



Stairway to Heaven was the theme for this years prom put on by the Heppner High School Junior Class. Decorations featured a stairway to the golden gates with little lights along the way, a centerpiece with white pillars and balloons around the room. The queen and king and court were announced during the evening by class president Tina Kemp.

Pictured l-r: are Queen Jenny Krien, King Brent Wright; princess Char Coe, prince Chris Dickenson, princess Rondi Robinson, prince Trent Hughes, prince Chad Skroch and princess Kelsie Evans.

Events planned for home schooled kids

Two home schooling events, sponsored by Christian Home Education Family Support (CHEFS) of Umatilla and Morrow counties will be held May 12-13, in Hermiston.

Dick Karman will speak on "How and Why of Home Schooling", May 12, at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, located at 775 West Highland Avenue. Karman is the founder of the Oregon Christian Education Association Network (OCEAN). He and his wife, Dorothy, have home educated their children for 12 years.

"Our CHEFS support group is honored to offer such a distinguished guest speaker for families in Eastern Oregon who want to know more about home school," said Dave Barber, member of CHEFS. "This is the first such event to be offered for the public in our area. We hope to have a packed auditorium at First Christian Church. A free will offering will be taken up for the speaker's expenses."

The CHEFS annual Home School Open House will be held Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Civic Recreation Center, located at 215 West Hermiston Avenue.

Curriculum sets and home school textbooks will be on display. New and used textbooks will be sold by vendors. Families representing CHEFS will be on hand to answer questions. Child care is available on site.

The local support group offers this open house each year in May in hopes that families who are looking for educational alternatives will have the needed support and information. CHEFS families represent the broad spectrum of different economic, racial, and religious backgrounds, who home school successfully across the nation, said spokesperson Margaret Rolan.

For more information, contact CHEFS representatives in Heppner 676-5448, Stanfield, 449-3476 and Pendleton, 276-6261.

Voters want to vote by mail

Three out of every four registered Oregon voters would prefer to vote by mail in the primary and general elections, according to a poll released by the Oregon Association of County Clerks.

The statewide poll, conducted by DRC Opinion Research in Salem, showed that 75.3 percent of the registered voters favored conducting elections by mail when they knew that it would save tax dollars. Less than 19 percent of the voters opposed the change.

Even without knowledge of tax savings, over half of the registered voters favored conducting both primary and general elections by mail, while the change was opposed by

less than 30 percent.

When asked about the primary and general elections separately without knowledge of tax savings, 62 percent favored changing the primary to be by mail with only 31 percent opposed; and 53 percent favored changing the general to a mail election while only 40 percent opposed.

"This clearly shows the voters of Oregon want to expand vote by mail to all elections and save the tax money now being spent on polling place elections," said Barbara Bloodsworth, Morrow County Clerk. "We hope our legislators will respond to this message by passing legislation to allow all elections to be conducted by mail."

Noxious weed seminar slated

The Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute will present a seminar series this spring that explores the topic "Noxious Weeds: Stemming the Tide". The series, presented by Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. May 10, 17 and 24 through Ed-Net at Pioneer Memorial Hospital Conference Room, 564 E., Pioneer Drive in Heppner.

Those interested in attending should call Robin Furguson at the hospital, 676-9133, to register at least one day before each session.

Seminar topics are as follows: May 10-"Explosion in Slow Motion: Impacts and Solutions", Jerry Asher, Bureau of Land Management; May 17-"Is That New Plant Growing on My Property a Weed?", Gary Kiemnec, Oregon State University, Eastern Oregon State College Agricultural Program; May 24-"Weed Control and Restoration in the Blue Mountains", weed control officers-Mary Corp, Umatilla County, Gary Dade, Union County, and Dave Pranger, Morrow County, and Berta Youtie, natural area manager with The Nature Conservancy.

Field tours have been scheduled for Umatilla County on May 18, "Weeds and Crops" (contact Mary Corp, 503-276-2903); and for Grant County on June 3, "Biological Controls for Leafy Spurge", and "Partnerships: Noxious Weeds Know No Boundaries" (contact Lave Langlund, ODA, 503-548-2241).

For detailed information about the Blue Mountain Natural Resources Institute, seminar series or field tour, contact: Lynn Starr, Outreach coordinator, BMNRI, 1401 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, OR 97850.

HHS calendars on sale

Heppner Community Birthday calendars are on sale again. Calendars may be purchased for \$6 from a Heppner High or Middle School volleyball player, or call the Heppner High School, 676-9138, and leave a message for Terri Gentry.

Fieldman's breakfast May 3

A Fieldman's Breakfast will be held May 3, beginning at 6:30 a.m. at Frasu's Restaurant, in Hermiston.

Marie Zuroske, of the Department of Environmental Quality in Pendleton, will discuss the Pesticide Waste Collection Program on June 2 (applications due May 19). She will also discuss the DEQ's Hazardous Waste Technical Assistance Program, which helps businesses and farmers better understand hazardous waste regulations without the threat of penalty.

Bob Wolfe will speak about the OACFA's annual pesticide container recycling program to be held in September at three locations in the area.

Cost for the breakfast is \$5 including a gratuity.

Groundwater meeting May 9

A program to help rural homeowners protect the groundwater supplying their drinking water will be offered in Irrigon on Tuesday, May 9, from 7-9 p.m. at A.C. Houghton School. The program will be held in the school cafeteria, at North Main Avenue, between 10th and 12th streets. Rich Topielec, Oregon State University Extension agent, will conduct the program targeted to private well owners.

The program will address how to evaluate a well site to preventing well water contamination from fertilizers, pesticides, and animal and household wastes. Construction, operation and potential problems with home water

wells will be covered, as well as when, why and how to test well water for contaminants.

The Homestead Assessment System (Home*A*Syst), a series of 11 worksheets and nine fact sheets designed to lead the homeowner through exercises to understand the present condition of their well, will be introduced and explained.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. The cost of the Home*A*Syst material for those wishing to purchase them is \$12. Registration is optional, but will help to have sufficient materials on hand.

For additional information, or to register, contact the Morrow County Extension office, 1 800 342-3664, or 676-9642.

Revival set at W.C. Baptist

A revival is planned at the Willow Creek Baptist Church, May 7-10 at 560 N. Minor (Seventh-day Adventist building).

The revival will feature the Reverend Stanley Hughs of the

Richland Baptist Church as guest evangelist. There will also be special music every night.

The Sunday revival will begin at 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, the revival will begin at 7 p.m.

Pesticide applicator's course offered

A four hour private pesticide applicator's training course will be offered at the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (HAREC) on Friday, April 28.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture will give an exam following the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Space is limited to 45 participants, so pre-registration is

encouraged by calling HAREC, 567-8321.

There will be no registration fee for the course, but participants are encourage to study the "Oregon Pesticide Applicator Manual" prior to the training session. A limited number of copies are currently available for \$14.50 each at the HAREC.

Danie Sunday wins OSU literary prize

Danie Sunday, a 1993 graduate of Heppner High School, was selected as a co-winner of the Oregon State University's 1995 Provost's Literary Prize for her essay entitled, "Grandpa's".

Sunday is the granddaughter of Barton Clark, Heppner. Her parents are Nonda Harwick, Bend, and Hal Sunday, San Jose, and her uncle is Ned Clark, Heppner.

Danie will receive a cash award of \$150 and her work will be published in "Prism", OSU's literary journal, and widely distributed on campus. The award will be presented to her at the annual student recognition and awards banquet on Wednesday, May 17, at 6 p.m. at the university's MU Ballroom.

Sunday is a sophomore at OSU, seeking a degree in education.

Following is Sunday's essay:

Apples and lilacs, once seedlings, shade the windows and the fat siamese prowls their branches by night. Toby, or Yoda, depending on the hand that pets him, keeps the house and garage free of mice. Once in a while the basement trap snares a little varmint and Yoda gets a freebie.

"Nice kitty, too bad you're going blind. What shall become of the house when the wise are gone and the beasts are left to rule?"

The house.

Secluded on the back porch, the ancient machine whirs and gurgles as it struggles to handle its cotton charges. All runs smoothly in its timed pattern, as the moose looks on with cobwebbed contentment.

The blue room listens to the machine's work. Its lace curtains quiver in idle memory of eager young hands thrusting them back in the early mornings and the walls silently echo youthful mirth.

The striped room is always busy, watching and listening. It peers from behind the protective foliage of the lilac bushes, at the activities outside. At one wall it marks the silence of the blue room, while through another, come the muffled, tiled sounds of the bath. At the third, time is recorded by the passing of breakfast, dinner, and supper sounds. The striped room is busy monitor-

ing everything about it, careful not to create anything that might distract its vigil.

The yellow room is bright and cheery and the days are created and pass, with different smells: pancakes and cream gravy, crusty, warm loaves, tart apples and berries, hearty roasts, and coarse cornbread.

Nearly forgotten, the corner room is quiet in serene propriety. It keeps the distinguished table for holidays and special guests, and guards the china. Sagging on the wall, the spoon collection seems out of place, with its cheap variety and tarnished memories.

The big green room is bright, with a fireplace that crackles at Christmas, but is quite sterile now. The chairs offer their well worn cushions, the green couch is indifferent, neither offering not offending, while the new couch brightly calls to passer-bys, hoping to pull its deceptive prank of comfort. The corner window keeps one eye to the field, where it has reflected the light of rushing prairie fires, and one to the orchard, where the ground is still rippled from the trodings of an eager young pony and its rider.

The main bedroom is light and comforting. One window watches in anticipation for the beautiful blossoms of the lilac, while the other views the wind in the old crabapple, its sourness hidden by lush, green leaves. The bed sags in the middle and the pillows are fluffed, but the covers never get turned down. The faded walls show the strain of each day's sun, but resiliently, they hold onto their intended essence.

The mountain goat watches the front door with cold disinterest, his once regal head now shaggy and gray with cobwebs. The varnish on the door is cracked and weathered, but unwarpd; it still fits snugly into the wall, for now. The outside is white, and although it is not peeling, it is beginning to fade.

The back porch, the kitchen, the striped bedroom, and the bath, are still warm with life, but biding time, the rest of the house has been lulled to sleep by the peaceful melodies of memories' shadows. What is to come, cold isolation and roving beasts or fresh paint and new memories?

Rita Hedman attends conference

Rita Hedman, veterans service officer for Morrow County, attended the semiannual statewide Oregon County Veterans Service Officers Training Conference, held April 19-21 in Salem.

The session, sponsored by the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA), provided county veterans service officers with updated information necessary to advocate for Oregon veterans, their families, and survivors in applying for state and federal veterans' benefits in such areas as U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care, new adjudication regulations, and compensation and pension, said an ODVA news release.

Workshops were conducted by Ronald B. Abrams, Esquire, National Veterans Legal Services Program training director, and editor of the "Veterans Advocate". These workshops covered advocate training, secondary service con-

nection, recent U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals decisions, well grounded claims, errors in rating reductions, new regulations for Persian Gulf veterans, post-traumatic stress disorder, individual unemployment, and clear and unmistakable error on the part of the VA.

VA employees presented information on long-term health care, VA nursing home unit, domiciliary care and outpatient clinic operations.

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Live music by Jeff Wallace
dinner sponsored by lone Lions Club

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