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Celebrate Dr. Seuss at Lexington Grange

The Lexington Grange will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Day on March 1 with a read-aloud and the movie "Horton Hears a Who." The event begins at 1:30 p.m.; cost of entry is \$1 or a new book. Proceeds will be donated to the lone and Heppner elementary school libraries.

Chairs will be available to sit in, or participants can bring pillows and blankets to lie on the floor. Popcorn and drinks will be available.

The Lexington Grange is located at 66296 Marquardt Rd., Lexington.

Heppner grad named to Pacific University dean's list

FOREST GROVE, Ore.—Connor Pappas of Heppner has been named to the Dean's List at Pacific University for Fall Semester 2014.

Pappas is among 344 of Pacific's 1,876 undergraduate students to achieve this high academic honor.

To qualify for the Dean's List at Pacific, a student must achieve a term grade-point average 3.70 on a 4.0 scale and complete 12 or more graded hours.

Morrow County weed advisory board to meet

The Morrow County Weed Advisory Board will hold a quarterly meeting Tuesday, March 3, at 6 p.m. at the Ag Service Center Conference Room, 430 W Linden Way, Heppner. The Morrow SWCD regular monthly meeting will follow.

Time will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting to receive comments from the public.

The agenda for the weed advisory meeting includes a weed coordinator report and a code enforcement update.

The agenda for the SWCD meeting includes

review and approval of the Feb. 10 meeting minutes, treasurer's report for February, review and approval of the fiscal year 2015-16 budget, staff reports, and partner reports. The agenda also includes a continuing discussion and development of the district's long-range plan.

A board position representing the Irrigon area remains vacant; SWCD encourages landowner representation from all areas of Morrow County.

Meetings of Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

CASA welcomes new volunteers



Morrow County residents Kelly and Natalie Sanders were sworn in by Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman (right) on Feb. 17 as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). The mission of CASA is for trained volunteers to advocate for safe, permanent, loving homes for all children in foster care. At this time, Morrow County has three CASA Volunteers in Morrow County advocating for children in foster care. Anyone who would like to hear more about the CASA program or become a CASA in Morrow County is asked to contact Jesus Rome at 541-564-6878 or jrrome@umchs.org. —Contributed photo

Community lunch menu

Nazarene and Seventh-day Adventist church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, March 4, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include fish and chips, coleslaw, sliced tomatoes, cheddar biscuits and raspberry bars. 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 on Thursday, March 5, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room. Cost of lunch is \$10.

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

A View from The Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Historically, the month of January in Heppner at the Willow Creek Terrace has been a month of enjoying indoor warmth, safe from cold, snowy winter weather—a good month for provocative morning conversations, crafts, and indoor games. January 2015 was, however, only about one-third wintry followed by spring-like days, so on Jan. 6, National Bird Day, the discussion group wasn't surprised to note that birds have returned early, ready for spring.

February has continued the spring-like weather and began with a Super Bowl Party and Buffet. Most residents, whether fans of football or not, agreed that the buffet was an enjoyable change in the dining room, so a repeat is sure to come.

Repeatedly, Groundhog Day, on Feb. 2, is a newsworthy event, but it had a twist this year. So, repeatedly on the news, residents

could watch "Jimmy" the groundhog bite the ear of the Sun Prairie, WI, mayor. This may have been a first in the history of groundhog forecasting.

On Feb. 10, the Heppner preschool students came to the Hill for a Valentine's Party with the "Grandmas" and "Grandpas." The residents had a great time with the four-year-olds who sang some songs, traded Valentine cards, and shared some tasty treats. Then, on Valentine's Day, the residents enjoyed their annual "Sweethearts' Dinner by Candlelight."

The next evening, four residents attended and enjoyed the "Little Feet" concert that featured an energetic and enthusiastic choir of children aged six to 13, from India and Ethiopia. Their program was an entertaining approach to shining light on the needs of more than 100,000 orphans throughout the world. On that same evening two other

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Where is integrity in the forest access talks?

Integrity: "An adherence to moral principles, honesty." Where has that gone, and why can't we find it in the discussion on the motorized access restrictions to the Blue Mountains?

Some work in shades of gray, elected to positions they feel they need to protect to continue their paychecks and their positions of power. Some work in backdoor deals to protect their business venture to access resources they need to keep themselves afloat. Some work in "partnership" with groups that strive to see general motorized use removed from the forest under some moral calling of protectionist dogma that inflates their egos and swells their pocket books with lawyer fees.

When companies begin to state "why does the public need to be there?" and civil servants tell businesses that "any interference or preventing the Forest performing road closures will jeopardize timber outputs on the Forest," we see the lack of integrity from both elected officials and civil servants alike.

For the record, the counties do not "lose their seat at the table" if they refuse to sign the MOU accepting cooperating agency status with the forest service. This narrative has been passed around by county officials far too long. What it does require is elected officials doing their jobs and being held personally accountable for their actions, instead of giving themselves political cover when they sell our access down the river.

One county has shown personal integrity to protect its residents to see a forest plan revision developed that protects the quality of life for all their residents, not just the few influential companies that benefit from the "go along to get along" mentality, and that is Baker County.

Integrity isn't about doing what is easy, or personally advantageous. Integrity is standing behind the words you say and doing what is right. That seems to be sorely missing from a great deal of elected officials and civil servants nowadays.

John D. George, Bates, OR

residents attended a speaker's interesting presentation on Islam, sponsored by the First Christian Church.

Yesterday, Feb. 24 the new room at the Terrace was a party room—a "thank you" and "farewell" to outgoing board member Cliff Green. Though still needing a few finishing touches, the room is being used regularly for morning exercises and for the reading of the Gazette-Times, and was perfect for the toe-tapping music of the Ol' Time Fiddlers on Feb. 18.

This short month will soon fade into March, and eventually the designated first day of Spring will actually arrive far behind Heppner's weather. Many spring flowers are already adding color to the flowerbeds at the Terrace, so by the time Heppner's St. Patrick's Day weekend celebration brings all things Irish to town, the blooms and green grassy hills are sure to provide a grand

welcome to visitors. Some residents look forward to seeing the new play that Fr. Condon has written for this year's event and to the Great Green Parade on that Saturday.

There are no birthdays to look forward to on the Hill in March, but residents helped three neighbors celebrate their birthdays in February.

Liz Beuller is a Valentine's Day Baby who celebrated her "39th" birthday with friends and family. And on the 17th, Bud Wilson and Billie Lacey celebrated their birthdays. This meant that friends and families had a special birthday lunch and a special birthday dinner to enjoy that day.

The residents view all birthdays with pleasure, but the fact that chocolate cake was dessert at one of the celebrations and white cake was featured at the other birthday bash doubled their pleasure and doubled their fun.

LUNCH SPECIALS

- Wed.- Cheesy Broccoli Soup
- Thurs.- Chicken Serracha Pita
- Fri.- Clam Chowder or Veggie Wrap
- Tues.- Pork w/ Chinese Noodles Soup
- Wed.- Chicken Parmesan



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WEDDING TABLES

Travis Bellamy & Hannah Bankford
— Wedding - April 11

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IRISH BOXING

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Tom Denchel Ford. The corner sponsors are Bruce Young Logging and John Britt Logging. Seth Moses Roofing and Restoration will be the bout sponsor and will be sponsoring the "fight of the night."

As in years past, shuttle service will be available.

The shuttle will begin to pick up riders by Heppner Family Foods at 6:15 p.m. and at the back door of Bucknum's at 6:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., and will be repeating trips until all the riders have been delivered up to the high school. The shuttle will also return to drop riders off once the

The amateur Irish boxing on March 13 promises another year of entertainment. —File photo by Mallorie Jones



event is over. Spectators are encouraged to save parking issues and ride the shuttle for a stress-free evening.

Questions, contact the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536 or heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

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