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'Dublin Our Vision' takes first at trivia night



The team of "Dublin our Vision" won Heppner Day Care's annual trivia contest last Thursday in Heppner. The team of Jennifer Ashbeck, Julie Baker, Kylie Coil, Heather Hendricks, Kay Proctor and Wacy Coil held on to first place through the entire competition, eventually winning by half a point. The annual event is a fundraiser for the day care. Staff say they appreciate all the support from community members who showed up to have fun and support the day care. -Contributed photo

St. Patricks weekend recap

Heppner buzzed with anticipation on Saturday, March 15, 2025, as St. Patrick's Day festivities began despite the cold weather. Clouds loomed overhead, hinting at rain, but people gathered anyway. Green hats, shamrock scarves, and raincoats lined the streets. Kids ran around, wearing leprechaun hats, tutus, and capes, chasing each other with energy.

The morning started with the Bed Race. Teams pushed beds decorated in green and gold through the streets with determination. Next was the O'Planky Race, where people balanced on planks and raced to cheers. The Welly Toss came after, with contestants throwing rubber boots far, while kids tried too. Then the O'Ducky Race sent rubber ducks floating

along a course, exciting the children.

At the end of the parade, the rain came, soaking floats, and spectators. People clapped and hollered as the parade passed.

Afterward, the crowd moved indoors. The Elks Club and Bucknum's Tavern opened their doors, with the Elks serving corned beef and cabbage. Bands played Irish music, with fiddles and flutes filling the air. Kids ran between tables. At the Elks, a singer from Dublin performed, her voice telling stories and signing Irish folk songs and some modern American hits too. At the Gilliam Bisbee Building, a kids' show entertained, while face painters drew shamrocks and leprechauns on cheeks.

The cold and rain tested Heppner, but the St.

Patrick's Day spirit held. From the Bed Race to the indoor music and singing, the town kept going with laughter and community. As the day ended, the rain stopped, leaving Heppner with a memory no storm could chase away.

Oregon House recognizes Oregon Farmer and Rancher Day

Recently, the Oregon House of Representatives passed House Bill 3141-A on a vote of 57-1. The bill sets aside the third Tuesday in March of each year, recognizing it as Oregon Farmer and Rancher Day. "Border to border and corner to corner, Oregon is diverse in landscapes, rich in agricultural heritage, and includes vibrant rural communities. Our farmers and ranchers are the backbone of our great state.

They helped to build our state into statehood,

work to feed our local communities and show up when communities are in need. Despite their crucial role, the sacrifices and struggles of these individuals often go unnoticed," said Rep. Breese Iverson (R-Prineville).

The third Tuesday in March is also National Ag Day, which creates the opportunity for further recognition and synergy in highlighting the contributions of Oregon's farmers and ranchers. HB 3141-A now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Jones brings home state medal in wrestling

The Heppner junior high wrestling team sent four athletes to the 2025 Oregon MS State Championship last week in Albany and made school history when Laila Jones brought home the second-place medal in her bracket.

This makes Jones the highest-placing girl in Mustang junior high wrestling history, as well as the only girl to make it to the championship match at state.

While Heppner qualifiers Aidden Ramos, Jayden Rowlette and Hayden Cimmiyotti were more disappointed in their state meet results, coach Kasey Jones said the whole team had a great season.

"(I'm) super proud of how well you all did this year and the improvements you all made," he told the team.

Full stats for the state meet were:

Laila Jones placed second in the girls 185 bracket, scoring 20 team points. After a bye in the championship round 1, Jones won by fall over Peyton Ruth (Sunridge (Pendleton)) in the quarterfinal (Fall 1:02). In the semifinal, Jones won by decision over Kayelyn Jauron (Clatskanie) (Dec 15-8). In the first-place match, Harlee Ruth (Sunridge (Pendleton)) won by fall over Jones (Fall 1:26).

Aidden Ramos, wrestling in the boys 117 bracket, scored three team points. In championship round 1, Landon Lantry (Adams

Stephens Middle) won by tech fall over Ramos (TF 18-2). In consolation round 1, Ramos won by fall over Liam Edgar (MacLoughlin) (Fall 1:30). In consolation round 2, Kason Blakely (La Grande) won by tech fall over Ramos (TF 18-0).

Jayden Rowlette wrestled in the boys 140 bracket. In championship round 1, Adan Garcia (Tillamook) won by fall over Rowlette (Fall 3:31). In the consolation round 1, Kale Winebarger (Crook County Middle School) won by fall over Rowlette (Fall 2:57).

Hayden Cimmiyotti wrestled in the boys 195 bracket. In championship round 1, Brayden Fox (Obsidian Middle School) won by fall over Cimmiyotti (Fall 1:41). In consolation round 1, Darrell Griffin (Scenic Middle School) won by fall over Cimmiyotti (Fall 1:58).

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3/20 - 3/26

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Saturday - Popcorn chicken wrap & side of cottage cheese
Sunday - closed
Monday - open faced hot corn beef sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy
Tuesday - Southwest grilled chicken salad
Tuesday Night 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday - meatball marinara sub with macaroni salad

Upcoming Events

March 20th - Installation of Officers at Lodge at 8pm (family welcome)

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