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## Lone residents win Blazer All Star honors



Jeri McElligott and Cathy Halvorsen with their awards

Jeri McElligott and Cathy Halvorsen, both Lone, were honored at a Trail Blazer/Budweiser All Star award presentation Sunday, March 26, at a Blazer game in Portland.

The pair were among 11 people selected out of 60 to receive an award. They were chosen for their work with the homeless as leaders for the lone Interdenominational Youth Group.

McElligott and Halvorsen received a \$500 award to be donated to their favorite charity, a plaque, a night's lodging at the Marriott Hotel and tickets to a Blazer game. The presentation took place during the Blazer warm up time.

Halvorsen and McElligott decided to give the \$500 to the Jason Halvorsen Scholarship Fund. Jason, Cathy's son, died in an automobile accident last year. He was active in the

youth group and enjoyed accompanying them on trips to Portland to help the homeless.

The idea was born when Cathy traveled with a group of students from the lone United Church of Christ to San Francisco, CA, to help out in a soup kitchen for the homeless. The first trip for the lone Youth Group was in 1990 when they traveled to Portland through the United Church of Christ to help serve food in an overnight shelter.

The next year, through the Catholic Church, Jeri took part in the "Portland Plunge". She spent a week in Portland helping the homeless through different organizations and developed around 10 different contacts, which were helpful in setting up youth trips.

Jeri says that some kids who accompany her and Halvorsen

are comfortable the first time, but most are a little apprehensive. But, she says that the kids soon learn that they have nothing to fear from the homeless people and that most of them are "very nice, very grateful" and often want someone to talk to. "People down there have a lot to teach us," added Jeri. "We go to help out, but we don't go down to rescue them."

Over the years the pair and their charges made chili and hundreds of sandwiches, sometimes supplying the food, served lunches and dinners, delivered meals, washed walls, cleaned apartments, sorted clothes and helped with office work and supplies. Service organizations the group has assisted include the Blanchet House, Loaves and Fishes, Outreach Ministries, Recovery Inn, Sisters of the Road and Greenhouse Youth Shelter.

"Jeri and Cathy have shown great commitment to local youth and to the homeless in the Portland area," said Jean Jepsen, lone, who nominated them for the Blazer award. "Last August they encouraged 36 people to gather pledges and travel to Portland to participate in "The Human Race", a fund raising walk for service organizations in the Portland area. As a result the lone contingent won first prize for total amount collected, which resulted in an award for their beneficiary, Outreach Ministries."

"These women," continued Jepsen, "make an impact on the youth of lone, but even more importantly, every time one of these people strike out on their own, they transport the end result with them. Many of the youth only fully realize the impact of the experiences shared with the Youth Group after leaving it behind."

Jepsen said that in forming the group, Halvorsen and McElligott wanted to provide an organization that would provide peer support for the youth, make them aware of social problems and more actively involved in solving them. "Despite publicity to the contrary, the young people really wanted to tackle some of the social problems but had no idea where to begin," said Jepsen.

The Youth Group also became involved in the community, shoveling snow and delivering homemade bread to senior citizens.

Mini Mart in Heppner. The stereo, currently displayed at Miller's Mini Mart, will be on display at various merchants on a rotating basis.

Proceeds will go toward ambulance equipment for Heppner, Lexington and lone.

## EMTs to raffle stereo equipment

The EMT Association will raffle off a stereo, complete with CD player, AM/FM and cassette player during the Rolling Hills run breakfast, April 27.

Tickets are available for \$1 each or six for \$5 at Miller's

## Parent-teacher conferences slated

Parent-teacher conferences will be held for students attending Heppner High School on Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7. Karen Smith-Griffith will be at HHS on April 6 and at lone on April 7. Parents may visit with teachers on April 6

from 5-9 p.m. at the high school and on April 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The end of the third nine weeks period is March 31. Report cards will be in the mail April 5.

## Blackhawk helicopter stops in Heppner



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Blackhawk, a helicopter with the special forces of the U.S. Navy flew into Heppner and landed on the track field at Heppner High School Tuesday, March 28 to show students the helicopter and answer any questions they may have about the U.S. Navy. Flying the helicopter was Bob Sagely's brother Mike, who has been with the Navy for nine years. U.S. Navy personnel also set up demonstrations of radio air craft equipment.

## First Interstate donates to rodeo bleachers



Photo by Joyce Hughes

L-R: First Interstate branch manager Marilyn Garcia presents check to OTPR board members Marlene Currin and Mike Mills. Other bank employees are Sharon Harrison, Andrea Mortimore and Florene Robinson.

First Interstate Bank, through its LAT Program, has awarded \$2,500 to the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee and Oregon Trail Boosters to help with their construction of the bleacher project at the Morrow County rodeo grounds new site.

"These funds have been set aside by First Interstate Bank for community spending," stated Marilyn Garcia of the Heppner Branch. "The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee and Booster organization is very grateful for these funds and commend First Interstate Bank for their community involvement and spirit," said Marlene Currin Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo secretary.

## Special Election Results

Morrow County  
Tues., March 28, 1995

	H H E A P P N E R	L E X I N G T O N	I R R I G O N	B O A R D M A N	T O T A L S		
<b>Port of Morrow Pos. 1</b>							
Deane Seeger	won	320	101	113	283	163	980
James H. Hankins		155	33	51	163	145	547
John M. Grace		286	68	77	157	278	866
<b>Port of Morrow Pos. 3</b>							
Jerry M. Healy	won	817	218	214	227	137	1613
Raymond D. Michael		79	27	66	331	459	962
<b>Port of Morrow Pos. 5</b>							
Larry Lindsay	won	741	201	201	212	133	1488
Terry Tallman		134	39	69	345	441	1028
<b>School Board Director Zone 4</b>							
Tom W. McElligott		296	102	173	238	219	1028
Russell Morgan	won	585	132	115	287	258	1377
<b>Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Pos. 5</b>							
Andrew P. Reid					210	202	412
Marilyn Acock	won				354	254	608
<b>Boardman Park &amp; Recreation District (vote for three)</b>							
Doug Pope	won				357	357	
Kathleen Bauska	won				334	334	
Julie A.M. Beemer					282	282	
William P. Sharkey					222	222	
Raymond D. Michael	won				377	377	
<b>Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District Pos. 2</b>							
Andrew P. Reid					229	229	
Douglas Strebin	won				340	340	
Measure 25-17 County one year operating levy outside the tax base	Yes	485	144	168	347	330	1474
	No	461	113	142	329	295	1340
Measure 25-15 Morrow County School District General Bond Authorization	Yes	606	153	212	328	405	1704
	No	345	106	100	343	220	1114
25-13 Willow Creek Park District General obligation bond authorization	Yes	558	124	77			759
	No	364	133	229			726
25-14 Willow Creek Park District Three year operating serial tax levy	Yes	581	123	84			788
	No	373	135	229			737
25-16 City of Irrigon Charter amendment making certain family members ineligible for elective office	Yes				125		125
	No				133		133

## Fencing Sale Ends

Sat., April 1st

Morrow County Grain Growers

Lexington 989-8221 1-800-452-7396