

Griffith honored at historical society spring meeting

Morrow County Historical Society members met March 13 at the Irrigon Baptist Church. A highlight of the 2016 spring quarterly meeting was the presenting of an honorary membership award to Ione veteran George Griffith by past county judge Louis Carlson.

Griffith was awarded a plaque designating him as an honorary member of the Morrow County Historical Society. Griffith has spent his life dedicated to the preservation of Morrow County history. The Morrow County Historical Society honored Griffith for his service to his country as well as for his active involvement in his local Morrow County communities of Cecil, Morgan and Ione.

Griffith served his country as a Marine during World War II. For those in attendance at the ceremony, Griffith shared his candid experience of the battle fought on Iwo Jima. He witnessed the raising of the first American flag on Mt. Suribachi by his fellow Marines of the East Company 2nd Battalion, 28th on Feb. 23, 1945.

This historic moment was captured in photograph by Joe Rosenthal, and Griffith attested to its perfect likeness, as he was able to see the monument in Washington D.C. as a participant in the Honor Flight program.

In other business, April 15 is the date of a tour to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum.



Louis Carlson of Heppner presents a plaque to Ione veteran George Griffith at the last meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society. -Contributed photo

The tour group will leave Heppner at 7:30 a.m. For information about the tour, contact Dave DeMayo at ddemayo@centurytel.net. On June 25, society members will travel to Frenchtown, west of Walla Walla, WA. Following the general gathering of Frenchtown Society members, Sam Pambrun will lead a special tour for Morrow County Historical Members and friends. Details of the tour will be discussed at the June 5 historical society meeting.

Shannon Hill, Editor of 2016 Morrow County Chronicles, is asking for submission of historical articles to be printed in the 2016 edition. For specifics, contact Shannon Hill at timbuctoo768@yahoo.com.

Stuart Dick, historical society member and author, will give a special talk on his latest book at the Irrigon Public Library on April 26. The talk will begin at 7 p.m., and is also an opportunity to explore

the new Irrigon library.

The purpose of the Morrow County Historical Society is to gather, preserve and make available museum, library and other historical material relating to the history of Morrow County. Morrow County residents and all interested public are invited to attend Morrow County Historical Society activities. Attendance at meetings is free. Those purchasing an annual membership for \$5 receive advance notice of all activities and priority reservations for the tours. The 2016 Morrow County Historical Society annual meeting is currently scheduled for Oct. 2. The meeting location has not been determined at this point.

For more information, contact historical society president David R. DeMayo at P.O. Box 705, Heppner, OR 97836, ddemayo@centurytel.net or 541-676-8017.

SHEEP DOG TRIALS

-Continued from PAGE ONE event on Sunday, the mood was solemn. Everyone was concerned for Mohney. No one knew what the future of the sheep trials event in Heppner would be.

Past coordinators stepped up to take charge of the organization for this year, and members of the St. Patrick's Committee said they felt it important to take time during the event this year to recognize Mohney for her love, past

dedication and coordination of the Heppner Sheep Dogs Trials. For that reason, a plaque was presented in memory of Mohney to her mother, Meredith Huwe. The sheep dog participants and coordinators also presented Huwe with a plaque in what observers said was a "very emotional moment."

Alita Nelson's 4-H group, The Barnyarders, have been working the event by releasing the sheep for the past 14 years. They

also were included in the presentation of the recognition plaque to Mohney's mother, Meredith Huwe.

"It is this type of commitment, dedication and love for the event that keeps it going," says Heppner Chamber of Commerce executive director Sheryll Bates. "Heppner is always a popular place to hold the trials, and it is part of our whole community Wee Bit O' Ireland St. Patrick's Celebration."



This year's sheep handlers group with Meredith Huwe. -Contributed photo

St. Paddy's Cruz-In winners announced

Fifty cars attended the 15th annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In held on March 19 in Heppner. Car enthusiasts brought entries from Hermiston, The Dalles, Walla Walla, Fossil, Summerville, Washougal, Lexington, Pendleton, Ione, Pasco, Mosier, Estacada, Damascus, La Grande, Hood River, Condon, Umatilla, Klamath Falls, Wapato, Newport, Arlington and, of course, Heppner.

The award winners of the 15th annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In were the following: Best Of Show: Bill Stark from Hermiston, OR, in a 1947 Ford Coupe. Mustang's Choice: Robert Schilling of Pendleton, OR, in a 1968 Mustang. Leprechaun's Choice: Sam Bilyeu from The Dalles, OR, with a 1936 Pontiac. Best Street Rod: Bill Stark from Hermiston in a 1947 Ford Coupe. Best Convertible: Fred

and Laura Clark from Umatilla, OR, driving a 1966 Ford Galaxy convertible.

Participant's Choice: Mike and Debbie Lemons of Hermiston in a 1933 one-ton International truck.

Best 1910s & 1920s Car or Pick-Up: Robert Harrison from Lexington in a 1919 Model T Ford Roadster.

Best 1930s & 1940s Car or Pickup: Mike and Debbie Lemons of Hermiston with the 1933 one-ton International truck.

Best 1950s & 1960s Pickup: John and Barb Kaiser of The Dalles in a 1962 Chevrolet pickup.

Best 1970 & Newer Pickup: Lloyd Burns of Ione with a 1981 Chevrolet Pickup C-10.

Best 1950s & 1960s Car: Kevin Rafferty from Klamath Falls, OR, in a 1961 Pontiac Ventura.

Best 1970s & 1980s Car:

Shane Miles of Heppner in a 1981 Z28.

Best 1990s - 2004 Car: Lawrence Harrison from Boardman, driving a 1997 Ford Mustang.

Best 2005 & Newer Car: Eric Coyce from Heppner in a 2015 Challenge Super Bee.

Best Foreign Car or Pickup: Chris Roop from Pendleton, OR, in a 1972 MG MGB.

Best Umatilla: Jim Taft of Umatilla in a 1968 Camaro.

Best Engine: Larry and Debbie Renard from The Dalles with a Ford four-door deluxe street rod.

Best Fat Fender: Bob Kirksey from Arlington, OR, in a 1936 Chevrolet three-window coupe.

Best Muscle Car: Bob Kammerr of Condon, OR, with a 1970 Chevelle SS.

Welly Toss winners



This year's Welly Toss team honors again went to The Extinguishers, with a total throw of 296.2. Team players were Rocky Turner, Jon Ellis, Jeromy Wilson and Brian Spivey. First place prize was a sandwich or large nacho donated by Rolling Thunder Barbecue. -Contributed photo

Boardman City Council approves rate increase, appoints committee members

During its March 1 meeting, the Boardman City Council approved resolutions for an increase in the city's water and sewer rates. The city's garbage rates will remain the same. The rate increase is due to future improvements to the city's water and sewer system. This is the first water and sewer rate increase since 2008.

The water rates reflect an increase only in the base rate. Overage rates will remain the same. All water base rates will increase by \$1.50. This brings the residential water rate to \$16.50 for the first 7000 gallons used in a month, the Commercial and Hydrant Meter base rates to \$20.50 for the first 8000 gallons used in a month, the School Water rate to \$11.25 for the first 6000 gallons used in a month and Outside City Limits water rate to \$24 for the first 7000 gallons used in a month.

The sewer rates will increase by a \$2.50 per month. This brings the rate for customers inside city limits to \$27.50 per unit and the outside city limits rate to \$40 per unit. The new rates will take effect July 1.

Also at their March 1 meeting, councilors appointed Bill Ellis and Kymberli Erevia to fill vacancies on the Boardman Budget

Committee. This is a first appointment for both Ellis and Erevia to a City of Boardman board. Both will serve a three-year term ending December 31, 2018.

The budget committee is comprised of the Boardman City Council and seven members of the community appointed by the city council. The committee holds meetings each April or May to review and make recommendations to the city council for the city and Urban Renewal Districts' budgets.

The next meeting of the Boardman Budget Committee will be on Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at Boardman City Hall.

Finally, at the meeting, Boardman City Councilors appointed Zack Barresse to fill a vacancy on the Boardman Planning Commission.

St. Patrick's wrap-up meeting April 6

The St. Patrick's Committee will be having a wrap-up meeting April 6 at 6 p.m. at Heppner City Hall to review the events and activities of this year's Wee Bit O' Ireland celebration and start the planning for next year.

Community members are invited to attend and share their ideas on how to

He will finish a three-year term ending December 31, 2017. This is his first appointment to the Boardman Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission is comprised of seven members appointed by the city council and is a permanent advisory body to the council on matters related to planning and development. The commission holds monthly public meetings to consider land use and zoning matters presented by staff, such as plan amendments, zone changes, conditional use permits, variances and tentative subdivision projects. Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at city hall. Currently the Planning Commission has one vacancy. Interested parties should contact Boardman City Hall at 541-481-9252.

make the event better, as well as get involved in the future planning of this big community event.

Pizza and beverage will be served. To accommodate enough food and seating, please RSVP no later than Tuesday, April 5, to the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536 or heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

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