

Tupper experience fun for all involved BEO scholarship winners announced



Tupper counselors

The weather was good, the food was "really good" and the counselors, "great" for the annual Heppner-Ione Tupper experience this year, according to Heppner Elementary School teachers Jannie Allen and Bill Ewing.

Ewing and Allen, along with Ione teacher Dean Robinson and HES teacher Dave Gunderson, this year's camp coordinator, taught at the sixth-grade outdoor school which was held May 5-8 at the Tupper Work Station.

The four teachers, high school counselors, a cook and a Forest Service representative accompanied 37 kids from Heppner and 16 from Ione. Janell Lacey, with the Forest Service, coordinated plant and forestry study.

Monday and Tuesday, the students have recreation time in the afternoon where they can choose from a variety of activities, including riflery, archery, hiking, games and arts and crafts.

The week definitely isn't all fun and games, as the students study map and compass reading, weather, soil, wildlife, forestry, water study and survival.

On Wednesday, the entourage went to Bull Prairie where the kids went fishing-one kid caught six fish--and hiked around the lake, accompanied by the counselors. That evening they made their own fires and cooked their own hobo stew.

Campfires are a "big thing," say Allen and Ewing, with singing, entertainment and interesting skits.

The campers are also responsible for chores, working in the kitchen, cleaning up their cabins, preparing for cabin inspections, weather duty and flag ceremony duty. They also decorate in front of their cabins to make them special.

But the best part of the week is the cooperation and sense of community among the campers. "It's nice to see the kids working together," said Allen. "It's really a week of self reliance. You have to work together. If you bicker, you don't get along very well."

Steelheaders to have special program May 28

Two Umatilla National Forest Fisheries Biologists, Greg Lynch and John Sanchez will be the guest speakers at the next meeting of the John Day River chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders.

The meeting will be held Wed. May 28 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Ione Rural Dist. building in Ione.

Lynch will talk about the Wheeler Point fire and what is being done to protect the fish habitat in that area, and Sanchez will give an overview of the forest fisheries resources and programs. He will also address the rehabilitation work on the North Fork of the John Day River. Slides will be part of the program.

After the presentation the chapter will hold its regular meeting. All those interested in Steelhead fishing and Steelhead enhancement are invited to attend.



Fishing at Bull Prairie Lake

Photo by Lindsey Waterland

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HHS students plan college careers

By Lonnie Rill

Another year comes to a close at Heppner High School and it is time for the class of 1997 to take flight and figure out what comes next in their path of life. For some, to work they will go, but others will continue their education. Some plan to travel abroad to schools but most are sticking somewhat close to home.

There are many different kind of majors planned and different reasons for choosing colleges. Schools from Idaho, Mt. Hood Community College, Blue Mt. Community College and Eastern Oregon State College are some that have been selected by this year's seniors. Even more different majors are anticipated by the students

including: helicopter mechanics, electrical engineering, criminal justice, accounting, physical therapy, business administration, pre-med, ag-business, engineering, civil drafting technology, journalism and broadcasting.

Students say there are two main reasons for picking their colleges--friends and money. Most of the students at Heppner chose certain schools because they are close to home.

The class of 1997 will hold their graduation exercises at Heppner High School on Saturday, May 31, at 7 p.m. in the gym. Master of ceremonies will be Principal Ron Anthony.

Baccalaureate service will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner, Tuesday, May 27, at 7 p.m.

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Winners of the 1997 Bank of Eastern Oregon Agriculture/Business Scholarships are Toni Kemp and Brent Gunderson of Heppner, Dawn Peterson of Fossil and Karen Burrows of Condon, bank president George Koffler has announced.

Toni Kemp from Heppner High School (HHS) has had a varied high school career which includes Future Farmers of America, National Honor Society, participation in sports as well as student government. She will graduate near the top of her class with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.96. Toni intends to pursue a career in international agribusiness marketing. She will attend the University of Idaho at Moscow in the fall to start her college career.

Brent Gunderson, also from HHS, is the student body treasurer this year. Brent has been selected to play in the 1997 Shrine football game and was a standout in football during his high school career. He also was very active in National Honor Society and student council, as well as lettering in varsity golf four years in a row. Brent will be majoring in accounting next year at Eastern Oregon State University (EOSU).

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Green fields, fragrant lilacs, a sunset from the porch, fantastic hors d'oeuvres, great hosts, and good company contributed to an enjoyable Business After Hours at TKO, Thompson-Krein Outdoors. Twenty plus toured the Balm Fork lodge facility (a great spot for reunions), learned about the hunting/recreation business and vied for the coveted door prize of a digital PCS phone donated by AT&T Wireless Services. Lucky winner was Sharia Snider of Gardner's Men's Wear.

This is it folks! Downtown business owners, managers, and interested persons need to mark their calendars for an informative meeting with ODOT, the Main Street contractor, and the city, Thursday, May 22, at p.m. at the Heppner Ranger District. The project is going to kick off in June.

Chamber is working on a "bite your tongue" contract whereby all agree not to complain about dirt, dust and inconvenience during the coming months and to focus their vision on the summer of '98. Who knows, some sort of warrant might be issued for anyone caught grousing about the situation with a fine going to a new Christmas decoration fund or for the "soon to be" Chamber Ambassadors". Just an idea for discussion. We're open for suggestions, as long as they're fun.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Obstacles are things a person sees when he takes his eyes off the goal."



Brent Gunderson

with an eye on becoming a certified public accountant in the future.

Dawn Peterson of Wheeler County High School has been involved in athletics, National Honor Society and student government during her high school career. She plans to study psychology and agriculture in college next year.

Karen Burrows from Condon High School was a student body treasurer and active in National Honor Society this year. She was also active in her church and athletics, while posting a GPA of 3.97 for her high school career. Karen's plans are to major in business management and minor in accounting at EOSU. She would like to own her own title



Toni Kemp

company in the future.

"The board of directors and manager of the bank feel strongly that education is a vital element in today's society," Koffler said. "We feel good about helping our local young people to get started in professional fields that are relevant to our local economy."

The contest was open to graduating seniors of Heppner, Ione, Arlington, Condon, Fossil and Spray high schools. This marks the fourth year that the bank has presented the \$500 scholarships. Scholarship winners must plan to enroll in agricultural or business courses. Judging was based on scholarship, leadership and citizenship. The application also included an essay, "What is the major problem facing agriculture/the U.S. economy in the 1990s."

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