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## Heppner residents arrested in drug bust Boardman focus of AG's investigation

Seven adults in the Heppner area were arrested in a drug raid Tuesday morning, May 14, following a five-month undercover investigation by the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT).

Twenty police officers from BENT, the Heppner Police Department, the Morrow County Sheriff's Department, the Oregon State Police and the Oregon National Guard issued criminal indictments and arrest warrants for 12 people. Officers met at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office before fanning out into the community in groups of four to five officers.

Arrested in connection with the possession and sale of controlled substances were:

-Timothy Hoyt Sherwood, 39, Heppner, for alleged delivery of a controlled substance and criminal conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance;

-Jason Alan Bathurst, 19, Heppner, alleged delivery of an imitation controlled substance;

-Dennis Raymond Warren, 29, Heppner, alleged delivery of a controlled substance, citation to appear for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a firearm;

-James Lewis Klein, 55, Heppner, alleged delivery of a controlled substance;

-Amy Jo Kowalski, 21, Heppner, two counts of alleged delivery of a controlled substance;

-Michael Dean Lynch, 37, Heppner alleged delivery of a controlled substance;

-Marla Jamees Anderson, 26, Heppner, citation to appear for three counts of endangering the welfare of a minor, frequenting a place where controlled substances are used or sold; possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamines); and possession of a controlled substance (more than one ounce of marijuana).

According to a news release, those arrested were put through a booking process, issued citations to appear on the charges and released. BENT consists of officers and deputies from law enforcement agencies in Morrow and Umatilla counties, including officers from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), Umatilla County Sheriff's Office (UCSO), Oregon State Police (OSP), Pendleton Police Department (PPD) and Hermiston Police Department (HPD).

The task force is supervised by Detective Sergeant Larry Sample of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Sergeant Mike McCullough of the OSP office in Pendleton. BENT's Board of Directors include PPD Chief Ed Taber, HPD Chief Andy Anderson; OSP Lieutenant Bob Ewen, Pendleton; UCSO Sheriff Gordon Campbell; and MCSO Undersheriff Verlin Denton.



Trevor Rhea (left) of Heppner caught this 18 inch rainbow trout in Willow Creek on Friday, May 10. Fishing partner Darin Skaggs is pictured right.

## Legion, Auxiliary to meet May 20

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the Legion and Auxiliary will meet Monday, May 20 in the Heppner Methodist Church basement.

A potluck will begin at 6:30

p.m. The 1996-97 Auxiliary officers will be installed by Past President Mabel Heath.

All members and veterans are welcome to attend.

## Arts and Crafts Club to meet

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club will meet Wednesday, May 22 at 1 p.m. at the R & W Drive In in Heppner. The meeting will follow at 1:30 p.m.

Members and guests are invited to attend.

## Dickenson named all conference

Chris Dickenson of Heppner is one of seven athletes placed on the 1996 All-Heart of America Conference Baseball Team by Graceland College, Iowa. Dickenson received honorable mention.

The Yellowjacket squad finished the season 14-36 and 5-17 in HAAC play.

Chris is the son of Steve and Kathy Dickenson, Heppner.

## Eric and Marnie Anderson 1996 Conservation Farmers

The 1996 Morrow County Wheat League (MCWL) Conservation Farm of the Year has been awarded to Eric and Marnie Anderson of Lone, according to Geri Grieb, MCWL president.

The Anderson family has a strong tradition of stewardship to the land, said Grieb. In 1949, Eric's father, Frank Anderson of Heppner, was recognized as Morrow County Conservation Farm of the Year. In 1986, a brother, Charlie, of Heppner, was honored. Eric's brother Steve was recognized by Gilliam County in 1990.

The Andersons' home place, consisting of 2,000 acres, was purchased in 1972 from Verner and Margaret Troedson. In 1991, Eric and Marnie bought 5,000 acres of dryland ground at Shutler Flat in Gilliam County.

The Andersons' farm has a Ritzville silt loam soil type and is predominately under circle irrigation. There are diversion terraces and a series of man-made dams in place in case of runoff. Infrared pictures are taken from time to time to check the water application.

Any soil areas less than four feet in depth are put into grass. These grass areas and all fields are rogued to make sure everything is clean on the farm. "A pest to us is anything that isn't supposed to be grown in that field," said Marnie. Maps are labeled to show where weeds are found.

Having a clean farm is not only important to the Andersons' profit, it is essential to the success of their seed plant, growing of registered seed and being able to rent out circles to other producers or companies needing clean ground, said Grieb.

After selling bulk seed right out of their fields for years, Eric and Marnie started their own



Eric and Marnie Anderson seed plant known as Anderson Seed Co. in 1980.

In a typical fallow period, Roundup is applied, then the field is chisel plowed. This is followed by the rod weeder and skewtreader. Eric believes the skewtreader is important for moisture retention. "It is nearly an essential tool for maximum profitability," said Eric. In years of high residue, they will disc behind the combine and again in the spring. The Andersons have had dryland wheat yields as high as 92 bushels.

Soil samples are taken to find out fertilization needs. The Andersons prefer to use dry fertilizer. Last year, Eric and his brothers purchased approximately 2,000 tons and spread it on around 20,000 acres. The dry fertilizer is custom applied in the winter.

"If we can't be seeded in moisture by Sept. 25, we start suffering in yield, especially once you get into October," Eric noted. Part of their management is that they do not seed dryland wheat after Oct. 1 because the yield penalty is

too severe. "The real key ought to be production and profitability and if you've got the production, that usually solves a vast majority of your conservation problems," stated Eric.

Both Eric and Marnie have strong ties to Oregon State University (OSU), having attended there. They are strong believers in research and allow OSU to do plot work on their farm. Eric served as campaign chair for The Endowed Chair in Wheat Research at OSU, and was on the State Crop Certification Board.

Currently, Eric serves on the Wheat Commission. Marnie is a member of the E.R. Jackman Foundation Board, AG Win Certification Advisory Board and The Governor's Transportation Initiative Group. The Andersons are active in their community, All Saints Episcopal Church and the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL).

A farm tour and potluck barbecue will be held on Friday, June 7 at 4 p.m. on the Anderson farm. For more information, contact the OWGL office, 276-7330, or Grieb, 989-8585.

## Voters go to the polls Tuesday

Morrow County voters will go to the polls Tuesday, May 21, to decide the fate of county, district and state candidates and constitutional amendments.

Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth asks that write-in candidates write a letter to her informing her of their write-in candidacy before the May 21 election.

Bloodsworth says that write-in candidates should inform her if they plan to run for any office, even for precinct committee person.

John Wenholtz and David Burns, both of Irrigon, will face off for the Democratic primary election for Morrow County Commissioner. "Whisker Bill" Marren is the Republican candidate for county commissioner. A fourth candidate for county commissioner, Bill Dawkins, had planned a write-in candidacy, but withdrew because of a conflict concerning his railroad retirement.

Margo Sherer, incumbent, Marie Key, both Lone, and Gayle Gutierrez, Heppner, will all vie for Morrow County Treasurer, a non-partisan position.

Three people, Garry Reynolds, Robert E. Ridgway and Daniel Hill, are on the ballot for Sixth District Circuit Court Judge, also a non-partisan position.

Rex Armstrong, Frank J. Yraguen and Ted Kulongoski are seeking one non-partisan position as Supreme Court Judge.

On the Democratic ticket, Kevin L. Mannix and Hardy Myers are both seeking the state attorney general's position and Kevin M. Campbell and Vern Cook will oppose each other for state senator 28th District. Three candidates, Patty Wehrli, Terry Drever Gee

and Ted Ferrioli, seek the Republican nomination for state senator 28th District. Michael Breedon and Bob Jensen are up against each other for the Democratic 57th District state representative. Paul Damian Wells and Stan Ash are Republican Party candidates for secretary of state.

On the national level, five Democratic candidates, Jerry Rust, Bill Dwyer, Anna Nevenich, Tom Bruggere and Harry Lonsdale, and five Republicans, Gordon Smith, Kirby Brumfield, Robert J. Fenton, Jeff Lewis, and Lon Maben, are seeking the U.S. senator's position. Two, Mike Dugan and George E. Fuson, are Democratic candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress 2nd District. Other candidates are unopposed.

Voters will also decide the fate of three constitutional amendments. Number 23 increases the minimum value in controversy required to obtain a jury trial; number 24 would require that initiative petition signatures be collected from each congressional district; and number 25 requires a three-fifths majority in legislature to pass revenue raising bills.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Morrow County polling places are as follows: Boardman 1-Greenfield Grange; Boardman 2-Lutheran Church; Hardman 3-Morrow County Courthouse; Lone 4-Lone City Hall; Irrigon 5-North Morrow Annex; Irrigon 6-Irrigon City Hall; Lexington 7-Mormon Church; Heppner 8-St. Patrick's Senior Center; Heppner 9-Pettyjohn Building; Heppner 10-Morrow County Courthouse; Heppner 11-Heppner Ranger District Office (new forestry building).

Editor's note: see related story, "Candidates Forum".

## Italian dinner planned in Lone

The second annual Italian Dinner, sponsored by the Lone Lions Club, will be held Monday, May 20, at Beecher's Cafe.

Two seatings will be offered, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. The menu will include lasagna, spaghetti or manicotti, garlic bread, salad, spumoni ice cream, coffee or a soft drink and a complimentary glass of wine for adults. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under, and preschoolers will be served free.

Reservations will be by advance ticket sales at Beecher's Cafe, Wheatland Insurance, Bank of Eastern Oregon Heppner and Lone branches, or from any Lone Lions Club member. Proceeds will benefit community projects.

Beecher's owner Betty Gray donates the facilities and restaurant help. Jeff Wallace will provide roaming accordion music.

## School music concert May 28

The Heppner schools' spring music concert will be held Tuesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. in the old junior high gym. All grades kindergarten through the junior high-high school music lab students, will be participating. "A variety of band, ensemble and choral work will be presented to make it an enjoyable evening," said teacher Jean Brazell.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE DAY WED. MAY 22

Bring in your Fire extinguishers for service. A qualified service man will be on hand.

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