

Senator Ron Wyden visited Heppner Sunday



U.S. Senator Ron Wyden made clear his support of environmental issues Sunday, when he visited Heppner on one stop of his swing through Eastern Oregon. Wyden, seen here visiting with Meg Murray of Heppner, said everyone is going to have to give up something in order to boost salmon runs on the Columbia River. And also said the best way to fight global warming is to plant more trees.

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Morrow SWCD to hold meeting

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Monday, Jan. 12 at 3 p.m. at the co-generation plant in Boardman. Agenda items include Natural Resource Conservation Service report, manager report, election of officers, plan annual meeting, agency reports, and other business.

The public is invited to attend.

MC Tourism meeting slated for Jan. 21

The quarterly Morrow County Tourism committee meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 4 p.m. at the Morrow County Museum in Heppner. Agenda items include: sharing county submissions to Oregon Tourism Commission Small Grants Program; an overview of Heppner web site/tourism benefits by Dave Sykes; distribution of the 1998 County Community Event Calendar; developing a distribution plan for the newly revised and printed

Morrow County Tourism Brochure, and other items.

Future meeting dates of the tourism committee for 1998 are April 15, July 15 and September 16. Community representatives, visitor-related businesses and interested individuals are invited to participate. For information about the Morrow County Tourism Committee, contact Carol Michael, 1998 committee chair, at 481-9457.

Regional Strategies to hear many grant requests

The North Central Oregon Regional Strategies will hold a board meeting Thursday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Gilliam County Fairgrounds in Condon.

Included on the agenda are grant requests for the following projects: Western Juniper Industry, North Gilliam County industrial park, Gilliam County lease to own program, Grant County fire radio communication enhancement, Grant County fairgrounds improvements, Boardman Park and Rec. development projects, Morrow County Fair multi-purpose building, Sherman County economic development program, The Dalles airport, Wasco County public transportation, Haven house retirement center, and the Wheeler County community tourism.

Softball clinic slated Jan. 24&25

A softball clinic for girls will be held in Hermiston on Jan. 24 and 25.

Cost for the clinic is \$50 with advanced registration and \$60 the day of the clinic. During the clinic the girls will be instructed in throwing, defense, infield, outfield & catching, base running, bunting, slapping and hitting. Called the Elite softball clinic, one of the instructors, Tom Bequette, has an impressive history of softball instruction.

Bequette, who lives in Hermiston, managed the 1997 Oregon State ASA 14 and under championship team. His teams are the winners of seven 14 and under tournaments including the regional ASA championships, and he also took the Hermiston Hornets to the National World Series. Bequette is currently the co-head coach of the Tri-City Ace's which last year finished seventh in the National World Series. In 1996-97 he worked with the 1996 Olympic coach and he was recently asked to apply for the National Advanced Hitting Clinic to be held in Atlanta, GA in 1998.

The Hermiston clinic will be held at the Sandstone Middle School, and will run from noon to 5 p.m. on Jan. 24, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 25. The Saturday session will be throwing and defense, and the Sunday session will be hitting. (The first quarter of the SuperBowl will be shown during this session for parents interested in watching.)

Anyone wishing to register, or for more information, can contact Bequette at 567-2939.

Town and Country Banquet, Jan. 15

Heppner Chamber of Commerce's annual Town and Country Banquet will be held Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club and will include a dinner serenade by "Absolutely Nobody," a vocal quartet. Members Joe Lindsay, Jeremy Miller, Tom Phelan and Rick Pullen will perform doo-wop, pop, country and classic tunes. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.

Following dinner, more entertainment will be provided by "The Slob Sisters," the crowning of the Morrow County Oregon Trail Pro-Rodeo Court and the announcement of the Man, Woman, Educator and Business of the Year.

Tickets are \$15 each and are being pre-sold at the Chamber of Commerce office, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Murray Drugs, Klammath First Federal and the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Chamber annual luncheon, Jan. 13

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon will be held Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the All Saints' Episcopal Church Parish at noon. This year's theme is "Celebrate Heppner."

An Italian luncheon buffet will be catered by Kate's, and will be \$6 each.

It will be an opportunity to meet the new board of directors, and enjoy the sound of "Flute Q." The winners of the Hat's Off, Lifetime Achievement and luxury vacation drawing will be announced.

Everyone is invited to attend. Attendees are asked to RSVP by Friday, Jan. 9, to the Chamber at 676-5536.



And the snow came. Kiel Johnson, 9, of Heppner took advantage of the snowfall this week to construct, with the help of his sister Ariel, 11, a snow dragon on Gale street.

HCC meeting slated for Jan. 20

Heppner Coordinating Council will hold its January meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Forest Service building.

The council will be discussing the Heppner Strategic Plan and reviewing with the major participants the goals and projects within the plan.

The public is invited to attend.

MCCBW Seminar to be held Jan. 29

The Morrow County Columbia Basin Wheat Seminar will be held Thursday, Jan. 29, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Lone Grange.

The morning program will be the taped presentation of the Columbia Basin teleconference. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the Grange and will require pre-registration.

The afternoon program will

include presentations from representatives of DEQ, OSU Columbia Basin Research Center and OSU Extension faculty.

Pesticide credits will be available for the afternoon session.

Cost is \$10 for the entire day (including lunch), or \$5 for the afternoon session. For the lunch, RSVP by Friday, Jan. 23 to the Morrow County Extension office at 676-9642 or 1-800-342-3664.

Lindsay baby first of 1998

Kaelyn Rose Lindsay was the first baby born in 1998 at the Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. Kaelyn was born on Friday, January 2 at 5:22 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Kaelyn is the daughter of Barney and Kim Lindsay of Lexington.

As the first baby of the new year, Kaelyn will receive many donated gifts and gift certificates from area merchants.

ASSE seeks host families/students

The ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE) is seeking local host families for boys and girls from Scandinavia, West and Eastern Europe, Asia, South America, Mexico, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, 15-18 years of age, for the upcoming high school year.

The selected exchange students speak English, and want to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their host family, said an ASSE news release.

The students are sponsored by ASSE, a nonprofit, public benefit organization, founded by the Swedish Ministry of Education. The students are screened and qualified by ASSE.

ASSE is also seeking high school students to live abroad. Those persons interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family or becoming an exchange student should contact ASSE's local representative Cathy Halvorsen at 422-7107, or call 1-800-733-2773.

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