast, and in many areas in between, America recently commemorated the 40th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.

Forty years after the fact, the decision remains controversial, with some lauding what others label infanticide.

Many Heppner residents remembered the day with a sense of shared sorrow as people reflected and shared their views of the Supreme Court ruling that makes it legal to put an end to the life of an unborn child. The small pro-life crowd gathered at the parish hall at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Sunday, Jan. 27.

Father Gerry Condon opened the rally with a prayer, and then student Alex Smith read several scriptures reminding participants how much Jesus loves the little children.

Tim Jaca gave a PowerPoint presentation, and Kane Sweeney read a poem.

Kevin Murray portrayed a U.S. representative who was "...personally against abortion, but could not force his views on the people he represented." However, Joe Lindsay depicted a reporter who questioned the representative and finally convinced him to stand up for the unborn.

Alex Lindsay recounted a story about a couple in Eugene that is suing their doctor because of the invalid outcome of their prenatal testing, which showed that their baby was normal. Instead, their daughter was born with Down syndrome. Now, they are disclosing that they would have aborted their daughter if the test had been valid.

Joe Jones shared that, since the beginning of legal abortion, 55 million children never had the chance

WCCC recognized for beautification



Driving into Heppner southbound on Highway 207, the public is welcomed by open greens, neatly groomed landscaping and tidy buildings at the Willow Creek Country Club's golf course. The city's Beautification/Parks Commission recently presented a certificate of recognition to the WCCC for "Going above and beyond the call of duty" in creating an attractive environment. Club president Gary Propeter was quick to deflect honors to the Greens Committee members Greg Grant, Al Scott and Dennis Peck. Grant also credited other club members who have worked hard and donated time and goods to the course, and accepted the certificate on behalf of the entire club's efforts. Pictured (L-R): Al Scott, Dennis Peck and Greg Grant, members of the Willow Creek Country Club Greens Committee, accept a certificate of recognition from Joann Burleson, chairperson of the Heppner Beautification/Parks Commission. —Contributed photo

Heppner resident on OBU honor roll



Lacie Wagoner

Heppner resident Lacie Wagoner, a junior psychology major, was named to Oklahoma Baptist University's Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2012 semester.

Students who achieved a grade point average between 3.4 and 3.69 on a 4.0 scale are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Holly Rebekah cancels card parties

Holly Rebekah Lodge has announced it will not be holding its monthly card parties until further notice.

REMEMBRANCE WALK

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Friends has spear-headed run participant also will receive a 2013 remembrance wristband the morning of registration.

"As committee members, we feel it's important to support our community while giving back to seniors and health care in memory of loved ones," says one event coordinator. "All proceeds stay within the community; to date, nearly \$16,000 has been raised for health care and seniors through contributions to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PMH Home Health, Hospice and Willow Creek Terrace.

"Friends Helping

projects before to 'get the ball rolling' in funding large expenditures, one being the GlideScope purchased for the Pioneer Memorial Hospital emergency room two years ago. We're proud of how our community jumps into help. We can make a difference."

Donations can be made payable to St. Patrick's Senior Center and mailed to Susan Hisler, 56504 Little Butter Creek Road, Heppner, OR 97836. Those wishing to have a personalized shamrock can also mail their photo and honoree to Susan Hisler at the same address.

Ski club finds warm, sunny weather



The Arbuckle Nordic Ski club reported that participation was down this weekend but some past members showed up who hadn't attended outings yet this year. The flu and travel plans kept some regulars at home but those who were able to ski reported good trail conditions. The picture above shows the warm, sunny weather they found. A likely route for next Saturday will involve the 750 trail and the 53 road. —Contributed photo

Heppner to hold goal-setting meeting

The City of Heppner will be having a goal setting meeting at Heppner City Hall on Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This meeting is for the city council members and staff to plan for 2013/2014 and to participate in mandatory ethics training.

First Friday Feb. 1

The February session of First Friday Friends of Jesus will be held this Friday, Feb. 1, from 8 a.m. to noon at All Saints Episcopal Church. All children ages four through 12 are welcome.

As an offering for this month, children are invited to bring a bath-size bar of soap or a sturdy comb to include in health kits being assembled for needy people through Lutheran World Relief.

Chamber lunch meeting

This week's lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, Jan. 31, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. Dean Kegler from Zeachem will give an update on the company.

Cost of lunch is \$10. Heppner Family Foods will cater.

Lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than the Wednesday morning before to accommodate enough meals.

Chamber Chatter

Heppner

Heppner chamber welcomes our newest member Heidi Nelson with Media Ventures, Inc. Heidi is teaching the Social Media for Business classes offered in Morrow County (through BMCC), so take advantage of learning more and feeling more comfortable with social media. The classes are held in the HHS computer room and the cost is \$49 per class. To register for the classes, contact Anne Morter at 541-422-7040. You can reach Heidi direct at 541-256-0411.

HHS wrestling raffle

for two juniper bar stools and/or queen juniper bed frame; tickets 1-\$5 or 6-\$20; drawing will be held Feb. 2 at the BEO tournament in the HHS gym. For tickets, contact an HHS wrestler or Alita Nelson at 541-377-7300. Need not be present to win; 100 percent of the proceeds go the wrestling team.

Saturday, Feb. 2: 5th annual BEO Wrestling Invitational at HHS, with competition to begin at 10 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door; concessions available.

Community lunch menu

Christian Life Center members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu is to be determined. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal.

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Top: Children from St. Patrick's Catholic Church went on a short pro-life march on Sunday. Later in the afternoon, a pro-life rally was held at the church. Bottom: Kevin Murray (right) portrays a representative swayed by clever pro-life reporter Joe Lindsay (left). —Contributed photos

to be born. He stated that those children could have been doctors, lawyers, teachers or inventors, and said this loss of human life is "staggering."

Adults also testified on the importance of notifying politicians so they know their constituents are watching them and want them to represent their views. Someone noted that people need to be careful when they make donations to organizations, needing to find out first if they support abortion. Participants viewed photographs of a one-pound baby and were informed that, now, one-pound babies can be legally

aborted. At the same time, those who attended were encouraged to be compassionate to women who have had abortions, and to tell them they are loved and forgiven. One woman present implored the youth to stand up for what they believe because "...we can make a difference one person at a time."

"Our nation greatly needs our prayers, and we must all hope and pray that our defense of human life will help change our culture to a culture that respects life from the moment of conception to its natural death," said one participant.

Correction

In last week's Gazette-Times, an article incorrectly referred to weekly Sunday meetings of the Heritage Fiber Arts Guild. The next guild meeting will actually be in February, date to be announced. The editor apologizes for the miscommunication.

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