

## Students encouraged to play with their food

By April Hilton-Sykes  
Fruit can be peeled, diced, pureed, used in baking, and just plain eaten. Some Heppner fourth graders, however, played with their fruit and their teacher didn't care. She even encouraged them. The students built cars out of various types of fruit and vegetables and raced the vehicles in the Lunch Box Derby held Thursday, April 18, at Heppner Elementary School.

The derby was an attempt by Washington apple growers to familiarize students with a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. According to derby sponsors, students will "have the opportunity to explore the shapes, textures, colors and flavors of familiar and unfamiliar fruits and vegetables. It's also a chance for students to develop teamwork skills in a creative way."

The Lunch Box Derby is a nationwide contest, with elementary school classes from around the U.S. competing for spots in the national finals. Regional winners of the contest will be selected and the top four teams in the country will have the opportunity to win a trip to the national Lunch Box Derby finals.

Rules specify that at least three varieties of fruits and vegetables must be used for the contest and the vehicle must have at least three wheels and a double axle. Each team then assembles its own car and may use, in addition to their fruits and vegetables, three bamboo skewers, four toothpicks and one rubber band. After the vehicle is assembled, a board no larger than four by eight feet is set up at a 45 degree angle. The kids then race their cars, using the best of two heats.

This year's winners at Heppner Elementary School are Stephanie Hanson, Amber Dima, Danielle Looslie and Blake Allstott, whose car traveled 18 feet, two inches.

Organizer of the local event was fourth grade teacher Mary Hagewood.

## HHS senior plans trip to Brazil



Stephanie Johnson

Heppner High School senior Stephanie Johnson plans on doing more than attend college after she graduates this spring. The 18-year-old daughter of Kathy and Duane Jones of Heppner will leave for Brazil on June 27 on a youth missionary group basketball tour.

Johnson became aware of the program when Team Destiny, a group of Christian athletes, put on an exhibition in Heppner and she spoke with Kevin Stark, a performer with Team Destiny. The tour is affiliated with Youth With a Mission, which is sponsored by a group of churches.

Johnson will train for two weeks in Atlanta prior to traveling to Brazil.



Lunch Box Derby winners (back l-r) Stephanie Hanson, Amber Dima, Danielle Looslie; (front) Blake Allstott



Lunch Box Derby participants (l-r) Eva Chitty, Matt Young, Justin Botefuhr, Brooke Rust adjust their car.

## Candidates Fair planned April 30

A candidates fair will be held at the Heppner High School cafeteria on Tuesday, April 30, beginning at 7 p.m. The fair is sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Candidates will be given the opportunity to introduce themselves and to discuss issues of importance. A formal question and answer session will be provided.

"This candidates fair will give the voting public a good opportunity to see and hear from a wide range of candidates who will appear on election ballots in May," said Candidates Fair co-chair Gary Marks. "We are hoping for a good turnout."

The public is invited to attend.

## Development funds available

The Morrow County Commission on Children & Families (MCCCF) has established a community development fund to be used for anticipated yet unidentified community needs and to leverage other funds and resources into services, advocacy and unique application projects for the children, youth and families of Morrow County, said Dar Merrill, MCCCF executive director.

Approximately \$1,100 will be available each quarter and the maximum grant would be \$500. Examples of reasonable community development fund requests include, but are not limited to: seasonal program needs; small capital expendi-

tures (except for private property); service program staff training; one time events and pilot projects. Home day care providers may also apply for funds to "enhance the quality and availability of their services," said Merrill, but they must be registered by the state or have registration forms submitted to the state for approval at the time of request for funds.

Proposals will be reviewed on June 11 during the monthly commission meeting, but must be received by the commission office by Friday, May 31 to be considered. Copies of request procedures are available at the commission office at 471 North Main, Heppner, 676-9675.

## Rolling Hills Run on Saturday

The annual Rolling Hills run, sponsored by the South Morrow EMT Association, will be held this Saturday, April 27, starting at 9 a.m. at Heppner Elementary School. Walkers, as well as runners, are invited to participate.

Registration is still available from 7-8:30 a.m. the day of the race for \$17, which includes a T-shirt, or \$12 without a T-shirt. Shirts may also be purchased

for \$10 each.

Breakfast will be served at the Heppner Elks Club from 8 a.m. until after the race is over for Rolling Hills Run participants and the general public.

An awards ceremony will be held for the winners after the 10K run, around 10:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the run will go toward equipment for the ambulance and for the First Response vehicles in Lexington and Ione.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

With the fragrance of 260 dozen roses lingering in the air, Chamber is once again able to budget for annual projects. Supporters of the annual "Everything's Coming Up Roses" sale are appreciated and, we hope, enjoyed their roses.

The Cultural Committee is one of the Chamber's new committees created to help encourage arts and music opportunities in Heppner. Chamber is encouraged to hear that a special work session to form a Morrow County Arts Council, which will work with the Unified Recreation District, has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at the Heppner Elks. It is open to individuals and groups interested in bringing events to Morrow County and planning for education for both adults and young people in the field of art and music. The more entities involved in the brainstorming session, the more likely our dreams are to become reality.

A trip to Portland to view the Imperial Tombs of China will be one of the first opportunities for Morrow County to benefit from these cultural offerings. The Chamber committee looks forward to being a part of the first planning session. It's a tremendous opportunity to fill a void in our community.

Speaking of cultural experiences, my weekend in Japan was one I shall never forget and I would encourage entries for the 1997 "Message From The Heart" contest. Winners receive "red carpet" treatment unequal to anything ever before experienced and quickly learn that love and humor transcend cultural barriers. I'd be happy to share my trip with those interested. They say it takes 17 days to recover for jet lag, so bear with me!

Mark your calendars for the Chamber-sponsored Candidates Forum, Tuesday, April 30, at the Heppner High School cafeteria. The public is welcome to attend. Contact chairmen Gary Marks and Bill Kuhn for further information.

Thought for the week: "The things of greatest value in life are those things that multiply when divided."

## Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, April 23	
Soft White	
April	\$5.93
May	\$5.95
July	\$5.92/\$5.91
August	\$5.90
Sept.	\$5.91/\$5.93
Barley	
April/May	\$159
new crop	\$140

## Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Jennifer Ann Martinez, 20, Heppner-Driving Uninsured, \$100 fine.

## WCCC Golf

**Ladies' Play, April 16**  
Low gross of the field: Pat Edmundson.

Flight A: low gross Jan Paus-tian; low net Suzanne Jepsen; least putts Luvilla Sonstegard.

Flight B: low gross Bernice Lott; low net Lynnea Sargent; least putts Mary Beamer.

Flight C: low gross Doll Campbell; low net Cam Wish-art; least putts Gail Hughes.

Long putt: Gail Hughes.

## Lone girls picked for Girls State



Brenda Holtz



Camie Crum

Brenda Holtz and Camie Crum, both juniors at Lone High School, have been selected as this year's representatives to Girl's State.

Holtz, the 16-year-old daughter of Elmer and Sandy Holtz of Ione, has also been selected queen of the 1996 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo. She is a member of the Lady Cardinals varsity volleyball and state 1A championship basketball teams. She has been a member, officer and junior leader in 4-H and has participated in 4-H sewing and cooking clubs, demonstrations, contests and presentations. She has also maintained above average grades, is currently class secretary and has served as a class officer for several years.

Crum, the 16-year-old daughter of Monty and Bev Crum of Ione, is active in volleyball and tennis and is the basketball manager at Lone High School. She has participated in 4-H and enjoys riding and raising lambs. She is also a member of the Letter-

man's Club.

Oregon Girls State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, is a youth seminar on Americanism and government. Girls State is limited to a select group of girls who constitute a model state. They elect city, county and state officials; set up their own city and county governments and conduct mock trials. They also elect members of their own legislature who introduce, debate and pass bills.

Selection of the students is based on leadership ability, character and honesty, cooperativeness, community service and participation, scholarship and physical fitness.

In addition to the intensive government program at Girls State, the girls attending will also participate in flag raising and lowering, workshops on leadership, bill writing and parliamentary procedure. Talent and fashion shows, campaign rallies and sports activities will also be a part of the Girls State experience.

## MC arts council to be formed

Sarah Carlson, area resident and school science teacher, is spearheading an effort to form a Morrow County arts council, a non-profit organization intended to promote cultural activities and events for Morrow County. A charter meeting is planned for Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner.

The arts council will serve as a program development and funding source for community activities aimed at providing cultural and recreational opportunities for adults, as well as children and those with special needs. Areas of interest which could be served range from the classical arts, such as painting, music or drama, to folk art, such as weaving or quilting, or the practical arts, such as woodcrafting.

"The term 'art' includes such a wide variety of creative production that we really want to encourage people of all interests to participate in the formation of the arts council," says Carlson.

The May 4 meeting will in-

clude a brainstorming session geared toward developing an "agenda of arts", planning a calendar of events and developing a budget which incorporates funding sources such as the Morrow County Unified Recreation District (MUCRD) and the Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council.

The MUCRD, conceived in an effort to salvage the county's school extra-curricular activities following the passage of Ballot Measure 5, and state funding cuts, is also designed to provide recreational services for a wide range of residents in addition to school athletes. "With the formation of the arts council, its proponents hope to provide a channel through which some of the District's funds can be used to support the interests of the community's artists, crafters, hobbyists and those who appreciate artistic effort of all kinds," said Carlson.


Anyone interested in the project may contact Carlson, 422-7245, for further information, and all community members are invited to attend the organizational meeting.

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