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Obituaries

Dominic Cordell McElligott

Dominic Cordell McElligott, infant son of Mark and Cydney (Morgan) McElligott, died Monday, February 29, 2016, at Doernbecher OHSU Hospital in Portland. He was born Friday, February 26, 2016, at Pendleton, Oregon. A funeral mass was held Monday, March 7, 2016, at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner. A private family committal service was held at High View Cemetery in Ione.

Survivors include parents, Mark and Cydney McElligott of Ione; grandparents, Keith and Edie Morgan of Hermiston, and Joe and Jeri McElligott of Ione; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Maternal grandmother, Toni Morgan, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dominic's Swing Set Fund (for a swing set in the Ione City Park) c/o Bank of Eastern Oregon, P.O. Box 106, Ione, Oregon 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

Celebration of life

Family and friends of Jackie Bergstrom gathered in Seaside, Oregon, Wednesday, March 2, to celebrate the life of Jackie, who passed away August 18, 2015.

The final service will be held at the Gooseberry Cemetery at a later date.

Conservation Stewardship Program deadline fast approaching

Conservation Stewardship Program applications are accepted all year, however, farmers, ranchers and forest landowners who have not done so should submit applications by March 31 to ensure they are considered for this year's funding (applications received after that date will be considered for future funding).

Learn more about CSP and other NRCS Farm Bill programs online at www.or.nrcs.usda.gov or visit the Heppner USDA service center.

Pastors are invited to submit Easter messages to GT

Area pastors are invited to submit Easter messages to the Heppner Gazette-Times for publication in the March 23 newspaper. Deadline for submission is Monday, March 21.

Messages may be emailed to editor@rapidsolve.net, mailed to Gazette-Times at P.O. Box 337, Heppner, OR 97836, faxed to 541-676-9211 or brought into the Gazette-Times office, 188 W. Willow, Heppner, OR 97836.

St. Pat's youth talent show tryouts March 13

Tryouts for the 2nd annual St. Patrick's Day youth talent show will be held Sunday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner.

Tryouts for the talent show are for all those high school age and younger. All talents (vocal, dance, instrumental, etc.) are welcome. This event is not judged.

For more information, text or call Leanne Lindsay, (541)379-6331.

The talent show will be held During the St. Patrick's Day Celebration Saturday, March 19, at 6 p.m. Those performing will be opening for the "CrossStrung" concert at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall.



Leprechauns make merry

~ 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.

Need For Transmission Project is Still Strong

Idaho Power looks forward to reaching some major milestones for the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line project in 2016. The federal permitting process is in the home stretch, with a final Environmental Impact Statement expected from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) this year, and potentially a Record of Decision, too. Idaho Power will finalize its application for Oregon's facility siting process after the momentous BLM events.

It has been a long, productive road to get to this point. Idaho Power's 2015 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), a long-term resource planning study, recently reaffirmed that B2H is essential to serving future growth in customer demand. Previous IRPs also have identified the need for this transmission project, going back to the 2006 IRP.

The need for B2H is still strong. When finished, the project will help provide low-cost energy to Idaho Power's customers in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. The project also will interconnect with existing transmission facilities owned by our project partners PacifiCorp and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), allowing greater amounts of electricity to move throughout the Pacific Northwest. This helps meets a regional need and provides benefits to the entire area, much of which is served, directly or indirectly, by those two providers. In addition, the project allows Idaho Power to serve its growing load without building a carbon-emitting resource.

We appreciate the communities along the B2H route for their past input and continued engagement with the project. That public involvement began in 2010 with the year-long Community Advisory Process and continues today. The hundreds of hours spent by numerous folks, from landowners to public officials, to help find the best route for the project have been invaluable. We look forward to continuing to work with you as permitting of B2H continues, and through the construction of this project that benefits the entire region.

(s) Mitch Colburn, leader of Idaho Power's 500-kV projects group

Community lunch menu

Church of the Nazarene volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, March 16, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, onions and carrots, broccoli salad, carrot salad, black bread and peach crunch cake.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Walk MS set for April 23 in Heppner



Eastern Oregon MS Walk. participants -Contributed photo

Heppner is getting ready for the 18th year of sponsoring the Eastern Oregon MS Walk. All towns in Eastern Oregon are invited to join in on Saturday, April 23.

Everyone is invited to join the movement and sign up today. Pre-registration is appreciated.

Pre-register on the web at www.walkms.org, or by phone at 503-445-8342. Walk-ons are welcome-and may register the day of the event.

Those who are unable to attend the day of the scheduled walk, may still

help the cause by registering as a virtual walker.

There is no registration fee for the MS Walk. Donations of any amount are welcome, as those funds will help support the continuing fight against MS. Participants raising \$100 per person, or more, can earn prizes for outstanding fundraising, starting with a T-shirt prize at the \$100 level, while supplies last.

The registration/check-in begins at 9 a.m. at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 460 N Gale Street, Heppner. Starbucks will be serving

coffee and fruit and cinnamon rolls will be provided. The walk will start at 10 a.m. with a hosted lunch and door prizes to follow.

The well-marked 5k walk is wheelchair accessible. A 5k run has been added along with a 10k walk complete with a route map.

MS Walk posters, with registration information, will be located in local businesses. For more information you may also contact Heppner MS Walk Co-Chairs, Barb Orwick, 541-256-0455, or Taylor Disque, 541-256-0295.

Volunteers help get ready for upcoming St. Patrick's Wee Bit O' Ireland

The last few years St. Patrick's festivity volunteers have noticed that the wooden Leprechauns, which are placed out and about announcing events and activities, needed to be replaced. Bob Hager from Wood on Wood was asked if he would be willing to cut out some new ones and he said he thought he could do that, and, once he received a sample of an old leprechaun, he got busy and at no time at all had 10 cut out and ready for the next phase.

"It helped knowing some very artistic community members," said a volunteer, "and Judy Laughlin was asked and she said she would get someone to help her, later identified as Phyllis Piper. Judie's husband also helped in the preparation of these new Leprechauns. "This is a very time consuming job and I am sure when the finished Leprechauns and are out and about, they will reflect the pride of their makers," said the spokesperson

At a recent St. Patrick's committee meeting, it was decided to order more "green lights" to go on the downtown trees and they would need to find someone to put them on the trees.

Doris Brosnan volunteered for Dan, Doris, Carie, Carher and her family members to take on this responsibility. This wouldn't have been completed if it wasn't for Dan, Doris, Carie, Carson and Conor Brosnan. "Our town will light up in green just in time for our celebration," they said.



Volunteers string up green lights in preparation for St. Pat's

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