

STARS new program in schools Corps to test flood warning system



STARS students: Back row (L-R): Amelia Peck, Brad Burrig, Kristina Powell; Front (L-R): Rhonda Wilhelm, Salli McElligott and Colin McElligott. Not pictured-Adam McCabe and Adam Neiffer.

By Nova Rietmann
STARS (Students Today Aren't Ready for Sex) is a fairly new program in Oregon's schools. Its main purpose is to decrease teen pregnancy. This new program is taught along with the regular sex education program in the schools. The STARS program is based upon the nationally known Postponing Sexual Involvement (PSI) model developed by Dr. Marion Howard of Emory University and Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

The STARS program is unique and is one part of Oregon's "Action Agenda" to reduce teen pregnancy. It's taught to sixth and seventh graders by high school students who have been chosen as mentors.

The program was initiated in Multnomah County in 1995 as a pilot project and now has reached 17,500 students in 18 of Oregon's 36 counties and has been taught by almost 830 teen mentors. It hopes to reach teens before they become sexually active, and to teach them how to identify and resist pressures that lead them into sexual involvement.

So far the program seems to be highly effective in Morrow County Schools. The students are positively responding to the program and the teen leaders are gaining experience by helping out in teaching the younger students. "It's a lot better than the other program," say ninth graders who have been in the STARS program. "Everyone paid more attention to what was being taught because it wasn't some teacher up there, it was a high schooler."

Barb Peterson, counselor at Heppner and Lone schools, is excited about the continuation of the program, and is looking for more teen leaders to teach it. So far she is elated about how the program is working in the schools, and how it is effecting the students. Peterson says as long as the program receives support and encouragement, it will stay in Oregon's schools as a way to educate students.

If you are interested in becoming a teen leader contact Barbara Hayes at Heppner High School or Barb Peterson at Lone High School.

Corps to test flood warning system

At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25, the Army Corps of Engineers will test Heppner's flood warning system. Two sirens will sound a loud, continuous tone sometime between 10 a.m. and noon. Residents of Heppner and the surrounding area are encouraged to pay attention to the sound of the siren, but will not be required to do anything else during this test, said a Corps news release.

In a real emergency, the Corps personnel will monitor the numerous precipitation and stream gauges in the Heppner area. When flooding is likely, 911 dispatchers will receive an alert from these gauges. Emergency personnel will be sent to check for signs of flooding. Dispatchers will sound the sirens if flooding is reported as imminent.

When activated, the sirens will sound a tone that lasts several minutes. If you hear this long warning tone, do not wait for instructions. Go to higher ground immediately and proceed to one of the following Heppner rallying points: Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, 171 West Linden Way; the Morrow County Courthouse annex, 150 Rock Street; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facility on Access

Road; or Heppner High School, West Morgan Street.

The Corps advises that you determine which rally point you will use in an emergency and do not cross a stream to get there. For more information, call Morrow County Emergency Management, 676-5161.

In 1903, the most devastating flash flood in Oregon history killed 250 people in Heppner. Today, Heppner has a sophisticated flash flood alerting system, but that is not the case everywhere, says a news release from Morrow County Emergency Management (MCEM) office.

Flash floods often occur in mountain canyons and valleys. Flash floods can pick up cars, campers and mobile homes, roll large boulders and topple trees. Roads and bridges can be destroyed quickly.

MCEM says that the National Weather Service will use specific words to alert you: a "flash flood watch" means there may be flooding. Stay alert. Watch for thunderstorms. Keep an eye on rivers and streams. If they rise, don't wait, get to high ground. A "flash flood warning" means there is flooding. Go to a safe area on high ground.

MCEM gives the following advice about what to do in a flash flood: in town, keep away from storm drains and streams. In the suburbs and rural areas, don't let children play in irrigation ditches, dry stream beds or other waterways. Shallow water can get deep and dangerous fast.

If you are camping, whenever it rains and whenever there is thunder and lightning, keep a bat-

tery-powered radio tuned to the news. If you learn a flood is coming or even suspect one is on the way, act fast. Move to high ground immediately.

Know where there is high ground and how to get there. Make plans. Be ready to go. Sec-

onds count. When authorities tell you to leave, don't wait, go.

If you are in a car, watch for flooding at bridges and dips in the road.

At night, you can't see the dangers of flooding. Don't drive through running water.

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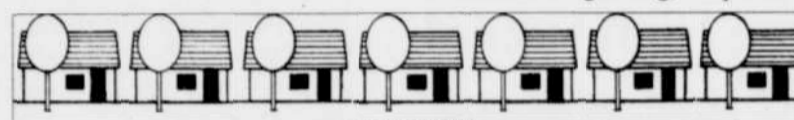
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The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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HHS lists first quarter honor roll

Heppner High School has announced its 1997-98 first quarter honor roll. Honor roll includes grade point averages from 3.33-4. Honorable mention includes GPAs from 3.-3.32. Following are the students who qualify:

Seniors: honor roll-Petra Elguezabal, Jonas Healy, Joshua Roy, Genny Sneddon; honorable mention-Christopher Anthony, Mindy Binschus, Maci Childers, Adam Doherty, Emmet Evans, Jayme Hansen, Miles Hill, Annie Hisler, Katie Nichols, Josie Proctor, Jessica VanWinkle, Travis Wilhelm.

Juniors: honor roll-Tim Dickenson 4., Jill Barber, Brooke Boyer, Maja Dietiker, Kathleen Greenup, Jaclynn Hughes, Shane Matheny, Sarah Monahan; honorable mention-Blas Elguezabal, Derek Gunderson, Janelle Healy, Christine Kenny, Brian Knowles, Bobbie Rankin, Riley Tingue.

Sophomores: honor roll-Trisha Adams, Lindsay Greif, Casey Ingraham and Ashley Ropp, all 4., Stephanie Clough, Jeff Currin, Leah Denton, Abby Kahl, Mitch Mathews, Laurie Michael, Corey Miller, Kimberly Pointer, Macy Rhea, Michael Schonbachler, Heidi Turrell, Matthew Van Liew; honorable mention-Cody Bellamy, Joseph Bourrie, Chris Bowman, Amy Drake, Kristen Marshall, Justin Nelson, Amy Papineau, Darrin Ployhar, Tracy Rankin, Jacob Roy, Luiza Saenz, Jeffrey Sneddon, Allison Sykes. **Freshmen:** honor roll-Amber

Flaiz, Marissa McCabe, Danielle McDowell, Craig Scott, Amanda Sneddon, Scott VanWinkle, Lindsey Ward; honorable mention-Krista Adams, Elizabeth Baker, Kelli Bates, Sarah Eckman, Sanjuanita Elguezabal, Blake Knowles, Tara Ozment, Melinda Smith.

Eighth grade: honor roll-Jonathan Bennett, Jessica Gutierrez and Shelley Rietmann, all 4., Meghan Bailey, Brett Barber, Bradley Bowman, Jodie Carlson, Stefan Matheny, Michael McCabe, Julie Proctor, Leland Rill, Brian Rust, Paula Spicerkuhn, Molly Turrell, Samuel Van Liew; honorable mention-Claire Anderson, Travis Bellamy, Kevin Drake, Tasha Hollis, Heidi Kurts, Angela Moore, David Norton, Walter Olson, Tammy Smith.

Seventh grade: honor roll-Sally Calvert, Clayton Henderson, Daniel Jepsen, Conor Kilkenny, Lacey Matteson, Marcy Miller, Douglas Orwick, Ashley Ward; honorable mention-Bradly Adams, Tracy Baker, Dawn De Boer, Cindy Gall, Rachel Howard, Sibbea Jones, Jesse Kempas, Nicole Wilson.

Births

Justin Michael Snyder-a son Justin Michael was born to Nikki McKee and Michael Ray Snyder Jr. of Irrigon on November 6, 1997 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

There were 69 present for the senior dinner Nov. 12 and 11 meals were home delivered. Members of the Christian Life Center Church served. The Senior Center Board meeting was postponed. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

The menu for the birthday dinner Nov. 26. will be salmon puffs, parsleyed potatoes, peas, fruit salad, rolls and cookies. Members of the Catholic Church will serve. Don Thorndike, director of the RSV, will be present for the dinner.

Twenty people were present for the breakfast Friday, Nov. 14, and four meals were taken out.

The menu for Friday, Nov. 21, will be french toast, sausage, hot and cold cereal, orange juice, milk and coffee. There will be no breakfast Nov. 28.

The Senior Center office will probably be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28. This is not definite yet.

The seniors extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Bill Cox. He was a very active volunteer of the senior center for years and will be greatly missed by everyone.

One table of pinocle was in play Friday afternoon. There was no Sunday movie. It has been so cold in the sitting room, that the movie will be in the Struthers' apartment Sunday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m.

Eleanor Gonty has been confined to her home since breaking two bones in her ankle. We wish her a speedy recovery. We miss her here at the center.

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4. All entrants, by entering the parade, agree to maintain suitable insurance which will respond on their behalf and on behalf of the Parade sponsors, for any injury or damage caused by the entrant.
5. The entrant also agrees they are participating in the parade at their own risk and agree to hold the Parade sponsors harmless for any injury or damage which might occur.
6. NO candy is to be thrown from vehicles during the parade.

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Turn in forms at the Gazette-Times, Murray Drugs, or Van Marter & Kahl Insurance. Preregistration recommended but not required.