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Heppner High School holds commencement



Heppner High School graduating class

(Editor's note: A story on the lone High School graduation will appear in next week's Gazette-Times.)

Heppner High School commencement exercises were held May 23 at the high school.

Honor scholars were Tina Kemp, Ben Ewing and Kristina Grant, honor speakers, and Phillip Spicerkuhn.

Heppner High School Principal Steve Dickenson welcomed those in attendance and presented awards and diplomas. Morrow County School Superintendent Chuck Starr gave the affirmation of graduation.

Colin Anderson, Renee Devin, Jossie Evans, Shaun Hisler, Donnie Pointer, Chris Sykes and Rod Zumwalt presented honored guests, Ginger Bowman, Karen Clough, Mark Dowdy (unable to be present), John and Millie Hanna and Joy Krein.

Jessica Sumner, Renee Devin and Rod Zumwalt organized the slide show.

Grand marshals were Lindsey Waterland, Eric Schonbachler; candlelighters, Brandi Marshall and Brian Koffler; programs, Traci Dickenson and Toni Kemp; ushers, Josh Coiner, Brent Gunderson, Chris Jones, Justin Matteson and Phillip Tellechea; gifts, Lori Moeller and Mandi Gutierrez.

The following awards were presented to the HHS graduating seniors:

-Tina Kemp: Eastern Oregon State College Laurels, \$2,766 a

year for four years (\$11,064); Tylenol, \$1,000; Boise State University, out-of-state tuition award, \$5,346; Oregon State Scholarship Commission award; Elk's Scholarship, \$800; Booster Club, \$200; 4-H Scholarship, \$500; Masonic Lodge, \$500; Heppner High Student Council, \$200; South Morrow County Scholarship Fund, \$500; Troedson Educational Fund, \$750; Mike Currin Memorial, \$800; Hilda Yocom, \$100.

-Jessica Sumner: Blue Mountain Community College tuition waiver, \$1080 a year; Dr. Richard and Christy Carpenter award, \$500; Kinzua Resources, \$500; Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, \$200; Elk's Scholarship, \$200; Heppner High Student Council, \$200; Troedson Educational Fund, \$750.

-Jossie Evans: BMCC tuition

waiver, \$1080 a year; Bank of Eastern Oregon, \$500; Masonic Lodge, \$500; Heppner Lions Club, \$300; Troedson Educational Fund, \$750.

-Ben Ewing: Booster Club, \$200; Morrow County Education Association, \$150; Heppner High Student Council, \$200; South Morrow County Scholarship, \$500; Troedson Educational Fund, \$750.

-Chris Sykes: Booster Club, \$200; Heppner Lions Club, \$300; Jim Barratt Award.

-Donnie Pointer: BMCC tuition waiver, \$1080 a year.

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-Stephanie Johnson: Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, \$200.

-Phillip Spicerkuhn: Troedson Educational Fund, \$750.

-Doashea Givens: Troedson Educational Fund, \$750.

Riverside site chosen for pool

A consensus of people attending a public meeting May 16 concerning the proposed Willow Creek Park District swimming pool site favors the site on Riverside Street in Heppner, according to swimming pool project manager Gary Marks.

An alternate site was at Hager Park, near George Waterland Field.

The Willow Creek Park District Board authorized the architect to begin design of the pool and authorized Marks to

finalize acquisition of the property at the Riverside site with the state of Oregon. The state earlier agreed to sell the district the property. In turn, the district agrees to build a fence around a building near the site.

Marks said that the district hopes to break ground in October. He said that if the winter is mild enough to allow construction, there may be swimming the summer of 1997. However, Marks said that completion in time for next summer is "very conditional".

Preparations begin EMTs sponsor awareness program for fair, horse show

By Merlyn Robinson

Morrow County Fair superintendents have been meeting regularly to update and enhance the indoor exhibit space and the decor for the 1996 August 14-17 fair.

Arrangement of exhibit space is planned to best display entries for viewing. According to the committee, it is important that all county residents make an effort to participate. From backyard garden produce to canned and baked foods, as well as arts, crafts and needlework, everyone is encouraged to enter his handiwork.

To add to fair decor along with colorful flowers, plants and paintings, superintendents are scheduling a scarecrow making workshop at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 19. Everyone is invited and all participants are to bring clothing articles or materials to dress a scarecrow. These characters could resemble a cowboy, a country gal or even take on an animal form.

All changes in the fair format will be listed in the premium book to be published by the Heppner Gazette-Times and to be circulated in June.

As part of the fair, the Morrow County Open Horse Show, July 28, has undergone changes. This year's classes are open to all participants and are not limited to Morrow County residents. A \$2 per class or \$10 all-day entry fee per person will be charged. Class ribbons, awards and premium money are to be awarded to winners.

Judges this year are Ann and Mel Gahaley of Eagle, Idaho. Entry forms are available at various stores and offices. From halter classes to walk/trot, lead-line and costume classes, there are classes for all ages. Riders may compete for high point awards and junior and senior performance horse. The show offers pleasure and equitation classes in English and Western, reining classes, working hunter and trail. Entries are due at the fair office by July 24. A large turnout is anticipated.

Ewes-R-Us plan can/bottle drive

The Ewes-R-Us 4-H sheep club will be conducting a bottle and can drive on Saturday, June 1, beginning at noon in Heppner.

Funds received from this project will be used to purchase clippers for the club.

Anyone interested in donating returnable bottles and cans to the club should call Janet Greenup, 676-6822, or Sonja McCabe, 676-5231 for pick up.

Club members and parents are asked to meet at the museum at noon.

IUCC auction to be held June 1

The annual lone United Church of Christ auction and barbecue will be held this Saturday, June 1, at the Willows Grange Hall in lone.

The auction will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the pit barbecue dinner starting at 12:30 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children six to 12; with preschool children free.

The country store, offering foods, handcrafted items, books, toys and household items for sale, will open at 10 a.m.

The South Morrow County EMT Association celebrated national emergency services week with an awareness and appreciation program in both Heppner and lone.

The EMTs sponsored a program at Heppner Elementary School for kindergarten through fourth grade students. The fifth and sixth-graders were unable to participate because of a scheduling conflict with Tupper Outdoor School and other events, although they participated in a coloring contest put on by the EMTs.

Kindergarten through fifth graders at lone participated in both the program and the coloring contest. Ribbons were presented at an assembly. Entries were judged not on artistry, but idea. "All the entries were excellent," said a South Morrow County EMT.

In the contest, the children drew on sacks which were put out at Central Red Apple Market.

First, second and third place ribbons were awarded in each grade and a grand prize winner was selected from first place winners. Grand prize winner was Blair Keithly of Heppner.

Other winners are as follows: lone School: kindergarten-first Justin Archer, second Alan Rietmann; first grade-first Rachel Parm, second Stephanie Holland; third Amber Patton; second grade-first Ashly Grams, second Abby Key, third William Grubaugh; third grade-first Kasie Peterson, second Kayleen Vosberg, third Alyssa Rietmann; fourth grade-first Natalie McElligott, second Sarah Barrow, third Cyd Tullis;

fifth grade-first Diana McElligott, second Koby Rea, third Caitlin Orem. Judges were Vickie Wagenblast and Betty Carlson. EMT Charity McElligott presented the awards.

Heppner Elementary: kindergarten-first Brittany Boothe, second Katie Kilkenny, third Kendra Rayburn; second grade-first Mikel Britt, second Jesse Kurts, third Emily Salyers; third grade-first Blair Keithly, second Jessica Wainwright, third Kory Paullus; fourth grade-first Adam Wight, second Ariel Johnson, third Blake Allstott; fifth grade-first Tylynn Smith; second LaRena Penturf; sixth grade-first Mariah (last name unavailable at press time); second Rhonda (last name unavailable at press time). Judges were Sheryl Carty, R.N., Diana Grant, EMT I, and Herman Winter, emergency vehicle driver. EMT presenters were Shanna Paullus, Diana Grant and Dawn Garrett.

The EMTs and Pioneer Memorial Hospital sponsored a dinner at the Heppner Elks Club in appreciation of the volunteer EMTs, drivers, fireman and nurses who ride in the ambulance.

Drs. Ed and Jeanne Berretta and Morrow County Health District administrator Kevin Erich made a special presentation to Dr. Ernie Atkins, who will become the new EMT supervisor.

Pennie Miller was in charge of the dinner. Cooks were John and Cindy Breidenbach. Macy Rhea, Trisha Adams and Danielle McDowell assisted in the dining room.

PMH Foundation awards scholarships

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation has awarded \$2,300 in scholarships to Morrow County residents who plan to pursue careers in the health care field. The foundation has been awarding health care scholarships since 1980.

Heppner resident Sheridan Tarnasky received \$650 from the Dr. Wallace Wolff Scholarship. Tarnasky will enter Oregon Health Sciences University's (OHSU) physician assistant program this September. Currently the director of nursing at Pioneer Memorial Hospital (PMH), she has worked as a registered nurse in the Heppner community for 24 years. In addition to her work at PMH, Tarnasky was administrator of the Tri-County Home Health Agency and an office nurse for Dr. Wolff. Tarnasky said her goal is to return to Heppner and practice as a physician assistant.

Nine other applicants received awards from the Earl and Hazel Wilson Scholarship Fund. Mark Moeller and Christian Schultz, both of whom received scholarships from the foundation last year, received \$300 each. Moeller, from Heppner, is attending Eastern Oregon State College (EOSC). After graduating from EOSC, he plans to attend OHSU to become a physician. Schultz, also a Heppner resident, has been attending Walla Walla

College. She will enter Boise State University in the fall to pursue a degree in radiation therapy.

The remaining seven applicants received \$200 each from the Wilson Fund. Boardman resident Darcie Lappen was awarded funds to pursue a nursing degree. She plans to eventually attend medical school while working as a registered nurse. Robert "Jason" Brown, of Irrigon, has been accepted at Whitman College. He plans to become a physician. Lori Bulow, also of Irrigon, will attend Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) this fall. She is interested in a career in sociology or psychology.

Melissa Wallace, of Lexington, plans to obtain a nursing degree. She has been attending college since 1993 and will be a student at the University of Portland in the fall. Lone resident Marie Tworek plans to attend BMCC this fall. She hopes to become a registered nurse. Stephanie Johnson, of Heppner, hopes to attend Southern Oregon State College. She is interested in a career in physical therapy or sports medicine. Lexington resident Jessica Sumner will attend Mt. Hood Community College in the fall and begin course work to obtain her physical therapy assistant certificate. She eventually hopes to earn a master's degree in physical therapy.

"Monsters" coming to Morrow County

Why is it that only kids get to dress up at Halloween? Did you ever have the urge to howl at the moon or perhaps have the desire to act?

The newly formed Morrow County Theatre group invites any interested community members to attend an informal script reading for a fall "monster" musical. No commitment or talent required at this time, said organizer Debbie Wryn.

The musical comedy, entitled,

"I'm Sorry, the Bridge is Out, You'll Have to Spend the Night," stars the Wolfman and some of his fiendish friends.

The read-through will be this Thursday, May 30, at the Heppner High School band room at 6:30 p.m. "Join us for an open casting call," said Wryn.

For more information, call Wryn, 422-7017, or Paul Marshall, 676-9192.

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