

Fab Four 4-H cooks up some warmth



Renee Peterson, Morgan Orem, leader Nancy Jepson and Aaron Smythe discuss the new 4-H baking manuals. The 4-H baking and cooking curriculum was completely redone this year. —Contributed photo

On Jan. 24, the members of the Fab Four Foods Group met at Ione Community Church to make breadsticks and share soup. The group made Almost Famous Breadsticks and EZ Cheesy Breadsticks. Mrs. Jepson also made breadsticks from the recipe in the new 4-H manual. In the taste test, the clear winner was the EZ Cheesies.

While the breadsticks were rising, the group discussed My Plate activities from the new 4-H books and took a quiz on kitchen terms.

The group then shared soup they had brought. Morgan Orem brought taco soup, which everyone agreed was a great winter-day soup.

Aaron Smythe brought potato soup which was very thick and creamy. The

group liked it and said it was like eating mashed potatoes with bacon bits.

Renee Peterson shared homemade turkey soup, which was quickly renamed, due to the directions, Turkey Carcass Soup. (You can't get that great flavor any other way.) It was well received, and the lone male in the group had seconds, thirds and then took home the leftovers.

Mrs. Jepson made a lentil, split pea and smoked ham soup that the adults enjoyed.

The soup recipes all came from the kids' grandmothers: Bonnie Ball, Anita Orem, Eunice McElligott, and the late Jo Huston.

Samples were also dished up and taken to their missing club member Syd Stefani.

TILLAMOOK PLANT EXPANSION

—Continued from PAGE ONE forward to the opportunities this expansion will provide us, including the ability to provide more jobs here in Morrow County."

Construction of the new facility is expected to take just over a year, and TCCA intends to have the new

plant commissioned and in production during the first quarter of 2014.

Additional staffing, as well as additional technical expertise, will be needed to run the new plant, and TCCA is finalizing plans for hiring and technical training as well.

Wee Bit O' Ireland is on its way

Heppner's 31st annual "Wee Bit O' Ireland" St. Patrick's Celebration will be held March 15-17. The Heppner community is already starting to get the town ready to celebrate.

This weekend of celebration includes (just to name a few) Heppner chamber's Irish amateur coffee hour and the Ceili, with lots of singing, laughing and celebrating.

Those out on the streets will find leprechauns throughout the city; they also will want to check out the Cruz-In cars and save a spot to watch the Great Green Parade.

Remember to take in the sheep dog trials and sign up to participate in the Irish road bowling team competition.

There will be plenty of Irish music and entertainment, local shops for

shopping, food vendors and books, crafts and photography fairs. The entertainment planned for this year includes The Cascadia Folk Quartet, Lindy Gravelle, who will be performing at Heppner Elementary School gym, and The Old Time Fiddlers, who will be performing at the fairgrounds dance hall. All of this great entertainment is sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and is free to the public.

"So go ahead, mark your calendar and plan on participating in some good old Irish activities, rain or shine," says a chamber representative.

The new schedule is being finalized and will be out soon. Visit www.heppnerchamber.com or call the chamber office with questions or to get a copy of the schedule.

Boxers wanted for amateur boxing

The Heppner community will be getting "ready to rumble" at the sixth annual amateur boxing event, sponsored by Heppner Chamber of Commerce, on Friday, March 15, at the Heppner High School gymnasium.

Gates will open at 6:30 p.m.; admission will be \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages eight to 11 and free for seven and under.

Heppner chamber is

looking for individuals who would like to box in the event. Bouts are limited, so call the chamber office at 541-676-5536 or email heppnerchamber@centurytel.net to have sign-up information emailed.

"We are looking forward to another great boxing event...come and be a part of the event!" says Sheryll Bates of the Heppner chamber.

Chamber lunch meeting

This week's lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. The meeting will be an all entities report.

Cost of lunch is \$10. Howe's About Pizza will cater. Lunch-attendees are asked to RSVP no later than the morning of the Wednesday before.

Neighborhood Center receives donation



Pastor Jonathan Enz presents Jan Skaggs, executive director of the Heppner Neighborhood Center, a check in the amount of \$232, which was given in the offering plates of the 2012 Christmas Eve candlelight service at Heppner United Methodist Church. —Contributed photo

Road bowling returns to St. Pat's

Heppner's Irish Road Bowling event will draw the St. Patrick's Day weekend celebration to a close on Sunday, March 17. Participants in this event will gather on Sunday afternoon before the 1:37 p.m. activity commences. Participants must be 18 years or older.

This Irish sport that dates back to the 1600s was played in America by the Irish troops in West Virginia during the Civil War. In recent years, a resurgence of interest in the sport has developed in both Ireland and the United States. Heppner's event has gained popularity since it was first offered in 2006, and entries are limited (maximum of 20 teams), so interested persons should pick up entry forms at the chamber of commerce office and return them, filled out (with payment), soon.

Teams of two to four members compete over a course of approximately one mile by tossing the iron-and-steel "bowls" that weigh 28 ounces and

are slightly smaller in diameter than a tennis ball. The team that completes the course with the fewest tosses wins.

Each participant must pay \$5 to play. The purse is then divided, with half going into the St. Patrick's Weekend fund and half being divided among the top three teams. Names of the winning team's members will be added to the trophy that is on display in the window of Peterson's Jewelers.

The starting point of the course will be on Balm Fork Road. Spectators are welcome at the event but are cautioned to remain a safe distance from the action because the bowls are heavy and have been known to break bones in unfortunate situations.

Interested participants should remember to sign up early to guarantee a spot in the event. The forms can be picked up at the Heppner Chamber office, or call 541-676-5536 to have a form mailed.

Community invited to Valentine breakfasts

Meals will welcome new priest

The men of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Heppner and St. William's Catholic Church of Ione will prepare breakfast in honor of St. Valentine on Sunday, Feb. 10. The Ione breakfast will be served at 9:45 a.m. and the Heppner breakfast will start at noon.

On this occasion, the parishes will also welcome Father Kumar as their new priest.

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist and Elohim Covenant church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include a baked potato bar with chili, cheese, sour cream, broccoli, onions and tomato; green salad; hot rolls; and brownies. Milk is served at each meal.

Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Chamber Chatter

Heppner

BMCC is offering some social media classes, which will be taught by Heidi Nelson: Classes are \$49 each and will be held in the HHS computer room. The classes that will be offered are: Twitter/Pinterest for Business - Thurs., 2/7-5-7 p.m.; Blogging for Business - Thurs., 2/21-5-7 p.m. and Social Media Management on Thurs., 2/28 5-7 p.m. To register, contact Anne Morter at 422-7040. Take advantage of this great opportunity to become more familiar with social media and the advantages it brings to business.

31st St. Patrick's "Wee Bit O' Ireland" Festivities: Mark your calendars now for this great weekend,

March 15-17, 2013; in fact this would be a great time for you to volunteer however much time you have or whatever event you would like. We are always in need of volunteers, so give the chamber office a call and get involved.

Morrow County Relay for Life: Mark your calendars for the upcoming local Relay for Life event, which is scheduled for June 29-30 from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. This would be a great time to get involved in a very worthwhile event and be part of the cure. You can create a team, be a sponsor, volunteer or participate in some way. Contact the chamber for more information.

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