

Elks hosts mother daughter tea for graduating seniors



Back L-R: Mothers Nicole High, Stephanie Hisler, Stephanie Spivey, Samantha Gerry, Kim Henrichs, Challis Buck and Laura Estrada. Front L-R: Seniors Keeley Nairns, Halle Hisler, Katie Spivey, Ava Gerry, Kadie Henrichs, Laila Hess and Mariah Castellanos. -Contributed photo



The tables were set for the mother daughter tea event at the Elks Lodge. -Contributed Photo

The Heppner Elks Lodge was filled with warm smiles and heartfelt moments on Wednesday, May 14, as it hosted its annual Mother Daughter Tea in honor of graduating senior girls and their mothers.

Seven young women from the graduating class attended the event alongside their mothers, gathering for an afternoon event that celebrated the special bond between mothers and daughters during a pivotal life transition. The gathering has become a cherished tradition in the Heppner

community, offering a moment of reflection and celebration before graduation.

A highlight of the afternoon was a talk delivered by Charlie Thompson, who offered what one attendee described as a "beautiful talk with sage advice."

Members of the junior class volunteered their time and efforts to serve. Others who put hard work into hosting the event were Susie Thompson, Darcy Robinson, Shelby Matthews, Terri Gentry, Kaedene Bailey and Madison Rosenbalm.

IOOF holds annual Hardman Cemetery cleanup



Odd Fellow volunteer Mike Sweek wields a weed eater at Hardman Cemetery. -Contributed photo

On a recent blustery Sunday on Hardman Ridge, several members of the Willow Odd Fellows Lodge held a work party at the historic Hardman Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day weekend.

Lawn mowers, weed eaters and tractors with bush-hog mowers moved in and had the cemetery looking ship-shape in short order.

The hearty crew of lodge members donating their time, equipment and fuel were John Doherty, Melvin McDaniel, Dave

Fowler, Mike Sweek, Jared Wilson, Steve Rhea, Joe Santora, Tony Clement, Kelwayne Haguwood, Roger Britt and Tommy Wolff.

The IOOF Hardman Cemetery is under the care and maintenance of Willow Lodge #66 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has graves dating from 1888 to the present. Several century-old gravestones have very decorative and unusual inscriptions, with many pioneer families interred there.

Masons host senior luncheon



Heppner and Ione senior boys with their mentors at a recent luncheon hosted by Heppner Masonic Lodge #69. -Contributed photo

Heppner Masonic Lodge# 69 hosted a Senior Men and Mentors Luncheon May 14. Ione and Heppner upcoming graduates were invited to come with an important mentor in their life.

Members of the Masonic lodge said they were excited to honor the achievements of both the seniors and the mentors in guiding these young men in their successes.

A brief introduction Masonry was followed by a light lunch. After that, the graduates introduced themselves and their guests and shared their future plans.

The luncheon concluded with a rousing speech by Umatilla County Deputy Chief Richard Cearns.

This event was put together with special help from Bucknum's Tavern, Cody High, Chris Humphries, Merlin Hughes, Herman Winter, Dennis Wall, Melvin McDaniels and all the brothers of Heppner Lodge #69.

"Heppner Lodge #69 wishes all the seniors success in their future," said the lodge in a release, "and hope they remember to keep their servants towel large and their ideas of success grounded."

Shrine Dinner

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the fourth hospital in the Shriners' network, focused on pediatric orthopedics. Originally at NE Sandy Boulevard and NE 82nd Avenue, it moved in 1983 to Marquam Hill, next to Oregon Health & Science University, expanding services and adding a research center for pediatric musculoskeletal care. Now a 29-bed nonprofit, it treats children from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Alaska, and British Columbia for conditions like orthopedic disorders and cleft lip and palate, regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Shriners International, founded in 1872 as a branch of Freemasonry, drives this mission. Freemasonry, dating to the late 16th or early 17th century, promotes moral growth, service, and brotherhood, requiring members to believe in a higher power and uphold strong character. Shriners, known for their red fezzes, bring a social and charitable focus to Masonic life. In

1922, the Shriners launched their first children's hospital, a network now spanning 20 locations across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, specializing in orthopedics, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. Funded by donations, endowments, and events like the Shrine game, these hospitals serve children globally, often through outreach and surgical missions.

The East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game, started in 1952 by Shriners in Union and Umatilla counties, has become a fixture in Oregon's high school sports landscape. First held in Pendleton, it settled in Baker City, showcasing top seniors from 1A to 5A schools. Over 4,000 players have competed, their games raising funds and awareness for the Shriners hospital. The event channels athletic competition into support for children's healthcare, embodying the Shriners' commitment to community.

Glen Ward fishing derby

Young anglers and their families are invited to cast a line and enjoy a morning of outdoor fun at the Third Annual Glen Ward Memorial Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 31, at Cutsforth Park Pond, located at 58430 Willow Creek Rd., Heppner.

The event is open to youth ages 14 and under and is free to participate. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with fishing starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. and wrapping up by 11:00 a.m., when the last fish will be measured. An awards ceremony will follow at approximately 11:30 a.m., recognizing standout catches and celebrating all participants.

Organizers say the derby is a great opportunity for kids to connect with nature, practice fishing skills, and enjoy friendly competition. The event honors Glen Ward, a community member remembered for his dedication to youth and the

outdoors.

Morrow County Parks is coordinating the event alongside co-sponsors Heppner Elks Lodge and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Families are encouraged to arrive early.

For more information, contact Morrow County Parks at 541-989-8214 or email mcparks@morrow-countyor.gov.



Lunch & Dinner Menu

5/22 - 5/28

Thursday - Broccoli cheddar soup with grilled cheese

Friday - grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes, corn

Saturday - pulled pork nachos

Sunday - Closed

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Teriyaki chicken and rice bowl

Tuesday Night - 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos

Wednesday - 1/2 order biscuits and gravy, bacon, & egg.



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