

8 county students attend writing festival

Morrow County School District is sending eight students to the Third Annual Oregon Writing Festival on Saturday, May 2, at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Students from grades 1-12 were selected locally for their outstanding writing ability. Each has prepared a special work to share with other students and writing instructors at the Festival.

The Morrow County School District students who will join over 800 students from 130 school districts throughout the state are: Joseph Healy, Heppner Elementary; Jil Hicks, A.C. Houghton Elementary; Trudy Jurney, Sam Boardman Elementary; Gina Smith, Riverside High School; Angela Smythe, Columbia Junior High School; Kevin Tucker, Heppner High School; Sean Warren, Lone High School; Jerri Wheeler, Heppner Junior High School.

Chaperones will be Jan Sharp from Sam Boardman Elementary and Mary Holmes from Lone.

In addition to sharing their own works, students will attend a special presentation by the Oregon Shakespearean Festival or by Oregon Puppeteer-writer, Mara Stahl.

Students and teachers will also participate in workshops conducted by professional writers and outstanding teachers from across the state.

The Oregon Writing Festival, which is co-sponsored by the Oregon

Council of Teachers of English, the Oregon State Department of Education and the University of Oregon, is organized to recognize and encourage Oregon students and teachers for their efforts to improve writing.

County spelling winners named

Terri Meyers and Kelly Spray of Boardman, and Tony Becket of Heppner were this year's division winners at the Morrow County Spelling Contest held at Lone High School, April 22. Meyers, a junior at Riverside High School, was first in Division III competition. This year's win represents her eighth division championship in a row. Spray won her fourth straight Division II. She is a seventh grader at Columbia Junior High. Becket, a fifth grader at Heppner Elementary won Division I for his first championship.

The top three finishers in each division were as follows:

Division I (elementary to grade 6): first-Tony Becket, Heppner Elementary; second-Seth Smythe, Sam Boardman, Elementary; and third-Jim Tellechea, Heppner Elementary.

Division II (Grades 7-9): first-Kelly Spray, Columbia Junior High; second-Brian Doherty, Lone High; and third-Brent Sheirbon, Lone Junior High.

Division III (Grades 10-12): first-Terri Meyers, Riverside High; second-Sofi Struthers, Heppner High; and third-Shannon McLaughlin, Heppner High.

The first place winners in each division will compete in the State Spelling Contest Saturday, August 29 at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. Each received a plaque for the Morrow County win. The top three in each division will receive award certificates signed by State School Superintendent of Public Instruction, Verne Duncan, and Morrow County School District Superintendent, Doyle McCaslin.

Riverside sweeps Heppner golfers

By Ashley Conklin

Riverside's varsity golf teams swept Heppner's golf team in matches held April 16 at the Willow Creek Country Club.

Riverside won the boys match 302-304 in an 18-hole event while the Riverside girls won 201-215 in nine holes.

Heppner's teams did claim two minor victories though with a 194-200 win in nine holes for the junior varsity boys while two Heppner boys defeated two Riverside girls 104-120 in nine holes.

Jason Michael of Riverside shot a 70 to earn boys medalist honors while Dan Struthers paced Heppner by firing a 77.

Heppner's Sheila Piper earned girls medalist honors with a 44 and Sofi Struthers chipped in a 48 but they were unable to overcome Riverside.

In the JV boys match, Heppner's Terry Chinen, Phil Estberg and Will Martin shared medalist honors with 48 strokes.

"We're continuing to improve every time out," Heppner coach

John Edmundson said. "In the varsity match Dan played really well as did Sheila and Sofi in the girls match."

Edmundson was also pleased with the junior varsity results.

"Terry, Phil, and Will all are playing well right now and their scores are starting to come down," Edmundson said.

Boys
Medalist-Jason Michael, 70; Terry Healy, 74; Vince Carlson, 78; Terry Flug, 80.
Heppner (50): Dan Struthers, 77; Bert Cannon, 83; Carl Martin, 86; Jeff Davis, 94.

Girls
Medalist-Sheila Piper, Heppner, 44.
Riverside (201): Colleen Dike, 47; Theresa Meade, 49; Kristin Janzen, 50; Wendy Dawson, 55.
Heppner (215): Sheila Piper, 44; Sofi Struthers, 48; Benji Pearson, 56; Tarcina Campbell, 67.

JV Boys
Medalists-Terry Chinen, Heppner, 48; Phil Estberg, Heppner, 48; Will Martin, Heppner, 48.
Heppner (194): Terry Chinen, 48; Phil Estberg, 48; Will Martin, 48; Joe Kinsler, 50.
Riverside (200): Mike Snyder, 49; Tom Stanton, 50; Brad Ketch, 50; Steve Conner, 51.

JV Girls
Medalist-Jon Ominis, Heppner, 50.
Heppner girls (104): Jon Ominis, 50; Brent Temple, 54.
Riverside girls (120): Cindy Alexander, 54; Lisa Short, 64.

Students serve as pages

Laurel and Harold Glenn served as honorary pages in the Oregon Legislature on Monday, April 13.

Laurel, a student at Columbia Junior High, was honored in the House of Representatives at the invitation of Representative Ray French of Heppner. Harold, a student at Riverside High School, served in the Senate at the request of Senator Eugene Timms of Burns.

The highlight of the day for Laurel was a tour of the Capitol Building which ended on top of the dome where she stood at the feet of the gold Oregon Pioneer.

Harold was pleased to be asked to help with some computer updates for the Senate since he has some experience on the same computer system used there.

Laurel and Harold are the children of Ed and Frances Glenn of Boardman.

Forest Service accepting youth applications

The U.S. Forest Service, Heppner Ranger District, is now accepting applications for four enrollees in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). YCC is a well balanced work-learn program that develops an understanding and appreciation in participating youth of the nation's environment and heritage. Young men and women, 15 through 18 years of age are eligible for employment without regard to social, economic, racial or ethnic backgrounds. Heppner Ranger District will offer a non-residential program from June 15-August 7. Enrollees will be responsible for their own transportation to the district compound in Heppner. Projects include work in reforestation plantations, campground maintenance and streamside improvement. Enrollees will be paid the minimum wage for a 40-hour work week. For more information and applications contact the forest service district office at 676-9187. Application deadline is May 15.

HHS team enters academic competition

A team of Heppner High School students competed in the National Knowledge Master Open, an academic competition, on April 22.

A team of 15 students answered as many questions as possible in two hours. They worked as a team with those excelling in literature, physical science, biology, American history, art and music, English, health, earth sciences, geography, current events, world history, economics, math, government, and useless trivia providing an answer for one team member to feed into a computer disk.

Questions appear on the screen and are designed to measure knowledge, comprehension, application and analysis.

Members of the team include: Joe Taylor, Sofi Struthers, Carl Martin, Matthew Wilson, Ashley Conklin, Tim Hays, J.J. Shaw, Kevin Tucker, Theresa Lindsay, Doug Marlatt, Kathleen Brazell, Duane Ball, Mark Fishburn, Dan Struthers, and Jason Palmer. They were coached by Heppner teacher Linda Dutcher.

This is the first year Heppner students have participated in the competition.

Engagements



Bennett — Matthews

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bennett of Heppner are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Sandy to Ronald "Skip" Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Matthews, Newberg.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Heppner High School and attended Blue Mountain Community College. She is currently employed with the Department of Agriculture in Heppner.

The bridegroom-elect is a graduate of the School of Agriculture at Oregon State University. He is currently employed as the County Executive Director at the Morrow County ASCS Office in Heppner.

The couple plan an afternoon wedding June 20 at the Heppner United Methodist Church.

HHS classes of 1940-46 plan reunion

The Heppner High School graduating classes of 1940-1946 will hold a reunion at the Heppner BPOE on the weekend of August 1-2, co-chairmen Jim Barratt, Corvallis, and Walt Skuzeski, Yamhill have announced.

Members of those classes and faculty at that time are asked to send post cards to Jim Barratt, 3920 NW Jameson Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330, with their names and addresses, so that they can receive registration materials.

The last reunion of these classes was on the same weekend in 1981, with over 160 attending.

Activities will include a Saturday golf tournament, a banquet and western dance at the Heppner Elks Lodge, and Sunday morning, Western breakfast.

"Our biggest task is to find current addresses for all members of those seven classes, to insure that they all receive reunion information," Barratt said. A committee composed of representatives from each class has been formed to work on obtaining addresses and to set up local arrangements. Local citizens who wish to open up their homes to those from out of town who cannot get motel reservations are asked to contact Barratt.

Parish bids farewell to Rev. Receconi

By Justine Weatherford

The families of St. Patrick's Parish honored Father Edward Receconi at a farewell dinner in their parish hall on Tuesday evening, April 21. He was presented a money tree along with many best wishes as he moves to serve at St. Edward's Church at Shelton, Washington.

He presented his successor Father Dominic Hahn to the congregation.

Both priests are Benedictine Monks of St. Martin's Abbey in Lacey, Washington. Father Dominic has been stationed in Seattle, Tacoma, Lacey and La Grande. He celebrated Mass in Heppner for the first time on Thursday morning, April 23.

At St. William's in Lone, Father Edward was bid farewell at a Sunday breakfast on April 26. He and Father Dominic co-celebrated Mass there that morning.

Going rough for Heppner thinclads

By Ashley Conklin
Heppner's thinclads found the going rough at the Grant Union Invitational on April 18.

Competing against Class "AA", "A", and "B" schools in cold and windy weather, Heppner's boys placed fifth with 55 points while the Heppner girls did not score.

Union, which won the Morrow County Invitational a week earlier over Heppner, was first in the boys race with 85 points while Class "AA" Vale won the girls team competition with 77 points.

Leading the way for the boys was Bryan Padberg with two wins in the distance events and Wayne Wilgers who set a new HHS school record in the high jump.

Padberg won the 1,500-meter run in 4:12.2 and the 3,000-meter run in 9:24.2 to pace the boys.

Wilgers broke the previous school record of 6-5 1/2 he had held with David Allstott (1977) and Richard Schmidt (1978) with a winning leap of 6-7, the best Class "A" mark in the state this season.

Throwers Gene Lancaster and Jason Palmer went 2-3 in the shot put respectively with throws of 44-9 and 44-1. Palmer, whose shot put was a personal best, also placed fourth in the discus with a toss of 130-11.

In the long jump, Ashley Conklin jumped 18-1 for fourth. He added a fifth in the triple jump at 38-9 1/4.

Jason Dougherty picked up the remaining boys points by placing sixth in the intermediate hurdles with a

time of :43.9.

Although not placing, three boys set or tied personal bests. Duane Ball high jumped 5-6 to tie a personal best and threw the javelin 123-8 for a personal best. Barney Lindsay sprinted the 200-meter dash in :24.5 to tie his best mark in that event and Dean Munkers put the shot 29-4 1/2 for his best ever mark in that event.

Despite not scoring in the meet, Heppner's girls received some fine individual efforts.

Sandi Turner tied her personal best of 4-8 in the high jump, just short of placing.

Co-ed softball teams to meet

A final organizational meeting to establish league rules, a playing schedule and fee for sponsorship for co-ed softball teams is scheduled Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m. at the Port of Morrow offices.

Those wishing to be included in this league need to have a representative from each team attend this meeting. Please bring a completed players roster and names of team sponsors.

Those who have not yet committed to play for a particular team may attend the meeting and be added to a roster or call any of the following for referral to teams in filling rosters: Barry Beyeler at 481-7642, Rick McNerney at 481-3156, or Wanda Tracy at 481-7678.

Dorothy Hays ran the high hurdles in :18.8, also just short of placing. Kim Stookey ran the 1,500 meters in 5:44.0 and Michelle Beck clocked 13:03.0 for the 3,000.

In the shot put Shannon McLaughlin had a personal best of 27-9 1/2.

Boys team scores were Union, 85; Vale, 78; Paisley, 64; Nyssa, 61; Heppner, 55; Joseph, 35; Burns, 33; Insler, 24; Wallawa, 21; Cove, 16; Monument, 12; Spray, 9; Mount Vernon, 8; Grant Union, 7; North Powder, 6; Crane, 4; Ukiah, 4; Pilot Rock, 3; Houghton, 2; and Depue, Jordan Valley and Prairie City, 0.

Team scores for the girls were Vale, 77; Insler, 49; Nyssa, 48; Union, 48; Pilot Rock, 45; Burns, 38; Cove, 32; Grant Union, 29; Houghton, 28; Depue, 26; Joseph, 23; Wallawa, 8; Crane, 4; Ukiah, 4; Monument, 1; Mount Vernon, 1; and Heppner, Jordan Valley, Long Creek, North Powder, Paisley, and Prairie City, 0.

Win mom a diamond

Will you be the lucky one to win a beautiful diamond for Mother's Day this year?

Once again Heppner businesses are sponsoring a special Mother's Day drawing in which a 1/4 carat diamond will be given away to some lucky person.

Enter between now and May 9 at any of the following businesses: Murray's Drug, Central Market, Peterson's Jewelry, Gardner's Mens Wear, Shoe Box/Talk 'n Tops, Coast to Coast, R & W, Case Furniture and Charlie's Pizza.

No purchase is necessary, however, you must be 18 years or older to enter.

Enter now and win mom a diamond.