

### Claudia Hughes attends workshop

Claudia Hughes, executive director/manager of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce recently completed a week at the Institute for Organization Management at Stanford University. Over 300 voluntary organization executives from all over the country participated in this professional development program.

The Western Institute is one of seven annual, one-week sessions sponsored by the Center for Leadership Development, a division of the National Chamber Foundation, at

leading universities throughout the country. Other universities that host institutes are the University of Notre Dame, the University of Georgia, Southern Methodist University, the University of Colorado, the University of Delaware and the University of Oklahoma.

During the five-day session, participants spent 27 classroom hours in the institute's course of study, which is designed to assist voluntary organization executives improve the knowledge and skills necessary to enhance the effectiveness of their organization. The institutes curriculum includes coursework in management philosophy, interpersonal processes, government, law and organization structure, as well as in more contemporary issues such as economic and environmental concerns. Each participant may attend progressive levels of the program throughout his or her professional career.

University professors chosen to serve as faculty are distinguished authorities in their fields. Additional courses are led by top-level Chamber of Commerce executives and association executives, making the faculty unique in its depth and range of knowledge and experience.

### Heppner FFA takes 5th at judging contest

The Heppner Future Farmers of America placed fifth at the Pacific International Livestock Judging Contest held in Hillsboro.

In the contest, contestants judged six different animals, two types of cows, two types of lambs and two types of pigs. The contest was very difficult because contestants had to mark down what they thought the order of the animals was.

Animals were judged on a scale of one to four. A computer scored contestants' judging answers on a scale of 0 to 50, 50 being the best. At the end of entering all the score cards, the computer printed out the ranking of each student and school. The total points possible were 300. Heppner placed well above 210 points per person.

A team consisted of three team members and a limit of seven alternates. The officials took the three highest cards, in a team and added them together to see how the school did.

Heppner competed against 19 different schools from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Over 200 students took part in the contest. Heppner was the only school in Morrow County to participate.

This is the first time that Heppner brought home a banner which is now hanging above the door in the Vo-Ag classroom at Heppner High School.

Heppner also brought home second, third, fourth and fifth place ribbons for the highest points scored in the judging categories. Jenni

Ashbeck placed ninth overall at the judging and brought home a \$10 check.

The team consisted of Jenni Ashbeck, Shawn Cutsforth and Staci O'Brien. Their advisor and chaperone was Paul Ritter. Next they plan on judging at the Umatilla County Fair and Rodeo.

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### Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

It's "bits and pieces" time again. As a matter of fact, until Cycle Oregon III comes and goes, many of those working on this major undertaking may feel their entire brain is in bits and pieces. Gilcrest referred to it as Psycho Oregon, but promised us that when it was all over and done, it would be well worth it. Aug. 4 at 9 a.m. committee chairpersons will be meeting with Gilcrest and Heppner co-ordinators at the Episcopal Parish Hall.

\* Rumor has it that there is going to be an all out Heppner Clean-Up on August 11...just in time to get everything spiffed up for our Morrow County Fair, "Blue Jeans & Country Scenes." Mark your calendars, so one and all can pitch in. We want those 2,000 cyclists and fairgoers to be impressed by our community pride.

\* Special thanks to chamber member Kate's Pizza for use of a VCR whenever a video is on the noon chamber agenda; also for her staff's assistance in serving the Cycle Oregon delegation a sample dinner when they passed through Heppner. Sometimes we forget to give recognition to our members for their many volunteer efforts. Believe me, Heppner would not be the same without volunteers.

\* Morrow County Tourism Committee is working hard planning the Oregon State Fair booth. Donations are being accepted by the committee (% Tourism Committee Treasurer, Fred Lundin, P.O. Box 397). It's quite a task to put together a booth representative of our county 250 miles away, man it and keep the produce fresh. The committee is looking for warm enthusiastic bodies to man the booth and spread our Morrow County spirit.

\* July 14 to 21 I was at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California attending "Institute for Organization Management." I'm grateful for the OWIA scholarship for tuition and books and for Heppner Chamber's support. I passed the test, read all the books and attended 27 hours of class. It was an educational and rewarding experience which I hope to share with our chamber and community in the coming weeks.

\* Thought for the week: "Pessimists have no engines...optimists have no brakes."

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