

Blue ribbons abound for Morrow Countians showing at State Fair



Scott McEwen poses with his family after receiving Eagle Scout rank in a special Court of Honor held in Heppner recently. From left are brother Bob, Scott, and his parents, Betty and Don McEwen.

Eagle Scout honors awarded to Heppner's Scott McEwen

At a special Court of Honor held at the Heppner Elks Lodge Thursday, Aug. 17, Scott McEwen became an Eagle Scout—reaching a goal that many young men strive for, but few attain.

The son of Don and Betty McEwen of Heppner, Scott became involved in scouting through the Elks' sponsored Troop 661. Joining in 1972, Scott soon moved through the ranks of scouting and received his first class rating in late 1973.

Glen Ward, a scouting leader and Elks representative to the troop, told the audience gathered for the ceremony that 1974 was "a year of fun and games for Scott as his record shows no advancement."

Ward continued with the scout's history, telling of him reaching his Star Scout rank in 1975 and well on his way to the 21 required merit badges to become an Eagle Scout.

Scott, at various times in his scouting career, has served as Patrol Leader, Asst. Troop Leader, Scribe, Quartermaster. In addition, Scott is active in Heppner High School student government, music and sports and is a high achiever scholastically, noted Ward.

Ervin Williams, past president of the Blue Mt. Council of Scouts, commended Scott in his keynote speech, saying, "Young men like Scott that follow the scouting program through, gain a step in life."

Scott joins Bruce Young and Mark Piper in Troop 661's

Eagle Nest, and several other Eagle Scouts from the Heppner area that belonged to other troops.

Jerry Anderson, Exalted Ruler of BPOE 358, presented Scott with his Eagle Badge. Herman Winter, Assistant Scoutmaster, introduced the scout's family and special guests. Assistant Scoutmaster Del Piper conducted the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony.

Oswalts parents of new son

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Oswalt, Dallas, Ore., former Ione residents, are the parents of a son, Philip Eugene, 8 lbs., 15 oz., born Aug. 9. He joins two sisters at home.

Morrow County is already well represented in the winners circle at the Oregon State Fair, with a large number of local residents winning top awards in home economics and crafts categories.

The county's 4-H painters fared particularly well at the Salem exposition, with Mardell James and Arlene Gray, both of Heppner, taking champion and reserve champion honors for their skill with old tole designs. The James entry featured a painted popcorn popper with cups, with Arlene submitting a painted cannister.

Janette Piper of Lexington won a champion ribbon for her wooden wall plaque depicting people and animals, with fellow Lexington resident Jodi Padberg taking top honors in the basic skills and brush stroke class with her lap desk.

Wooden clocks decorated by Heppnerites Melody Gochbauer and Shelly Thompson took champion and reserve champion honors respectively. In the advanced flowers class, Alice Abrams was champion for her recipe holder and Susan Gray was reserve champion. Both are also from Heppner.

Receiving blue awards in 4-H decorative painting classes were Cindi Bergstrom, Debby Paustain and Linda Keithly, all of Heppner.

Receiving blue awards for 4-H food projects were Sylvia Ladd of Ione, Trisha Mahoney, Heppner, Anne McLaughlin, Heppner, and Carol McElligott, Ione.

Wendy Myers of Heppner won championship honors in 4-H leathercraft, and Diann Morder of Ione received a blue award for her exhibit in the 4-H home environment competition.

Elizabeth McElligott and Natalie Tews, both of Ione, each won reserve champion honors with 4-H clothing exhibits. Elizabeth exhibited a blue plaid wool outfit of four-gored skirt with semi-fitted jacket and a contrasted red vest. Natalie showed a floral print skirt with reversible vest. A natural gauze blouse completed the outfit.

Local exhibitors receiving blue awards in 4-H clothing classed were: Jodi Padberg, Lexington; Dee Walker, Sp-

ray; Kimberly Hughes, Heppner; Trisha Mahoney, Heppner; Teena Galbraith, Heppner; Anne McLaughlin, Heppner; Tara Mahoney, Heppner; Anita Palmer, Ione; Diann Morder, Ione; Jyl Hobbs, Irrigon; Paula Palmer, Heppner; Janet McElligott, Ione.

Best of Show winners are listed

Special Award Winners for Best of the Show at the Morrow Fair were:

Irene Anhorn, poultry and small animals—award donated by Sabre Farms; Fred Deffer, commercial potatoes—award donated by Oregon Potato Inc.; Roger Palmer, commercial crops—award donated by Sabre Farms; Corine Miles, fruits and vegetables—award donated by John and Ann Prag; Ken Miller, flowers—award donated by Heppner Garden Club; Irene Crabtree, home economics—award donated by Eastern Oregon Farms; Bonnie Graves, arts, crafts, collections—award donated by Earl Trudeau; Shanna Evans, kids' corner—award donated by Lindsay Ranch; Ken Grieb, beef—award donated by Sabre Farms.

Sweepstakes awards went to Mark Piper, photography; Del Piper, collectors' corner; Dr. Wallace Wolff, cut flow-

The Judge's Choice Sweepstakes in Art went to Sue Duncan, and the Viewers' Choice Sweepstakes in Art—offered for the first this year—went to Mary Kilkenny.

The total number of exhibits increased by 55 over last year. The person showing the largest number of exhibits this year was Ida Farra, with a whopping 135 entries.

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Mrs. King donates new 'Old Glory' to fairground

A newer, larger flag has replaced the weather-worn issue of Old Glory flying over the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

The replacement flag, donated by Mrs. Martha King of Heppner, was installed at the fairgrounds by the recently reorganized Heppner Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary just before the beginning of the current fair and rodeo season.

The flag was presented to Mrs. King on the death of her war veteran husband, Carl King Sr. in 1975. Mr King was on active duty with the Navy

during World War II and the Korean War.

Mrs. King, in turn donated the flag to the VFW auxiliary during a meeting of the Fair Board earlier this month.

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