

German man finds familiar name in Heppner

It's a long way from home, but Harald Heppner came all the way from Germany to see the small town in Oregon that carries his name.

Ever since he was 14 and discovered Heppner while studying the United States in geography, Harald has wanted to visit here.

"I was fourteen years old and had a geography class. We were studying the United States and I was a little bored," Harald told the Gazette last week. He says he looked down a list of US cities and found Heppner. In 1977 he wrote a letter to the mayor and received some information about our town. "Ever since, I said 'I must visit this town.'"

Working for the German airline Lufthansa helped his trek considerably since the airline flew into Seattle, and he only had to rent a car and drive here.

Researching the origins of Henry Heppner, for whom the town is named, Harald said he has traced Henry's ancestry to an area of Europe called East Prussia, now between Russia and Poland.

Is he related to the founder of Heppner, Oregon? "I don't think



Harald Heppner

so," said Harald, "but I don't know for sure."

Harald, who is 29, grew up in the town of Langenberg with a population of about 7,000, located in what was formerly West Germany.

While visiting Heppner Harald visited the museum, the dam, and just spent some time walking in the little town in Oregon he has always wanted to see.

MCGG burglarized during day; \$6,000 in tires stolen

Around \$6,000 in truck tires were stolen in broad daylight from the Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington on June 29. Twenty tires were stolen.

MCGG manager Larry Mills said that they believe a man in a Rider truck is responsible for the burglary.

According to Mills, a man came to MCGG and asked to look at truck tires. He was taken to the warehouse, which is located near

the MCGG gas cardlock. After the man looked at the tires he told a MCGG employee that he would think it over (the purchase) and then left.

The burglary, believed to have been committed around 4 p.m., was discovered between 4:30 and 5 p.m. A door had been broken into and the large bay door of the warehouse rolled up.

The Morrow County Sheriff's department is investigating the burglary.

Heppner swim lessons to begin

Heppner swimming lessons at the Lone pool begins July 7. Lessons will be Tuesday through Friday from July 7-17. Advanced beginners will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m.; Beginner I, 10:30-11:15; Beginner II, 11:30-12:15 p.m.; Beginner III, 12:30-1:15 p.m. Intermediate lessons have been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Transportation will be provided

with two departure times from the city park. Lexington riders will be picked up at the school district office.

Advanced beginners and beginners I will leave at 8:45 a.m. and return at 12 noon; beginners II and III will leave at 10:45 a.m. and return at 2 p.m.

The cost of the lessons are \$15 and checks should be made out to the Lone pool.

Ewes R Us judging team takes first at Tygh Valley



L-R: Annie Hisler, Jill Barber and Char Coe



Andy Ashbeck, Shelly Ashbeck, Brent Wright and Mandy Guterrez

May 30, nine members of the Ewes R Us 4-H Sheep club competed in the Livestock Judging contest held at Tygh Valley.

Char Coe, Brent Wright and Shelly Ashbeck took top honors as first place livestock judging team overall. Coe also took second in judge overall and intermediate. Wright received third overall and intermediate judge awards. Ashbeck placed seventh senior judge.

Other members who placed were Mandy Gutierrez, fifth intermediate judge; and Jill Barber, third high junior judge. Annie Hisler, Jennifer Rankin, Shannon

Walton and Jimmy Walton also judged at the contest.

Several members of the club also entered lambs in the market lamb contest and participated in the sheep showmanship classes.

Members exhibiting market lambs were Shelly Ashbeck, Andy Ashbeck, Jimmy Walton and Shannon Walton. All members received blue ribbons on their market lambs with Jimmy Walton winning a reserve champion in his class. In showmanship Jimmy Walton won first in his class and Shelly, Andy and Shannon each received blue ribbons.

HHS classes plan reunion

The Heppner High School classes of 1960, '61, '62 and '63 have planned their reunion on Saturday, July 4 at the Heppner Elks Club.

Afternoon activities include a tour of the old high school, which is now the middle school and a tour of Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Alumni may also visit the museum from 1-3 p.m., golf

at Willow Creek Country Club, play cards, fish and tour the Willow Creek Dam.

Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Dancing will follow dinner.

The reunion is open to the public. For reservations or more information call Marlene Gray, Shirley George, Cliff Green, Archie Ball or Bobbie Angell.

Fire department levies pass

Heppner voters approved 285 to 219 a 10-year \$390,000 bond measure for the Heppner Fire and Police departments.

The bond will enable the city to purchase a new pumper truck, fire fighting equipment and a city automobile and provide funds for remodeling of the fire hall.

Heppner residents will pay an additional property tax of \$2.47 per thousand assessed valuation.

Precinct breakdown is Heppner 8, 60 yes, 57 no; 9, 120-64; 10, 52-41

and 11, 53-57 respectively.

Lone and Lexington voters approved 121-88 a one year \$32,258 capital improvement levy for construction of new fire hall in lone.

Precincts were Lone 109 yes, 82 no; Lexington 12 yes, six no.

Voters there also approved an lone Rural Fire Protection District general fund operating levy of \$40,860 by a 66 vote margin, 138 yes 72 no. Precinct breakdown was Lone 125-67 and Lexington 13-five.

Lutherans to hold church at Cutsforth park, plan picnic

Hope-Valby Lutheran Parish and the Condon Lutheran Mission will hold a joint communion and baptism service followed by a potluck picnic and games at Cutsforth Park Sunday, July 5 at 10 a.m. Pastor Stan Hoobing will preach a Fourth of July sermon entitled, "With Liberty and Justice for All," based on the Old Testament passage of Leviticus 25:10. Jayme and Kimberly Hansen, daughters of Hoby and Susan Hansen, will be baptized during the service.

Following the 10 a.m. worship service, there will be a potluck

lunch at the park. Members and friends are encouraged to bring a hot dish and a salad or dessert as well as their own table setting. Coffee and a cool drink will be provided. Softball and horseshoes will be played following lunch, providing someone brings the equipment.

"It should be a worshipful experience and a chance to have good fellowship with the Lutherans of south Morrow, Wheeler and Gilliam counties," said Pastor Hoobing. "There is always room for visitors and friends to join in the festivities."

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Open horse show July 12

The Morrow County Open Horse Show will be Sunday July 12 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Morrow County fairgrounds.

Entry forms may be picked up at the following places: B & C Repair in lone; Green Feed & Seed and Morrow County Fair

office, Heppner; Inland Empire Bank, Boardman; PGG, Hermiton and Pendleton and Red's Clothing Store, Pendleton.

A snack shack will be open during the show. For more information call 676-9664 or 676-5342.

Pastor Stan

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