

Engagement



Gesek - Jones

Carey Gesek of Dublin, CA and Steven Jones of Danville, CA, announce their engagement.

Gesek is the daughter of Walter and Lori Gesek of Dublin, CA. She works for Chevron International Overseas Petroleum in San Ramon, CA.

Jones is the son of Bob and Sue Jones of Heppner. He graduated from Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland and is now a doctor of internal medicine at Kaiser Permanente in Walnut Creek, CA.

The couple will be married Sunday, June 22, in Livermore, CA. An open house has been planned on Wednesday, Nov. 26, to introduce Carey to the local community.

Quilt winner announced



Jean Johnson (left) of Pendleton was the winner of the quilt raffle held during St. Patrick's Day. With her is Daisy Collins who along with Maxine Gray and Barbara Fears made the quilt.

Balls to celebrate anniversary, birthday

A combination 50th anniversary open house for Don and Lorraine Ball and 90th birthday party for Anna Ball will be held on Saturday, March 22, at the Lone Grange Hall from 2-4 p.m.

Don and Lorraine were married by a justice of the peace on April 4, 1947, in Heppner. They are both lifetime residents of the community.

Lorraine retired in 1990 after 21 years as a clerk with the U.S. Postal Service in Heppner. Don retired in 1993 after 36-1/2 years as Morrow County Public Works director.

They are involved with the Heppner Elks Lodge, the Lone Mason's Lodge and the Tri-County Shriner's Club. They also enjoy hunting, fishing and spending time with family.

Anna Ball was born March

22, 1907 at Chicago to Pete and Elsie Peterson. The family spent time in Washington before moving to Lone. She was a member of the first class to graduate from Lone High School in 1925.

On Aug. 29, 1925 she married Lewis Ball. They spent their years living in the Lone-Heppner area while he worked in the trucking business, on the Morrow County Road crew and farming. When he passed away in 1978, she moved to Lone. In 1995, she lived at Hill House in Heppner and then lived in Lone before moving to Hermiston.

Mrs. Ball has four children, Don, Lone, Wayne, Portland, Ellis, Panama City, FL, and Betty Loy, Beaverton, 15 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Elks Club announces contest winners



L-R: Shanna Rietmann, Cara Kennedy and Lillian Calvert

Heppner Elks #358 has announced the winners of this year's "Elks Eye Injury Prevention Poster Contest".

First place was awarded to Cara Kennedy who received a \$100 savings bond. Other winners are Shanna Rietmann and Lillian Calvert, both of whom received \$50 savings bonds.

The purpose of this contest is to acquaint students and the general public about the increasing frequency of eye injuries to the youth of our state, said an Elks Club spokesperson. The injuries are caused by thrown objects, running with sharp instruments, explosive objects such as shells or firecrackers and BB or pellet guns.

The local Elks, with the assistance of schools and

teachers, are striving to educate children in the importance of eye safety. Heppner Elementary School (HES) principal Bill Karwacki, and HES teachers, Patricia Hentges and Mary Haguewood, and Lone Elementary School (LES) principal Dick Allen and IES teacher Dean Robinson helped promoting the cause.

These three winning posters were sent to Milton-Freewater Elks for the Northeast District finals. If successful there they will go on the state finals.

Elks Eye chairperson Jay Straley commended all the students' efforts in the contest. "It was very difficult to select only three as every poster submitted was informative and creative in describing how to prevent eye injuries," said Straley. "Every student did an excellent job."

Luke Swanson selected candidate



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Luke Swanson, lone High School senior, was chosen as the top scholarship candidate from the Farm Credit Services Pendleton office.

Swanson qualified to compete for the two \$1,000 Oregon scholarships offered annually by Farm Credit Services to high school seniors in the state.

Swanson will be considered along with 11 other students in the state for the scholarships. The winners will be announced later this month.

Luke is the son of Jim and Monica Swanson of lone.

Pendleton office manager Andy VanderPlaat said that the competition was very strong among the applications received by the office. The local board of directors for the Pendleton office chooses the top candidate to go on to the state competition. The scholarship winners are chosen by the association's board of directors.

Northwest Farm Credit Services offers eight \$1,000

scholarships to sons or daughters of Farm Credit customers who are high school seniors within the association's northwest territory. The students must plan to attend a higher education institution within the next year. The students are chosen based on scholarship, leadership, extracurricular activities and a written essay about their future plans and benefits of further education.

The Pendleton office of Farm Credit Services provides financing to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, timber producers and rural home owners in Morrow, Umatilla, and portions of Gilliam and Union counties.

George Fox lists honor student

Keelie Keown of Heppner has been named to the George Fox University dean's list for the fall semester of the 1996-97 academic year.

To be included on the academic honor roll, a student must earn a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) or higher while taking at least 12 graded credit hours of classes.

A senior majoring in mathematics, Keown is the daughter of Michael and Kari Keown of Heppner.

George Fox University is a four-year Christian liberal arts university with campuses in Newberg and Portland. It was founded in 1891 by Quaker pioneer settlers.

Ryan Pence studies in Costa Rica



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Ryan Pence of Heppner spent January studying in Costa Rica through a special study program at Linfield College.

Pence, the son of Cara Osmin of Heppner, took the class Indigenous Art of Costa Rica. This on-site studio art course covered five indigenous cultures in Costa Rica with special attention to local art/craft forms such as mask-making, bark cloth

painting and gourd-carving. Hands-on workshops were balanced with lectures and discussion on these five local cultures as they undergo increasingly rapid acculturation.

Pence was among 155 students participating in on-site study programs through Linfield College's January term, a four-week period of concentrated study in which students enroll in one course. The program is designed to help develop global awareness and insights into major issues of the times as well as broaden the understanding of American society and western culture, said a Linfield news release.

Eleven courses were offered this year and included international travel in England, Germany, Russia, Finland, Chile, Costa Rica, Japan, Mexico, Romania, Thailand and Malaysia. Within the United States, students also studied in Hawaii and Oregon.

HHS loses to Pendleton JVs

The Pendleton Bucks JVs broke it open in the third inning of the game against the Heppner Mustangs on Thursday, March 13.

The Bucks racked up three consecutive hits in the third and scored three. They added one more in the fourth and another in the fifth to make it a 5-0 ball game before the Mustangs turned up the pressure.

Chris Paulus reached third base via a walk, a stolen base and a fielder's choice. Shane Matheny reached second on a walk and a stolen base. With two on base, Eric Schonbachler ripped one between the legs of the first basemen, scoring two. With the

score 2 - 5 and Schonbachler on first, Tim Sumner took one out of the park, to make it a 4 - 5 ball game.

Josh Coiner finished out the game on the mound for the Mustangs, relieving Schonbachler, who had a strong first outing. In the sixth, the Mustangs had men on base, but failed to come up with any runs. Then Coiner shut down the Bucks.

The Mustangs had one last chance in the bottom of the seventh. With no one on base and two out, Sumner took one deep, but the Bucks' center fielder went back to the fence, made the catch and ended the ball game.

Heppner Garden Club enjoys slides

The Heppner Garden Club met March 3 at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. Cal Giesler of Arlington, a retired employee of the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, presented slides he had taken on Oregon wildflowers. Many of the slides were from this area. The wildflowers were "very beautiful and interesting, and made us appreciate the beauty of our mountains and meadows," said a garden club spokesperson.

The following business was conducted: club members will decorate the Main Street planter

boxes for the St. Pat's Celebration; items will be donated to the St. Pat's Auction; and plans for next year's activities are being made. Members are asked to bring suggestions for the 1997-98 program at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Heppner Garden Club will be Monday, April 7, with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Blue Mountain District 19 chairman Sharon Hammer of Condon will visit. The program will be on decorating with vegetables, presented by Garnett Huddleston. The public is invited to attend.

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