

Moeller earns scholastic award



Mark Moeller

Mark Moeller, a sophomore at Heppner High School, has been notified that he has been named a United States National Achievement Academy Award winner in mathematics.

According to a news release the academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students. Mark was nominated for the prestigious award by his mathematics teacher, Guy Post. Mark's photograph will appear in the

United States Achievement Academy official yearbook. He is now eligible for a scholarship.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly United States Achievement Academy award winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Mark is the son of Chuck and Donna Moeller, Heppner. Grandparents are Barbara Baker and Eldon Hobbs and Charles and Ina Moeller, all of Baker City.

Hospital, Nursing home plan open house

"National Hospital and Nursing Home Week" is being celebrated May 9 through 15. In honor of this occasion, Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home will be holding an open house on Friday, May 14 from 2-4 p.m. The public is invited to stop in for refreshments and receive a tour of the facility.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home provides access to acute care inpatient, outpatient and emergency services at the local level. The hospital's Level

IV Trauma certification is of vital importance in this remote area. Residents of the nursing home are able to maintain essential ties with family and community while receiving care.

In addition to providing the community with health care services, Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home makes a significant contribution to the local economy. The ability to attract and retain businesses, employees and residents all hinge on the availability of quality health care.

Kiosk dedication set at Well Springs

Celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the migration on the Oregon Trail in 1843 is continuing in Morrow County with the dedication of the kiosk information center at the Well Springs campsite on Emigrant Road north of Ione. The dedication will be May 16 at 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come and honor the hardy pioneers who spent five months on the trail looking for a better place for their families. A plaque will be presented to the Morrow County Historical Society to be placed on

the kiosk by the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council and certificates of appreciation will be presented to those who made special contributions to its construction.

The 12 mile section of undisturbed ruts of the Oregon Trail in Morrow County is outstanding because it is one of the longest continuous sections of ruts in the 2000 miles of the trail. Morrow County also has one of the seven hiking segments designated of historical significance by the National Congress in 1978.

Chair to benefit nursing home residents



L-R: Judy Durfee, Juanita Carmichael and Paula Miller show chair that was recently donated

Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home resident, Juanita Carmichael tried out a new reclining mobile chair with the assistance of restorative aides, Judy Durfee and Paula Miller.

The chair, purchased with funds donated in memory of Dora

Cutsforth Brosius, is "very versatile," according to hospital personnel. The chair not only reclines, but holds people upright, has a special back for people with osteoporosis and features a foot rest, head rest and tray.

Hope, Valby Lutherans plan Rural Life Sunday

The congregations of Hope and Valby Lutheran Church will celebrate Rural Life Sunday, May 16, the sixth Sunday of Easter.

This ancient festival of the church, once known as Rogate Sunday, was first celebrated in the middle of the fifth century A.D. after the devastation of Vienne in France by earthquakes, fire, rioting and looting. Bishop Mamertus called the people to observe a solemn fast and public supplication as atonement for their sin. The observance included a solemn procession with litany around the bounds of the city.

Over the years the observance developed a three-fold emphasis: petitions for forgiveness of sins; for protection from calamities;

and for bountiful crops. Rogate Sunday comes from the Latin word, "rogare" meaning to beseech.

"The spiritual lesson of this festival today is that God and humanity are cooperators in the creative processes of farming, ranching and other areas of agriculture," said Pastor Stan Hoobing, "that tilling and care of the soil are humanity's God-given tasks and privilege, that human life depends on God's goodness in quickening the life-giving power in the sown seed, which results in the return to mortals of the bounty of the earth."

"And so in the celebration of Holy Communion with prayers, songs, scripture lessons, sermon and blessing of the fields wor-

shippers will be reminded of the God given role in the stewardship of creation," continued the Rev. Hoobing.

A worship service of Holy Communion will be celebrated at Valby Lutheran Church, located outside of Ione on the Lone-Gooseberry Road, at 9 a.m. Hope Lutheran Church, located near the Willow Creek Dam will celebrate Rural Life Sunday with Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Sunday School at Hope will also be at 11 a.m.

Pastor Hoobing will preach on the theme of "Scattering the Seed," based on scripture reading of St. Matthew 13:1-9.

Firewood season opens May 15

The firewood season opens this Saturday, May 15, on the Umatilla National Forest. Heppner has three areas to choose, starting with Wickiup Area #1 opening first. This area is located 28 miles from Heppner on Forest Service Road 2105 and closes on June 30. Most of the wood is fir with some Western Larch.

The next two areas opening July 1 are Texas Area #2 and Swale, Area #3. Texas is located near the top of Coal Mine Hill on Willow Creek Highway. This area has several varieties of trees, including western larch, lodgepole and pine. Texas closes August 15 and is 20 miles from Heppner.

Area #3 Swale closes September 26 and is located off Forest Service Road 21 near Ditch Creek Guard Station, approximately 23 miles from Heppner. This area also offers several varieties of wood.

Several special conditions apply this year to all three areas. There is no cutting of trees larger than 16" stump diameter or within 100 feet of dry or wet stream channels, rivers, lakes, ponds and spring. Cutting is allowed only within 300 feet of open roads.

Firewood permits are \$5 per cord with a two-cord minimum and 10 cord maximum. Permits are available at the Heppner Ranger District, 117 South Main in Heppner, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the weekdays or any Umatilla National Forest Service office. Permits may also be obtained at Miller's Mini Mart and Chevron in Heppner.

Pringle Power Vac, Inc. will be performing air duct, furnace, and chimney cleaning services in your area May 25 through June 11. If you would like to be put on our schedule for cleaning this year, please call us at 503-276-2297.

St. Jude's Bike-a-thon set May 16

By Anne Morter

The annual Ione St. Jude Bike-a-thon is scheduled for this Sunday, May 16, with registration to begin at 12:30 p.m. Two courses are available. "Youngsters" will ride a circuit route in Ione and "oldsters" will travel the 22 scenic miles between Ruggs and Ione. Participants may register at either site and transportation will be available to Ruggs riders registering in Ione. The ride will start at 1 p.m. in both locations.

Pickups will monitor the Ruggs riders and walkers and bike riders will monitor the group in town.

All contestants will finish at the Ione City Park where the usual photos and refreshments will be available to everyone. Return transportation to Ruggs will be available to those leaving their vehicles there. Collection envelopes may be picked up at the park at the conclusion of the ride.

Pledge sheets for the bike-a-thon are still available at area businesses. For further information, contact Loa McElligott 422-7228. "Let's see a good turnout for the less fortunate, the children of St. Jude," she says.

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