

Church to distribute food boxes

Hopeful Saints Ministry will be distributing boxes loaded with fresh and canned food and hygiene supplies on Sunday, March 20, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the back entrance of the Episcopal and Lutheran building on the corner of Church and Gale.

This gift comes with no strings attached and no questions asked but is limited to one box per household. Delivery to Heppner residents is available for the homebound and others who lack transportation by calling the church office at

541-676-9970 and leaving your name, address and phone number. Those deliveries will be made on Friday afternoon between 3 and 4 p.m. if requested by that time, with additional deliveries on Sunday afternoon if necessary.

Residents of adjacent communities are asked to make their own arrangements for pickup or delivery. More information about this and other activities of Hopeful Saints is available by calling the church office at the number referred to above.

Port of Morrow announces internal search for next executive director

During their March 9, 2022, meeting, the Port of Morrow Commission announced that the Executive Director position would open to internal applicants. A letter of interest and resume will be accepted from interested Port employees from March 14 through April 4, 2022.

The Executive Director

position is responsible for the management and administration of Port activities. The position was left vacant after the untimely passing of Ryan Neal in January. The Port presently employs approximately 135 full-time employees and is the second largest port in the State of Oregon after the Port of Portland.

March proclaimed Red Cross month



Morrow County Commissioners Melissa Lindsay, Jim Doherty and Don Russell dedicated March as Red Cross Month. -Contributed photo.

Morrow County Commissioners passed a resolution on March 2 proclaiming the month of March to be dedicated to "all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton." The commissioners received a letter from the Red Cross central and eastern Oregon chapter requesting the county proclaim the month of March as Red Cross Month.

and alleviating people's suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers here in Morrow County, who continue to carry out Clara's lifesaving legacy. They join the millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially or learn vital life-preserving skills through the Red Cross.

The resolution reads, in part: WHEREAS, in times of crisis, people in Morrow County come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by American Red Cross Cascades Region volunteers and donors; and WHEREAS, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing

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Good News Only

By Doris Brosnan

Our community was so distraught to learn last Wednesday that Randall Peterson had fallen and was badly injured. He was taken to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston and had to have a partial hip replacement. (And plans for him to lead the Big Green Parade as grand marshal on Saturday had to be postponed until next year's parade.) The gooder news is that Randall was returned to us last Saturday. He was ensconced in a hospital "swing" bed, where he is expected to rest and recover for twenty days. Get-well thoughts will be welcomed, can be mailed to Box 642. Hal Bergstrom reports that visitors who follow certain protocols will be allowed, as they keep in mind that Randall does need to rest.

That parade was just one of the immensely successful events of last Saturday's return of A Wee Bit O' Ireland, under sunny skies, in 60+ degree weather until late in the day. Welcomed, along with the weather, were the great number of visitors who helped to make the day a grand accomplishment after a two-year hiatus. Some of those visitors came from significant distances to share their pride in their classic cars, some came to add their talents and showmanship to the variety of local entries in the parade (which lasted at least twice as long as any parade in recent history). Such a wonderful day for visiting, for playing games, for eating and eating, for enjoying great Gaelic music

of three different programs. Noted from the Information Booth: green top hats ranging from about 12" high to about 3" high; many – truly many – heads of natural red hair; people seeking the garbage containers for their discards; leashed dogs being polite, not using the sidewalks for bathrooms. And what a wide variety of the color green.

Rick Drake reports that last Sunday, he and wife, Lucinda, spent their first night in the home on Chase Street that he has been working to completely renovate. He adds that the quality of sleep was so much better than they have been used to because of no old-house creaks and groans. Although the TV and surround-sound system are working, some things still are not because many delays have resulted in work still being needed before completion of the project, but they hope to display the results of hundreds of hours of hard work at an open house soon. The building served as a catholic church for several years (article in the Morrow County Chronicles) before it was later purchased by the American Legion. More recently, it became the private home to Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Matteson.

If you can take a few minutes to send your good news to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490, you will add some precious, positive moments to our readers' days.

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

Ione Church to host weekly gathering

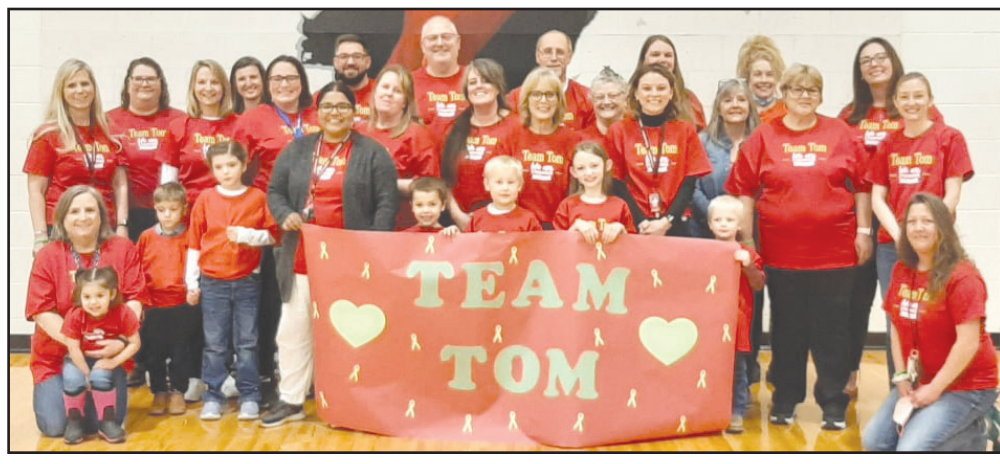
Ione Community Church will be hosting a weekly event "The Gathering" every Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event will begin with a family dinner provided at 5:30 for all who wish to attend. This will be followed by a new middle school youth group meeting at 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. A social hour / games will be provided for adults and youth family members during this time.

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy this

midweek time together as a community of faith. Ione Community Church is offering this new programming to complement its regular offerings on Sunday morning of Children and Adult Church School at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. A weekly Bible Study is also available on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.

Please contact Pastor Jeff Clabaugh at 971-517-0548, for additional information. Everyone is welcome.

Ione Community school supports "Team Tom"



Ione Community School staff dressed in red t-shirts in support of the son of one of the teachers who has cancer. -Contributed photo.

Ione Community School staff came together recently to support Ryan Rudolph, a long time teacher and athletic director,

whose son Tom has cancer. Everyone wore matching t-shirts saying, "Together we are stronger."

Tom is doing well and

Obituaries

Bert J. Houweling

Bert J. Houweling, age 71, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2022, in Kennewick, WA. Bert was born June 15, 1950, in Den Haag, Netherlands to Albert and Maria Houweling. Bert's family moved to Salt Lake City, UT when he was six years old. He always had fond memories of his childhood there.



Bert J. Houweling

When Bert was 12-years-old, his family moved to Bellevue, WA where he was hired by a neighbor to clean stalls and exercise horses. It was then he discovered a love for horses.

Bert served in the US Army as military police and was honorably discharged in September 1976. Bert later became a member of the Odd Fellows and the Elks Lodge. As a young man, Bert worked at Fred Meyer and became their youngest store manager. From there he went to Associated Grocers in Seattle and eventually owned Heppner Family Foods in Heppner, OR. Bert enjoyed

his employees and the people he interacted with daily at his store in Heppner. "Above all, Bert loved his children, Charlene, Jason and Candice."

Bert was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Houweling and Maria (Van Der Meer) Houweling. He is survived by his children, Charlene M. Houweling, Jason E. Houweling and Candice Felstad, siblings, Hubertina Seal, Mary Skidmore, Albert C. Houweling, Jeannette Rujgrok, Jessie Hargrove and Shirley VanSchie.

Donations may be made in Bert's honor to Chaplaincy Health Care, 1480 Fowler St, Richland, WA 99352.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Einan's at Sunset Event Center, 915 Bypass Hwy, Richland, WA 99352. Inurnment will immediately follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in the Veteran's Memorial Wall.

Destination Development event scheduled

Heppner Chamber of Commerce will host Karie Walchli, representing Morrow an Umatilla County Tourism, for Destination Development at 7 p.m. on March 31 at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building. Desserts and refreshments will be provided by AJ's Baked Goodies.

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pride-without compromising the qualities that make this place so special."

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Wee Bit O' Ireland winners announced

Editor's Note: See photos of all events and the parade on the picture page on page eight of this issue.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce has an-

nounced the winners of the games and parade participants who turned out for the first St. Patrick's event since 2019 on Saturday. Sunny and warm weather greeted the huge crowd who gathered to enjoy the fun and games.

Taking first place in the bed races was the team from Murray's. Second place went to Les Schwab. Lucky Bastards took first in the O'Planky race and Murray's was second. Welby Toss winners were Jenna O'Brien taking first in the women's division with 140' 6" and Patrick Collins for men with 267' 7". Team winners were Murray's in first with 223' 3" and The Booheeds in second with 168' 8". Road Bowling winners were Peter Wenberg, Nels Wenberg and Elliott Strouse.

The Great Green Parade Irish Theme winners were Sparks Cheer Club in first and Heppner Christian Church in second. Pendleton Unmounted Cowboy Band took first in the musical group category with Heppner High School Pep Band in second. Classic automobile winners were Archie Ball/Irish Bumblebee in first and Frank and Cara Osmin second. Bank of Eastern Oregon took first in the local business/corporation category and Two Old Hags Pizza/Kerry McQuisten was second.

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