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Nine charged in car damage incident

Four adults and five juveniles have been charged as the result of an April 4 incident in Heppner in which a car was allegedly damaged.

Charged in Heppner Justice Court are John Steagall, 18 of Lexington, Ty Zeller, 19, Bill Hays, 18 and Russell Britt, 18, all of Heppner. They are charged with second-degree criminal mischief and disorderly conduct. Five juveniles have also been charged with the same charges in Morrow County Juvenile Court, arising out of the same incident.

"The matter was considered by the Morrow County Grand Jury," says Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace. "The grand jury chose not to indict on the felony charge of criminal mischief in the

first degree. That charge was presented to the grand jury because the damage to the vehicle was alleged to be in excess of \$500. However, I was directed by the grand jury to file the misdemeanor charges after they considered the evidence presented."

Lexington resident, Don Smith, says his wife Carmen, 25, had been traveling from the post office in Heppner in her Volkswagen Rabbit when the incident occurred. He claims that around 1:15 p.m. Heppner High School students, thought to be a senior PE class on an aerobic walk, blocked the road, surrounded the car, pounded on it, causing around \$750 in damages, and cursed at Mrs. Smith.

Ione Baccalaureat May 20; graduation May 24

By Anne Morter

Ione High School will hold its Baccalaureate this Sunday, May 20, at St. William's Catholic Church in Ione. The ceremony will start at 7

p.m.

Graduation exercises will take place on Thursday, May 24 at 8 p.m. in the High School Gym.

BMCC skills contest winners

Eleven-hundred students representing 23 eastern Oregon schools visited Blue Mountain Community College for the annual Career Skills Contest.

The contest, co-sponsored by the Umatilla County Educational Service District and BMCC, offers high school and junior high students the opportunity to participate in 43 vocational oriented contests ranging from beginning typing to arc welding, architectural drafting to paddle boat

races.

Local winners include: advanced typewriting-Darcee Padberg, Ione, second; beginning clothing and textiles-Amy Wagenblast, Ione, third; beginning foods and nutrition-Amy Wagenblast, second; MTPV-stock-Kevin Tucker, first, and second-Brian Brazell both of Heppner; MTPV-best engineer-Brian Brazell, first; radio broadcasting-Kari Morgan, Ione, second; biology-Laurel Webber-Gray, Heppner, first.

Accident injures two Heppner girls

Two Heppner girls were injured, one seriously, in a one-car accident around 11:15 a.m. May 12, about two miles west of Vincent on the Heppner-Pilot Rock Highway 74.

Carri Brownfield, the daughter of Steve and Nancy Brownfield of Heppner, and driver of the vehicle, received numerous injuries, including a broken back. Carri has unstable fractures in two thoracic vertebra (backbone). Another vertebra was indented into her spinal cord, although there was no evidence of puncture of the spinal cord, according to her mother, Nancy. Mrs. Brownfield said Monday that Carri is able to move the toes on her right leg and does have some feeling in her left leg, although she is not able to move it.

The passenger in the car, Heather Eckman, the daughter of Joan Eckman and David Eckman, both of Heppner, was treated at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton and released. Both girls had been taken by ambulance to St. Anthony Hospital. From there Carri was airlifted by helicopter to Emmanual Hospital in Portland. It was later determined that Heather had suffered a broken bone in her hand as a result of the acci-

dent. She was also treated at Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

According to Mrs. Brownfield, the girls were driving in the Brownfields' mini-van from Heppner to a baseball game in Pilot Rock, when the rear wheel of the van became caught in gravel. Carri then lost control of the van and it rolled three times throwing both girls from the car. Mrs. Brownfield says that the girls were not wearing seat belts.

First upon the scene were Millie and John Hanna of Heppner, closely followed by Angie Pedro and her son, Casey, also from Heppner. According to Joan Eckman, Angie Pedro then called for help.

"We're really felling optimistic," said Mrs. Brownfield. "We really are doing OK...Carri's in a lot of pain, but she's a strong person."

Carri went into surgery Tuesday morning. She is expected to remain in the hospital four or five weeks after surgery.

She says that until Carri is moved to a room, she cannot receive visitors, calls or flowers. "We can feel all of the prayers," she said.

Carri, 18, is a senior at Heppner High School and Heather, 17, is a sophomore.

Co. spelling contest winners announced

Morrow County spelling contest winners were announced and honored at a dessert at Heppner High School on May 2.

Winners are as follows: Division 1: first-Allen Day, A.C. Houghton; second-Donnie Pointer, Heppner Elementary; third-a tie between Erika Cornejo, A.C. Houghton and Josh Coiner, Heppner Elementary; fourth-Megan Smythe, Sam Boardman Elementary; fifth-Jory Crowell, Ione; and sixth-Brian Koffler, Heppner Elementary.

Division 2: first-Tony Beckett,

Heppner; second-Jil Hicks, Boardman; third-Seth Smythe, Boardman; fourth-Danielle Stefani, Ione; fifth-Alecia Tarnasky, Heppner and sixth-Ryan Halvorsen, Ione.

Division 3: first-Kelly Spray, Riverside High; second-Kevin Tucker, Heppner High; third-Jana Mounts, Riverside; fourth-Wendy Anderson, Ione; fifth-Lana Schmidt, Heppner; and sixth Charlene Finley, Riverside.

First place students will compete at state.

HHS holds ASB elections



The Heppner High School Associated Student Body elections were held for the 1990-91 school year. Members include president-Scott Johnston; Nina Tucker-vice president; Kathy Martin-secretary; Jeanine Patterson-treasurer; Amy

Greenup-business manager; and Autumn Naccarato-publicity director.

Student body advisor Mrs. Curtis commented, "I am looking forward to working with the new officers. They have a lot of energy and good ideas."

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