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Heppner and Ione graduate Seniors

Area seniors were graduated from Heppner and Ione high schools last week. Amid the pomp and circumstance of the occasion, many awards and scholarships were presented.

Heppner High School counselor Liz Curtis reports that 62 awards were presented to 20 different students among a total of 46 graduates. "a group of high achievers," she said.

The prized Carl W. Troedson grants-in-aid were presented to 12 Heppner graduates and to two Ione graduates during commencement ceremonies. Heppner recipients include Andrea Ball, Penny Connor, Ken Curtis, Missy Gates, Travis Harrison, Keith Kenison, Chris McLaughlin, Marion McMillan, Trina Palmer, Dana Reid, Lana Reid, and Noella Rill. Michelle Beeson and Eric Pointer were the recipients at Ione High School.

The Troedson grants are awarded from a fund provided by the last will and testament of Carl W. Troedson, a prominent wheat rancher in the Ione area. Each student will receive \$750 to use next year. In addition, those who receive the award at high school graduation are eligible to apply for renewal of the grant each successive year of their college or training programs provided they maintain good academic standing during the year. Selection committee is the Morrow County School District Superintendent, the Pastor of Valby Lutheran Church, and the Morrow County Judge.

A \$100 American Legion scholarship was presented to Trina Palmer of Heppner and to Eric Pointer of Ione.

Full tuition waivers at Blue Mt. Community College were awarded to Heppner graduates Marty Brannon, Kevin Hughes, Randy Simcoe, and Travis Harrison, and to Ione graduate Michelle Beeson.

A \$500 Kinzua award was given to Heppner graduate Loran Hayes.

Keith Kenison of Heppner received the \$250 Stookey memorial scholarship.

\$150 Columbia Basin Conference awards were presented to Missy Gates and Dana Reid.

Andrea Ball and Chris McLaughlin each received \$200 Heppner Booster Club awards. Michelle Beeson received the \$375 Cardinal Club scholarship.

Heppner graduate Penny Connor received a \$500 Degree of Honor award.

Heppner graduate Kevin Hughes received a \$500 Lions VoTech award.

Heppner graduate Andrea Ball was presented the \$500 Dr. and Christi Carpenter award to be used



Ione graduates ready for diplomas

for advanced study in a health care field.

Missy Gates and Marty Brannon received respectively \$200 Soroptimist academic and vocational awards.

Heppner graduate Patty Altizer received the Portman Improvement award, \$50 now and \$50 after enrollment.

Marion McMillan, Heppner, received a \$750 Morrow County Education Association award.

Keith Kenison, HHS, was awarded a \$400 scholarship from Phi Delta Kappa, an eastern Oregon education honorary.

The \$200 classified employees scholarship was presented to Heppner graduate Marty Brannon.

Ken Curtis, Heppner, received a \$250 award from Morrow County 4-H leaders.

A \$750 tuition scholarship for Trend College was presented to Tammy Hays, Heppner.

A \$200 Charles Kyd award was presented to Marion McMillan and to Alex Lindsay, both of Heppner.

Eric Pointer, Ione, received a \$500 J.R. Simplot award.

Elks Club scholarships, David and Maria Nelson BMCC tuition awards, Eastern Oregon State College tuition scholarships, FFA, and Oregon Home Builders Assoc. scholarships were announced earlier.

Former Heppnerite and former Oregon State University athletic director Jim Barratt was at Heppner High School graduation to present the Jim Barratt trophy to Lana Reid.

Heppner graduates Keith Kenison, Alex Lindsay, and Chris McLaughlin received Oregon Scholar certificates presented to the top five percent of graduates across the state.



Heppner Graduates Suzie Martin and Alex Lindsay

Cast your ballot by mail

Morrow County will conduct its first-ever vote-by-mail election Tuesday, June 24, Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth has announced.

In the special election, voters will be deciding the fate of the Morrow County special one-year operating levy and the Irrigon city budget levy.

Each registered voter should receive a ballot in his mailbox on June 9. The ballots, Bloodworth says, will be delivered to the post offices on Friday, June 6, and delivered to boxholders June 9.

Any registered voter who has not received a ballot by June 10 should contact the Clerk's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner, 676-9061.

Ballots will be stamped, "do not forward," so persons who have moved or changed their name since the last election may not receive a ballot. Replacement ballots will be available at the Clerk's Office if something happens to the original ballot.

The ballots are the same as ballots which voters normally receive at polling places, except that they are preceded by a page of instructions for folding, signing, and returning the ballot. "The instructions are clear, and must be read and followed for the vote to be counted," Bloodworth stressed.

The same rules for voter registration apply in this election as in a regular election, the Clerk continues. Voters must be registered by 5 p.m. June 23, the day before the election. Proof of residency is required and voters must register in person the last 11 days before the election.

Ballots must be returned to the Clerk's office by 8 p.m. June 24 for their vote to be counted, continued the Clerk. Vote-by-mail is similar to voting absentee: ballots are folded, sealed in a secrecy envelope then in an outer, orange envelope which must be signed. Ballots will not be accepted, Bloodworth continued, if the outer envelope is not signed.

the Clerk's office, the signature on the outer envelope is compared to the signature on the registration card. If the two signatures appear different, the Clerk's office will contact the voter to update his registration card.

The vote-by-mail is no longer in the experimental stage, the Clerk said, because more than half the counties in the state have conducted vote-by-mail elections with participation sometimes as high as 80%. Additional advantages to the vote-by-mail are the convenience to the voter of having a ballot delivered by mail and the cost saved by the county. Instead of an election and counting board for each precinct, the clerk needs to hire only one counting board to count the ballots.

The important thing to remember, is that ballots must be returned to the Clerk's office by 8 p.m. June 24 — not postmarked June 24 — they must be physically in the Clerk's office by 8 p.m. June 24 in order to be counted. Ballots may be mailed or brought to the Clerk's office.

Boeing plans more development

By Avon Melby

Morrow County Planning Commissioners approved a smaller Boardman Antenna Test Range for Boeing Monday, and heard plans for further development on the huge Space Age Industrial Park the aircraft company leases from the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs.

Decrease in size of the Antenna Test Range was requested by Boeing. Last month a size of 10,000 acres was requested for the highly secret testing.

Size was reduced to 4,000 acres in the final request, by Earl Bowden, vice president of the Boeing Agricultural Co.

The section lies south of the Port of Morrow Airport, north of the Portland General Electric Coal Fired Plant, is bounded on the east by the

The 23rd annual first-Saturday-in-June Ione United Church of Christ Auction will get underway this Saturday at Willows Grange Hall in Ione. The traditional cowbell will open the Country Store at 10 a.m. The outside auction will start at 10:45 after Country Store shoppers have had a chance to look over the variety of arts and crafts, handmade sewing, homemade foods, and "new to you" items.

A bowtie quilt handmade by the Church deaconesses is currently on display at the Ione branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon and will be auctioned off by the team of Don Wink and Fred Bettencourt.

Wink is the former owner of Northwest Livestock Auction Yard in Hermiston. Now retired and living at The Dalles, Wink has served as auctioneer all but one of the years the Church has sponsored the auction. Bettencourt of Condon, has helped out the last few years.

Front and rear fenders, a frame, wheels, running boards, headlight rims, and a battery case for a 1917 Model T will highlight the auction. Antique furniture including: straight chairs, rocking chairs, a library table, a commode, a dresser with mirror, trunks, and a chest of drawers will also be sold to the highest bidder. Many of the antiques are on display along with the quilt.

"We have more furniture than usual this year," said Marilyn Rietmann who for several years has been in charge of antiques. Most of them are donated, but members of her committee watch for things all year long and do buy some pieces if "we can get a bargain and sell the item for a profit. We sell only refinished antiques," she continued.



(L-R) Norma Rea, Jean Nelson, Jean Jepsen, Tan-na Padberg, set up for Country Store.

Ione man arrested following break-in

Jacob Frederick Shilts, 20, Ione, was arraigned late Monday before District Court Judge Ralph Currin on charges of Burglary I, Robbery I, and Criminal Mischief II.

Shilts was arrested Monday afternoon by Morrow County Sheriff's deputies and is lodged at the Umatilla City jail. Judge Currin set his bail at \$20,000.

About 1 a.m. Sunday, Shilts allegedly broke the lock on a trailer house belonging to Benito Sanchez of Ione. Sanchez who was asleep in the trailer at the time, reports he heard a noise and went, half-asleep to see who was in his home. When

Antiques come from many places; some are donated when a family no longer has room to store them. She relates that she discovered her son using a commode for tool storage in his shop and asked to have it for the auction, and after it was refinished, "it was one of the lovelier pieces we've had."

Merchants have donated many new items for the auction. Other non-antique items to be sold include windows, a davenport, chairs, a bicycle, kitchen table, toaster oven, television set, luggage, beds, and lamps.

Smaller antiques will be on display on tables along the outside wall of

the grange hall and silent bids may be made during the morning. Bids will be opened during the noon hour and successful bidders announced when the afternoon session of the auction begins.

All of this activity and the aroma of pit-barbecued beef with its own special sauce are bound to cause hunger pangs. Tickets for the 12:30 dinner will be on sale in the lobby of the grange hall at a cost of \$5 for adults, and \$2.50 for ages six to 12. There is no charge for children under age six. In addition to the barbecued beef, the meal includes baked beans, a wide selection of salads, French bread, cookies and beverages.

Children are not forgotten at this annual event. They will have their own corner in the Country Store with a fish pond and specially-priced items for their purchase. Chuck Nelson will again provide free Model T Ford rides, and they may watch cartoons inside the grange hall during the afternoon.

Illegal aliens taken into custody

By Donna Schmidt
of the Boardman Enterprise

Swift police action and help from local citizens resulted in a multi-agency operation that led to the timely capture of two illegal aliens who had resisted and escaped the attempts of two federal immigration officers to take them into custody.

The incident began early Tuesday afternoon when Boardman Police Sgt. Bill Hudson observed an altercation between two Hispanic men and immigration officers on south Main St.

A call for assistance was broadcast and the two suspects were pursued into the game refuge west of the Nugget Motel in Boardman.

Within minutes at least eight police officers and sheriff's deputies converged on the scene, perimeters were quickly established.

As the two men were tracked into the game refuge, citizens living nearby aided the law enforcement agencies by calling in information regarding the suspect's direction of travel.

Thirty minutes from the initial altercation, Richard B. Gonzales, 22, and Gonzalo Melendez, 23, were apprehended and taken into custody.

After questioning the two

suspects, Boardman city police remanded the men to federal immigration authorities.

The Boardman Police Dept. credits the rapid capture of the suspects to the professionalism of the officers involved and to the citizens of Boardman.

Weed tour slated for June 11

A weed tour of cheatgrass and knapweed will begin Wednesday, June 11 at 2 p.m. at the Ione City Park. Sponsored by the Morrow County Weed Control District, the tour will include a free barbecued steak dinner with beverage at about 6 p.m.

Weed Supervisor Jim VanWinkle says that those going on the tour will board a chartered bus and look at sites where 1) cheatgrass is controlled with the chemical atrazine, 2) cheatgrass is controlled with tycor, 3) diffuse knapweed is controlled with Weedmaster, 4) rangeland has been rehabilitated after a knapweed infestation, one good site and one poor one, and 5) Russian knapweed is controlled with Weedmaster.

Everyone is welcome to attend