

Heppner AR prize winners announced



Pictured left to right, Mason Alleman and Sophie Rodriguez were Heppner Elementary's AR (Accelerated Reading) prize winners for November and December. Each month, students read a rainforest-themed book. If they pass the AR test, they are entered into the prize drawing. Not pictured: Winner Jenie Adams. —Contributed photo

FLYING BOOTS



A teen winds up for the toss during the 2014 Welly Toss. —File photo

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will work with schedules. Team registration forms are available at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Office. They are due to the chamber office by Thursday, March 12, or teams can bring forms with them and turn them in at the registration desk.

A \$20 registration fee will be charged for team play. The fees collected fund the prizes and supplies for the event.

Individual play is free

and is open for all participants from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Age brackets are available for kids (2-12), teens (13-17), and adults 18 and over, for both men and women.

All kids will receive a gold coin for playing; there will be a prize for the male and female adult winners and teen winner.

The top teams will receive a prize, and the first-place team will have its name engraved on the "Traveling Boot Award."

Scholarship board elects officers

At the annual meeting of South Morrow County Scholarship Inc., Bill Rietmann of Ione was elected President; Ginger Bowman, Vice President; Del LaRue, Treasurer; and Sharon Harrison, Secretary. Board members serving are Martha Munkers, Brandi Sweeney and Carri Grieb.

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust was established several

years ago to provide funds to grant scholarships to graduating seniors from Heppner and Ione high schools and to take the place of the Troedson Scholarship fund, which will be discontinued in the year 2023.

Application for this year's scholarships will be available in the form of computer disk at Heppner High School and Ione High School starting in March.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

January 29, 2015: -Norma Angelica Acosta Chavez, 27, of Boardman and Benjamin De La Cruz Perez, 34, of Boardman.

SWCD meeting rescheduled

The meeting of the Morrow SWCD originally scheduled for Feb. 3 has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Ag Service Center conference room. The agenda remains the same.

The Day the War Came Home

A family remembrance by Rev. Keith Brudevold

Editor's Note: Rev. Keith Brudevold served as pastor of the Heppner United Methodist Church from 2002 to 2008, and now resides in Salem, OR.

The day was February 3, 1943. My father and mother were living in New Jersey, just across the river from New York City. Every day they could watch the ships heading out into the Atlantic, passing the Statue of Liberty as they carried their cargoes of soldiers and supplies to the European Theatre of World War II.

My father, Bennett, had become a Methodist pastor, but when the war broke out he had volunteered to be a chaplain. He was turned down, because without his glasses on, he was considered legally blind. His mother, Agnes Brudevold, my grandmother, had told me once that even as a tiny boy, the first thing Bennett had to put on when he climbed out of bed in the morning was his glasses.

So Dad stayed with his little Danish-Norwegian Methodist congregation in New Jersey. He joined the Civil Air Patrol as a chaplain, and also served as a civil defense volunteer, patrolling the streets during the mandatory night blackouts to ensure safety from the threat of aerial bombing. The war was very real, but sometimes it seemed so very far away.

The news from the war was pretty bleak on that February 3. Early reports

had come in that an enemy U-boat had torpedoed a troop freighter off the southern coast of Greenland. These were the same waters that had claimed the Titanic some 40 years before. The ship was identified as the USAT (U.S. Army Transport) Dorchester, which had sailed from New York in January.

When the casualties were finally reported, there were 133 passengers and crew who were pulled alive from the icy waters, and 675 who had perished. Later reports from the survivors told how the ship had gone down in only 20 minutes. In the panic on deck many of the soldiers could not find their lifejackets. The story was being told of how four chaplains on board—a Jewish Rabbi, a Catholic Priest, A Methodist Pastor, and a First Reformed Church Pastor—had taken off their lifejackets and given them to others, and had stood arm-in-arm singing hymns as the waters rose about them.

This was tragedy as close and as personal as it could get for America.

Within a few days there was a knock on the parsonage door, and my father greeted a church member, who had with him a strang-

er. The stranger, in broken English and with much interpretation from the church member, explained that her close relative, Hans Jorgen Danielson, was the Ship's Master of the Dorchester. In the Merchant Marine Service, the Ship's Master is what we would refer to as the Captain of the Ship.

"Would it be possible," she asked, "if we could have something of a religious service for Master Danielson?"

The date for the service was set, and the ladies of the church made many plates of sandwiches. My father, hardly out of seminary, prepared a message. And a community and many dignitaries came together to mourn their common loss. And every year in February, throughout his long ministry as a United Methodist Pastor, my father would tell his congregation the story of the four chaplains.

In 1961 the U.S. Congress officially declared February 3 as Four Chaplains Observance Day. And for my father, the Rev. Bennett G. Brudevold, it was always the day when the War had come to his doorstep. In truth, he had become the chaplain that his restricted vision had once prevented him from being.

REMEMBRANCE WALK

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the dual benefit of helping detect the possibility of a gas explosion, as well as determining if it's safe to enter the vicinity of a smoldering fire without an air pack.

Estes said the South Morrow EMT Association, which covers Heppner, Lexington and Ione, is considering an automatic blood pressure machine for one of the area ambulances. That and other planned purchases, though, will depend on funds received.

Regardless of the amount, Estes said the organizations appreciate Friends Helping Friends thinking of them.

"Of course we're always grateful for the donations," said Estes. "That's what makes it possible to get this extra life-saving equipment."

The seventh annual

Remembrance Walk/5K Run will take place March 14 during the St. Patrick's Day celebration. The event will begin with a social hour and registration at 8:30 a.m. with the walk/run starting at 9:30 a.m.

The walk/run will proceed following a route of handmade green shamrocks. Each shamrock sports a pink heart with the name, and sometimes a photo, of a remembered loved-one. Donation is \$5 per name. Due to limited supplies, Feb. 27 will be the last day to order shamrocks.

Pre-registration for the walk/run is encouraged. As an added incentive, committee members have announced that door prizes will be given to the 25th, 50th and 75th pre-registered participants. Door prize sponsors include Murray's Drug, Howe's About Pizza,

Heppner Family Foods, Devin Oil and Lexington Sinclair Dino Mart. Friends Helping Friends is again asking for a \$5 donation per walker or runner. Children accompanied by adults are free. Everyone is encouraged to wear green or pink.

For more information on the walk or shamrocks, contact Susan Hisler at 541-676-5878 or Kathi Dickenson at Kathidickenson@hotmail.com.

For questions on the run, contact Janelle Ellis at 541-676-5240 or origanelle@hotmail.com.

Donations can be mailed to Friends Helping Friends, c/o Kathi Dickenson, PO Box 566, Heppner, OR 97836.

Those wishing to have a personalized shamrock can also mail their photo and honoree to Dickenson at the same address.

Benefit screening of 'Dryland' to help local FFA programs

The public is invited to a benefit screening of the film "Dryland" at the SAGE Center in Boardman Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m.

Entrance fee is \$15, which includes the movie and dessert, with proceeds to benefit the FFA programs

of Morrow County.

The screening is sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and Morrow County Grain Growers.

The film, produced by Hare in the Gate Productions, recounts a tale of "A small town in the American

West (that) struggles for survival, fueled by ingenuity, heart, and axle grease."

The film has been featured at numerous film festivals from the Puget Sound to Ohio, and received the "Best Documentary Feature

Class of 2019 dodge-ball tournament next week

The Class of 2019 would like to remind everyone of the eighth-grade dodge ball tournament planned for Thursday, Feb. 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Heppner High School.

The event is a fundraiser for the eighth-grade class but the tournament is open to all ages.

Teams will be comprised of eight members at a cost of \$40 per team.

Contact Mr. Palmer or Mrs. Dickenson for further information at 541-676-9138 or by email at elizabeth.dickenson@morrow.k12.or.us or palmer@morrow.k12.or.us.

Community lunch menu

Hope and Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, orange-kissed beets, cucumbers and onions, and hot rolls, with chocolate lasagna for dessert. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

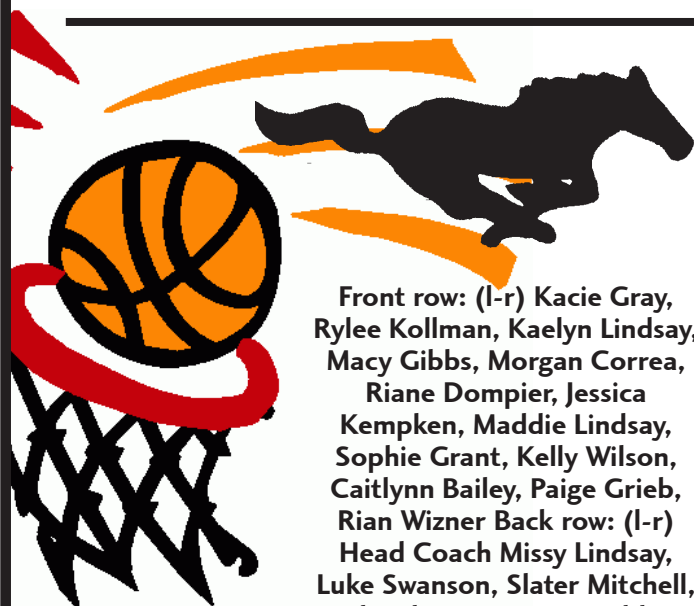
Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report this Thursday, Feb. 5, at noon in the Heppner City Hall conference room. Cost of lunch is \$10; Sweet Productions will cater.

Thursday, Feb. 19, the chamber lunch will be hosted by Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) for the organization's annual meeting. The meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room and will be catered by Cornerstone Gallery.

Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

HEPPNER LES SCHWAB CONGRATULATES THE LADY MUSTANGS AND WISHES THEM GOOD LUCK ON THE REST OF THEIR SEASON!



Front row: (l-r) Kacie Gray, Rylee Kollman, Kaelyn Lindsay, Macy Gibbs, Morgan Correa, Riane Dompier, Jessica Kempken, Maddie Lindsay, Sophie Grant, Kelly Wilson, Caitlynn Bailey, Paige Grieb, Rian Wizner Back row: (l-r) Head Coach Missy Lindsay, Luke Swanson, Slater Mitchell, Mike Ehrsam, Anna Wedding



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