

2 HHS students elected to district F.F.A. offices

Andrea Ball and Alex Lindsay of the Heppner F.F.A. Chapter were elected to the offices of district secretary and district sentinel respectively at the first annual Blue Mountain District F.F.A. Convention in Hermiston, Saturday, Mar. 3. They were chosen from 17 applicants for the six available offices, reports Roger Records, Heppner F.F.A. instructor.

The other newly elected officers are President - Kelly Lybrand from Hermiston, vice-president - Eric Coppock, Treasurer - Brent Thompson and Reporter - Robyn Bothams, all from Pendleton.

Noella Rill from Heppner placed third in the Beginning Record Book division of the competition.

Loran Hayes and Dorothy Hays of Heppner won the Jack-n-Jill crosscut log saw-

ing competition and Hays teamed up with Susie Martin to win the girls division.

Other members from Heppner that participated in the convention were Steve Plocharsky, Kevin Hughes, Kim Wright, Tammy Hays and Sandra Wattenburger. The Heppner members worked with approximately 100 other F.F.A. members from seven area chapters to select award winners to advance to state competition and elect district officers, Records said.

Other highlights of the convention were a keynote address by Valencia Alvarado, the State F.F.A. vice-president from Elkton, and the awarding of Distinguished Service Awards to area businesses including Morrow County Grain Growers and Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District (See related story).



Judson Baptist College students to visit here

This Sunday, Mar. 11, local high school students and their parents will have an opportunity to learn about Judson Baptist College, announced Gene Murty of Heppner.

"Judson offers superior education near home. Judson graduates recently tested equal with Reed College, the traditional highest standard in Oregon," Murty said.

On Sunday, Judson students

will conduct the services at Friendship Baptist Church at Willow and Gale streets in Heppner. Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m., and the high school class will feature the college students. Morning worship begins at 11, and the college will present a singing group and a speaker.

Everyone is welcome, and a nursery will be provided, Murty concluded.

March named National Eye Bank Month

Last year 207 persons received corneal transplants at Oregon hospitals, in many cases restoring sight to someone who had little if any sight.

If enough tissue had been available, that figure could have been 300, says Kristi Voth, executive director of Oregon's statewide eye bank, the Oregon Lions Eye Bank at Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center in Portland.

Voth is promoting donations to the eye bank as part of the activity surrounding March as National Eye Bank Month.

"Right now, there are 25 Oregonians waiting for a chance to have their vision restored or improved through this relatively common corneal transplant procedure, and Heppner residents can help us begin to fill this by giving the gift of sight," Voth says.

When the cornea — the clear "window of the eye" that works with the lens to focus incoming light rays — becomes cloudy from injury or disease, vision can be restored by transplanting a clear cornea from a donor eye.

Through a network of volunteer Lions Club members and funeral directors, 72 substations have been set up through the state to collect tissue, which is rushed to the Lions Eye Bank laboratory at Good Samaritan.

"We act as a clearing house to service 44 physicians — mostly in Oregon and southwest Washington — but for a few as far away as Montana, Idaho and northern California," said Emanuel Tanne, M.D. surgical director of the eye bank.

In addition, about half of the tissue is sent to local and regional organizations doing research into eye disease, Dr. Tanne says.

For corneal transplant purposes, tissue only lasts 72 hours and sometimes is shipped to one of more than 80 other eye banks throughout

the country which have an emergency.

The Oregon Lions Eye Bank can call on this network if an emergency transplant situation finds it without an Oregon donor.

With the eye bank Tissue Inventory System computer network and a ham radio operator who also broadcasts word of an emergency, "no one ever has lost an eye here if a corneal transplant would solve the problem," Voth says proudly.

Last year, 541 Oregonians donated their corneal tissue at death. Tissue which wasn't healthy enough for transplant was used in research programs dealing with such areas as glaucoma, muscle studies or new techniques for removing cataracts.

"There is extensive continuing research into glaucoma. We know how it affects the eye and how to treat it, but we still don't know what causes it," says Dr. Tanne.

He points out that there is a misconception over who can donate.

"Many people think that they can't be a donor if they wear glasses and that just isn't so. The determination of healthy tissue is much different than that," he said, and pointed out that all tissue is useful in the battle against eye diseases.

"With all the research into retinal disease, tissue from someone with retinal disease is very valuable," he says.

Anyone over 18 years old may sign a donor card in the presence of two witnesses and carry the card in a wallet or purse. Oregon law also allows eye donation for a deceased relative by the next-of-kin over 18.

Donor cards can be obtained from the Eye Bank (503-229-7523), local Lions Club members or any of 117 funeral homes in Oregon, including Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, which act as eye tissue collection centers for the bank.

Crop Chop money sent to help world hunger

A total of \$1,457, raised in a November Crop Chop, was recently sent to Church World Service in Gearhart, Ind. to help stop world hunger, reports the Rev. Ed Watts, Heppner. The goal for the day was \$1,385.

The first annual Crop Chop was held November 5. Twenty-seven people turned

out to cut wood and stack it, while a number of other people sponsored the workers for each hour they spent working. The wood was given to the Heppner Neighborhood Center for distribution to needy people in the area. An estimated eight cords of wood was cut that day.

The Church World Service

will refund 25 percent of the money to the South Morrow Co. Ministerial Association, who sponsored the event. The ministerial association will in turn give the money to the Neighborhood Center to be used for the local needy, Watts said.

"We feel that the Crop Chop was a real success for the first

year. We are pleased that so many people helped out either by working or by sponsoring someone else to work. The success of the day is shown by the fact that we went past the goal that was set by the association," stated Mike Douglas, youth minister of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

Four local churches to compare similarities

"There's so much we agree on! I was always told how different we were." That's what one pastor said during a study on agreements among Christian churches, reports John Maas, pastor of local Lutheran churches.

Starting Tuesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m., four local (Southern Morrow County) churches are offering a study

on what Christians agree on in the areas of Baptism, Holy Communion and Ministry. The study is being sponsored by Hope and Valby Lutheran churches, All Saints Episcopal Church and the Ione United Church of Christ.

The study is open to everyone. Each session will have an opening call to worship, a presentation on the evening's

material, moderated small group investigation of the theme, and closing worship time, Maas explained.

Each of the sponsoring congregations will host some of the sessions. The schedule of sessions, each on Tuesday night at 7:30 is: March 13 - Ione U.C.C.; March 20 - Hope Lutheran Church, Heppner; March 27 - Valby Lutheran Church, Ione-Gooseberry;

April 3 - All Saints Episcopal, Heppner; April 10 - Ione U.C.C.; and April 17 - Hope Lutheran Church, Heppner.

The sessions will use the booklet "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" as a focus for the study. While some booklets will be available at the sessions, it is best to order copies before hand. The booklets are \$4 each.

To order booklets, arrange rides, or for more information, contact any of the pastors of the sponsoring congregations: the Rev. Ed Watts 676-9891, the Rev. Cathy Barber 422-7530, the Rev. John Maas 676-5069.



Blue Mt. Men's League February 29

	Won - Lost
Gar Aviation	24 - 16
Bucknum's Tavern	23 - 17
Heppner Bowl	20½ - 19½
Bowl for Fun	19 - 21
Cast Offs	19 - 21
Sweeney Mortuary	19 - 21
Central Mkt.	18½ - 21½
Cal's Lounge	17 - 23

High series: Elmer Heath - 583, Dave Hanna - 546 and Riley Munkers - 538.

High game: Elmer Heath - 213, Grag Johnson - 204 and Duane Neiffer - 202.

Scores: Bucknum's Tavern over Sweeney Mortuary 4-0, Bowl for Fun over Heppner Bowl 3-1, Cal's Lounge over Central Mkt. 3-1 and Cast Offs tied Gar Aviation 2-2.

Dime A Dozen February 26

	Won - Lost
No. Four	24 - 8
No. Six	20 - 12
No. Two	18 - 14
No. Seven	16 - 16
No. One	14½ - 17½
No. Three	13 - 19
No. Five	12 - 20
No. Eight	9½ - 22½

High game: LaRae Kinde - 191, Allen Basford - 191.

High series: Betty Snow - 473, Allen Basford - 518.

High team game: No. Three - 744.

High team series - 2,145.

Dime A Dozen March 4

	Won - Lost
No. Four	27 - 9
No. Six	23 - 13
No. Seven	19 - 17
No. Two	19 - 17
No. One	18½ - 17½
No. Five	13 - 23
No. Three	13 - 23
No. Eight	9½ - 26½

Betty Snow bowled an all spare game. Her score was 184. She picked up a 5-10 split - 4-10 and 3-6-7.

High game: Betty Snow - 184, Gene Doherty - 221.

High series: Billie Doherty - 483, Gene Doherty - 533.

High team game: No. Seven - 790.

High team series: No. One - 2,137.

Extension newsletter series still offered

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Young parents may still sign up to receive the fall Oregon State University Extension series "Oregon's Children I" and "Oregon's Children II."

The letter series No. One includes information regarding children three through six years. Each is a series of six letters which will be mailed out on a weekly basis to those requesting the information.

An additional series of six letters "Nutrition and Pregnancy" is also available by request at no charge.

All are intended to provide help to parents - at home - when they need it.

Call or write: OSU Extension Service, P.O. Box 397, Heppner, or phone 676-9642.

Registration deadline for the current mailing is March 15.

What's Your Opinion?



Question: "Now that Pioneer Memorial Hospital has hired a new administrator, do you expect any major changes to occur with the hospital?"
"Oh, I hope so," said Patti Toombs of Heppner. "I think we could use another doctor for the town..."

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