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## Exchange student has golfing on his mind



East intends to enroll in a two year college in a health sciences program and will then go to a university with plans of becoming an optometrist.

Besides golf, East says that another advantage to becoming an exchange student is being able to perfect his English. French is his native tongue, since Quebec is a French speaking province, but East has taken eight years of English in school. After only four months in the U.S. he sounds like a native speaker.

East says that he gets along well with his host family, which includes host father, Gary, and has become close to his host grandparents, Riley and Bebe Munkers, Heppner. Grandpa Riley fills in as an occasional golfing partner. In an amusing coincidence, both of East's mothers, his real mom, Marie-Paule, and his host mom, work at his high school. Marie-Paule is a secretary with the school district and Martha is a cook and an aide. David laughingly says he just can't escape. His father, Bruno, is director of the local motor vehicles office, called the SAAQ in Quebec. David is an only child in both homes, since the three Munkers boys, Shane, Ryan and Dean, have all graduated from high school. The Munkers are old hands at having exchange students. In addition to numerous 4-H and Centennial exchange students, the Munkers hosted another French-speaking Canadian student last year, Eric Fournier. David says that except for the first three weeks, he hasn't

been homesick, although it was a little hard getting used to a small town. One of the biggest adjustments was not being able to drive in the U.S., because of insurance and the exchange program's policy. "You need to have a car, especially out here in the country," said David, who got his driver's license at 16. He says that it is hard to depend on someone to take him everywhere.

While school is easier here, East says there is a lot of work, especially packed into a four-day school week. He does well enough in school to qualify for a position on two knowledge master teams. His favorite class is advanced conditioning. Back home, in addition to golf, he played varsity badminton and played hockey for eight years.

At HHS, East served as manager of the varsity basketball team and was well liked by the team members. And of course he plans to turn out for the golf team this spring.

He says that he has made a lot of good friends during his stay in Lexington, and says that one of the advantages of an exchange program is that "You're learning a lot about yourself."

East has had the opportunity to get together with other ASSE exchange students, including a Quebec girl, Pascal, who lives only 80 miles from his home town. The ASSE exchange program is planning an ice skating get-together in Portland. Several of his friends from home are also in an exchange program; three are living in California, one in Indiana and one in Georgia.

East says that while food is much the same as it was back home, it is much spicier here, which, he says just kills the taste. But, American food must agree with him, since he has gained 15 pounds and grown an inch, to reach six feet, since he arrived in the U.S. in October. One thing that he loves and would like to take home with him is eggnog. He says that he had never heard of it back in Quebec.

Since his arrival in the U.S., East has attended a hockey match and has been to Portland "at least four times" and took in a golf show at PSU; Tillamook, where he enjoyed the air museum; Oceanside; Pendleton, where he played golf; Cottonwood, Idaho, where Gary's brother lives; and has been steelhead fishing on the Salmon River and skiing at Anthony Lakes with the HHS Outdoor Club. Earlier he had traveled to Florida with his family on a Christmas break. Before he leaves for home, East would like to go to the coast one more time and to Bend or Redmond to, what else, play golf.

East says that his future is uncertain, depending on acceptance at a college and his financial situation, but expects that his father will have some building projects for him when he returns home in June. The Heppner High School seniors are planning a trip to Quebec to see him after graduation, so he has to make sure he's back by then.

## Getting ready for company



Members of the senior class at Heppner High School were out doing community service work for the citizens of Heppner Tuesday and Wednesday morning. The class volunteered to help clean up Heppner in preparation for the St. Patrick's celebration in appreciation for all the support the community has given to them with fundraisers for their drug and alcohol free senior class trip to Seattle. Pictured from left: Mike Alldritt, Deana Peck, Bev Haugen and April Rollis.

## Ballots to be mailed this week

Morrow County mail-in ballots will be sent out this week, according to Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth. Ballots must be returned to the clerk's office by Tuesday, March 28, at 8 p.m.

Voters will decide the fate of: -Measure 25-17, a one-year county operating levy \$3,213,069 outside the tax base for fiscal year 1995-96. According to the Morrow County Court, the one year levy is \$16,657 less than the levy approved by the voters for 1994-95.

The operating levy will assist in funding the general fund, which includes the following mandated services: property tax assessment and collection, management of public finances, maintenance of public record, public health services, county government, land use

planning, elections, juvenile services, emergency management, solid waste management planning and land survey; non-mandated services: justice court, veterans' services, museum, Extension Service, weed control district, Soil and Water Conservation District, Irrigation-Boardman Emergency Assistance Center, Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County, Watermaster, predatory animal control. The levy also assists in supporting the road fund, cities' road fund, county school fund and the fair and rodeo fund.

Of the entire \$16 million county budget, \$13 million is paid for by other resources besides taxes, such as grant

monies, fees, fines and timber resources, according to Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson. And, he adds, 60 percent of the taxes are paid by utilities. The \$800,000 tax base is entitled to a six percent increase each year without a vote of the people. This automatic six percent increase this year amounts to around \$33,000.

-Measure 25-15, a Morrow County School District general obligation bond for \$13,290,000 to fund construction of classrooms, remodeling, repair and maintenance, to meet state and federal requirements for disabled access and asbestos removal and to purchase updated technology communications systems.

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## Find The Hidden Shamrock Win Silver Medallions

The popular St. Patrick's Day treasure hunt is back again. Each week until March 15 a clue for the treasure hunt will be printed in the Gazette-Times. If followed these clues will guide treasure hunters to a green shamrock hidden somewhere in the city limits of Heppner.

The first person to find the hidden shamrock will win a set of pure silver Oregon Trail Commemorative medallions worth over \$90. The coins are donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and are on display at the bank.



Find this Shamrock...



and win these silver coins

### RULES:

1. A new set of clues to guide you to the hidden shamrock will appear in each edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times.
2. A total of five clues will be given up to March 15.
3. The hidden shamrock is not on private property and no digging or moving of objects, dirt or other materials is necessary to find the shamrock.
4. The first person to find the shamrock should bring it to the Heppner Gazette-Times office to claim the commemorative silver medallions.

### Clue Number Three

A numbers game  
This week we play  
Do it right, and  
find a shamrock you may  
Add the years from all your clues  
Don't miss one now or  
you're sure to lose  
Add the digits in your sum  
Times by four, and here's  
what you've won  
An address you have  
in our fair burg  
on what street?  
Next week you will learn

Follow the clues and may the luck of the Irish be with you. This contest is sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the Heppner Gazette-Times.

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