

Murray Clan gathers for Robert Burns Supper in Condon

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As spring-time appeared ready to bloom in the unseasonable 60-degree temperature outside, over 100 Scottish clansmen gathered for the 22nd annual Robert Burns Supper Jan. 26 at the Condon Elks Lodge.

They came to honor the featured Clan, the Murray Clan of Heppner, and to enjoy the pipes and drums, some Robert Burns music and recitations and a hearty meal of haggis, neeps and tatties.

The Murray and Lindsay families, at least 17 strong, commanded the table of honor at the festivities, and provided much of the entertainment as well. Four generations of the families were in attendance. Clan 'Chieftains' Rod and Meg Murray and Larry and Corrine Lindsay headed the table.

Kevin Murray, tall, kilted, handsome and articulate, presented the Murray Clan history, dating back nine centuries and 36 generations to the Morays of Bothwell. The Murray Clan family history, as presented at the Burns Supper, can be found in its entirety on page 4 of the January 31 issue of the Condon Times-Journal.

Musicians for the day, members of the Royal Condon Highland Guard, included Katie Santini of White Salmon, WA, Bill Shelton of Carson, WA and Rick McCaul of Portland, all bagpipe players, and Ann Rosen of Salem, tenor drummer.

Others who took the mic offering lively musical renditions included Joe Lindsay, his wife Leanne with daughter Corrie Jo, and sons Andrew and Ryan; Larry Lindsay who added authority to "a good old Scottish custom that has stood the test of time, a custom that's been carried out in every land and clime. When brother Scots are gathered, it's aye the usual thing, just before we say good night, we fill our cups and sing, 'Just a wee doech

an doris.'" And we did!

Patrick Flaherty of Clarno added some interesting comparisons in the lives of Robert Burns, Bob Dylan and Woody Guthrie, along with mandolin and tin whistle accompaniment and an a cappella Burns song, 'Silver Tassie.'

Andrew Jamieson, who is earning a reputation as Condon's Harry Lauder, performed masterfully the Address to the Haggis in the ceremony surrounding the meal, and later offered the traditional Toast to the Ladies and finally a riveting rendition of Burns' famous, and famously long, poem, 'Tam O'Shanter.'

Also with a lovely clear rendition of 'Skye Boat Song' was Rebecca Brochu, new to the celebration this year from Hood River; and Sue Logan offered the heart-wrenching Bonnie George Campbell from memory.

The Scottish Shortbread contest this year attracted 14 entries, all of varying versions of shortbread recipe, worthy one and all. Three judges, all un-related to any contestant, judged the entries and found the entry submitted by Lisa D'Arcy of Wasco to be number one. Also catching the judges' attention were entries from Jean Wilson of Condon, second; Nicole Jamieson Dyne of Portland, third; Karla Robinson of Pendleton, fourth; and Kevin Murray of Heppner, fifth.

The Shortbread contest prize table was laden with unique gifts from and associated with 'the Homeland,' and the five winners were allowed first pick of the prizes. The contest is unique in that those who enter the contest also bring enough to share for the dinner's dessert; and in the fact that no contest participant goes away without a prize. Everyone is a winner.

Jannie Allen of Ione spearheads the Shortbread contest, with the help of Jan Stinchfield, and they both share the load, along with



Seventeen members of the Murray and Lindsay families gathered to be honored by the Caledonians of Condon recently at the 22nd annual Robert Burns Supper in Condon. From left are John Murray, Rod Murray, Kevin Murray, Sean Murray, Laurie Murray Wood, Olivia Wood, Ian Murray, Katie Siri, Corrie Jo Lindsay, Ryan Lindsay, Leanne Lindsay, Corrine and Larry Lindsay. Front row: Andrew Lindsay and Joe Lindsay. Mark and Cindy Murray missed the photograph.

Dallas Harsin, Cassandra Flatt and Sheila McCain, of the two-day preparation of the meal. The featured item of the meal, the Haggis, is a specialty of Charles Lamb of Lamb, Etc. in Roseburg.

There are many who make possible each year this celebration of the area's Scottish heritage. Supporters include the Gilliam County Cultural Coalition, the Condon Chamber of Commerce, Don Dunbar, Patty Burnet, Hotel Condon and the Condon Elks Lodge.

Editor's note: An excerpt from Kevin Murray's presentation of the Murray Clan's history of 36 generations. Reprinted from the Condon Times-Journal.

On July 28, 1945 in Biloxi, Mississippi, Rod married Margaret Gwin (obviously from that neighboring country, Wales), and they have five children. Well, hardly 'children' now, and they have added more descendants to the Murray clan, descendants who are now increasing our Murray line, so far with 13 great-grandchildren of Rod and Meg.

Apparently, carpentry and construction work were the chosen enterprises of

most of the Murray and MacInnes men in Oregon. So Rod's interest in pharmacy was a new direction for our branch of the clan. Eager to serve his country in World War II, Rod joined the Army Air Corps and served in the European Theatre as crew chief on a C47. Using the GI Bill he studied at Oregon State University in pharmacy and graduated in 1950. One of his early jobs was for a drug company as a sales representative. This job allowed him to see many parts of Washington and Oregon and showed him the beauty of Eastern Oregon. Seeing hundreds of pharmacies in rural settings allowed him to find a great place to raise a family and operate pharmacies, Condon was one of those places.

In 1959 Rod and Meg purchased Humphrey's Drug of Heppner in the building originally built as the Rock Saloon. Not many years later in 1963 they opened what is now known as Murray's Condon Pharmacy. At one time, two other pharmacies were in the fold though they closed during the course of the 60-year history of Murray's Drug, one was in Prairie City (later owned and beautifully operated by Mark and Sandy Murray) and another in Arlington. Added to the fold lately is Murray's Boardman Pharmacy in June of 2018.

Three generations of Murrays have lived and served in Morrow and Gilliam counties thus far and we hope to continue for many more.

Rod and Meg, then Mark and Sandy Murray, then John and Ann Murray (she could not be here today as she is visiting a girlfriend in Sweden this week), and now Laurie Murray Wood and Sean Murray. In my immediate family, my siblings are Luke, Laurie, Sean, Ian and myself, Kevin Murray.

We look around today at the many friends we have gathered in this room and recall many fond memories of working with and truly enjoying being a part of Condon. We Murrays have always felt at home in this kind and generous Scottish community and we gratefully count you among our blessings. Thank you for these past 57 years and the enjoyment of being the honored family of this year's Robert Burns Celebration!!

JV boys win final game of season

The Heppner Mustang JV boys' basketball team won their final game of the season by defeating the Pilot Rock Rockets 74-17. The Mustangs led at the end of the first quarter 14-4 and the halftime score saw the Mustangs ahead 25-10.

The third quarter belonged to Mustangs as they outscored the Rockets 25-6 and they improved in the fourth quarter by outscoring the Rockets 24-1. That made the final score 74-17.

Gavin Hanna-Robinson scored 15 points to lead the Mustangs. Roy Collins followed with 12 and Cannon Wilkins had eight. Scoring seven points each were

Kellen Grant and Jayden Wilson. Casey Fletcher and Jackson Lehman each added six points while Brock Hisler and Joe Sherman scored four each. Rounding out the scoring were Kason Cimmiyotti with three and Jordan Sweeney with two.

The JV Mustangs finished the season with a 19-2 record. They scored 1,183 points over the season to average 56 points per game. Their opponents scored 614 points, averaging 29 points per game. It was an outstanding season of growth and improvement for the young team.

ment. The topic on Feb. 27 will be "What to Pray for" and the community prayer focus will be the Morrow County Municipal Court staff.

For additional information contact Wendy Bleth at 509-540-8800.

Prizes. The goal of the program is to encourage reading for fun and teamwork. The fifth- and sixth-graders read a total of 92,866 minutes this year.

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The students culminated Time Out for Reading with their prize party on Thursday, Feb. 7. Students were allowed to choose prizes, many of which were related to the basketball theme, in the order in which they finished with their total minutes read. Each student received a prize and a book. Prizes and books are purchased from donations from community members, local organizations and the H.E.S. Parent Teacher Club.

Free movie to be shown Friday

Hopeful Saints free Friday movie for February will be shown Friday, Feb. 15 at the All Saints Parish Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

The movie, rated PG, tells the story of a disfigured child who doesn't let his deformity define who he is and who he will become. Everyone is welcome. Additional information is available by calling the church office at 541-676-9970.



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Students take Time Out for Reading



Pictured back row (L to R): Delilah Saucedo, Rylee Palmer, Caleb George, Sierra Greenup, Connor Wilson, Jaime Cavan and Aden Lathrop. Front row (L to R): Makiyah Christian, Jackson Coiner and John Lindsay.

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