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New pastor at United Methodist Church

Gerry Etchison is the new United Methodist Minister in Heppner. He and his wife Sheryl have two sons, Mathew, 10, and Michael, 6, moved to Heppner from Portland June 28, replacing Don Boyce who moved to Gresham.

Heppner is Gerry's third church. He was four years at Clatskanie and three years at Lincoln Street Church in Portland before coming here. He has been in the ministry for 7 years. He worked his way through college by working in a sawmill and attended Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif.

Before coming to Heppner, Sheryl taught medical assisting for Appollo Technical School at Lloyd Center.

The family decided they wanted to get out of the city for a while and sample a slower pace of living. The boys like animals and would like to get to know more about them, horses especially. They are learning about farming and equipment. Although Gerry was raised in the farming community of Monroe, he is re-learning many things.

The family enjoys yard work, swimming and the boys like to fish. They especially enjoy the freedom of being able to go to the park alone and the fact that they will be able to ride their bikes to school. Michael will be in first grade and Mathew in the sixth.



Michael, Sheryl, Gerry and (front) Mathew Etchison

Sheryl saw her first deer on the way home from Hermiston last week. "She was very excited," her husband said, "like a child at Christmas."

"There are some very good folks here," says Gerry, "we had lots of help moving in and we are very excited about being here."

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Japanese exchange students arrive in Morrow County



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Six Japanese exchange students arrived in Heppner this week. They will be staying for a month with host families (pictured) in Morrow County. Monica Swanson is the co-ordinator for the exchange.

Registration taken for Morrow County Natural Resources Day picnic is Aug. 6

Reservations for the second annual 4-H Natural Resources Family Fun Day at the Oregon 4-H Center near Salem are now being accepted, according to Bill Broderick, Oregon State University Extension agent in Morrow County.

Open to all interested in 4-H members and their families, the Aug. 26 program will utilize the center's trails, woods and ponds to help those attending learn more about natural resources as well as how to enjoy the outdoors, explains Mike Holroyd, OSU Extension youth specialist.

The day will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. The State Fair 4-H forestry and natural resource identification contests will begin at 9 a.m. with other activities planned for those not in the contests.

In addition to learning more about insects and forestry, those attending can learn more about 4-H programs in archery and air rifle.

Instructors for the day, all members of the state 4-H natural resources and shooting sports state development committees, will include Steve Thayer, Cornelius; Vern Struble, Corvallis; Frances Price, Glendale; Lorraine Stratton, Milwaukie; Frank Jacob, Portland and Bob Brown, Salem.

There is a \$3 per person registration fee for those registering before Aug. 1. After Aug. 1, the charge will be \$5. Those attending are asked to bring their own food and beverages.

More information is available from the Morrow County Extension office, 676-9642.

The annual Morrow County picnic, held each year in Portland at Laurelhurst Park has been scheduled this year for Sunday, August 6.

The potluck dinner will begin at noon. Please bring your own table service.

An afghan made by Sue Valentine will be given away to some lucky person there.

People are asked to bring white elephant gifts to be auctioned off. The proceeds from these items will be used to support the picnic for next year.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Exchange student in Heppner

Kim Ludwig, 17, of Prince George, B.C. is part of the 4-H youth exchange program and is staying this week with the Bill Broderick family.

Kim is from an area of about 90,000 people and finds this area "very tiny." "There are no stoplights," she says, "and the skies are so blue." The money is strange to her as it is all one color. All of the paper money in Canada is different colors.

Her father is a millwright in an area where forestry is the main industry. Her mother is a teacher's aide and she has one sister Kerri 13.

Kim is enrolled in 4-H

photography, sewing and has a swine project, as does her sister. She will be attending a Livestock Field Day at the Ken Evans ranch in Irwinton while she is here.

During her week here she has gone to McNary Dam, the Columbia River, shopping in the Tri-Cities and her host family has planned a trip on the Columbia Gorge Steamwheel.

Swanson to try luck at National Olympic Final

Ten year old Luke Swanson, Ione, will represent Morrow County at the National Finals Junior Olympics in Spokane, July 26-30. He is the son of Jim and Monica Swanson.

Swanson, a fifth grader this year, won a bronze medal at the Junior Olympic Regionals in Seattle recently by jumping 4' in the bantam weight high jump division for boys 10 and under.

It was cold and rainy at Seattle, not so great for warming up, Swanson said. But in order to compete at the regionals, he exceeded his 4th place win at State last year. In his second year of Olympic competition, at the qualifying State finals in Sandy this year he placed 2nd in high jump and third in broad jump. And he was in the top eight of his division in broad jump at the regionals.

Besides Swanson, Len Brittner, Brent Gunderson and Rondi Robinson, all of Heppner, qualified for the regionals by placing in the top three spots in their division at the State meet held in Sandy, June 29 through July 2.

Brittner, an eighth grader, was a medal winner at State and placed 7th in the Regionals with 5' 2" in 13 and 14 year old boys high jump. Gunderson, a fifth grader, placed 3rd at State with 21' 9 1/2" in bantam weight shot put, but he did not compete at the Regionals at Sandy. However, he said that getting up on the platform to receive his medal was a neat experience.

Robinson, a seventh grader, threw the discus 55' 2" and the shot put



Kyle Broderick and Kim Ludwig

Three others from British Columbia are visiting also, two in Gilliam County and one in Wheeler.

Kyle Broderick will be going as an exchange student to British Columbia next week as part of the youth exchange.

Farm City Rodeo entries taken July 31

The Farm/City Pro-Rodeo to be held Aug. 10-12 at 7:45 p.m. will accept local entries on Monday, July 31, 6-8 p.m. at the rodeo arena at Umatilla County Fairgrounds.

Entries will be accepted in all standard PRCA events and women's barrel racing with the exception of bull riding.

Entry fees must be paid in cash and an insurance form must be signed when entering. Anyone under 18 years of age will need a guardian's signature.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

July 18 - 24

	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	89	58	.0
Wed.	90	55	.0
Thurs.	81	47	.0
Fri.	78	47	.0
Sat.	85	53	.0
Sun.	90	53	.0
Mon.	87	50	.0

Market Report

Compositions of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, July 25

	Soft White	Barley
July	\$4.44	\$102 T
Aug.	\$4.44/\$4.42	\$102-103 T
Sept.	\$4.42/\$4.43	\$103 T
Oct.	\$4.44/\$4.45	\$104 T
Nov.	\$4.46/\$4.47	\$104 T
Dec.	\$4.48/\$4.49	\$90 T
Jan.	\$4.50/\$4.51	Hard Red Winter \$4.63

Everything that glitters is not gold

Aside from her many court activities this summer, Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Princess Jodee Ashbeck has been keeping herself busy since school was out doing a variety of jobs. Jodee was selected to work for the U.S. Forest Service in their YCC Program. "Since we live twenty five miles from town, I had to leave at 6:45 a.m. each morning to be on time for work at 7:30," states Princess Jodee. Each day there was something new to do; pull weeds, take tubes off of seedling trees, build fence, and other jobs. "I worked with a great crew and would like to work for the Forest Service again sometime," says Jodee.

Jodee's job with the Forest Service ended just in time for her to drive wheat truck for her parents during harvest. "This is my sixth year to help Dad and Mom, but my first year to drive to the elevator. I began spotting truck when I was ten and then advanced to harvest cook and then to truck driver. My little brother and sister do those jobs now," states Jodee.

When asked what her most memorable experience was harvesting with her Dad, she explained, "the time I lost my brakes



with a full load and the truck started down the canyon backwards. It luckily stopped before it went over the cliff."

Jodee says that the best thing about this summer is her court ap-

pearances, especially the Rose Parade. She says the best thing about her summer in the employment area is not having to change pipe. She'll leave that to Queen Nancy.

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