

HHS FFA holds awards dessert

The Heppner High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held their annual dessert on May 6 at the high school.

The following 1999-2000 Heppner FFA officers were installed: president-Stanley Cutsforth, vice president-Katie Sherritt, secretary-Corey Miller, treasurer-Ann Shear, reporter-Josh Hill and sentinel-Jeff Currin.

The 1998-99 Greenhand awards went to Scott VanWinkle, Brian Sweeney and Ann Shear. Katie Sherritt and Brian

Knowles were named the 1998-99 Chapter Farmers and Kristi Worden was named the 1998-99 State Farmer.

HHS Principal Ron Anthony received the Honorary Chapter Farmer award.

Four students, Stanley Cutsforth, Brian Knowles, Katie Sherritt and Brian Sweeney, were honored for planting trees for the Morrow County Museum Commission and two students, Cutsforth and Sweeney, welded and constructed the safety railing for the HHS baseball field.

FFA advisor is Lynn Harmonson.



Lynn Harmonson (left), Kristi Worden



Lynn Harmonson, Ron Anthony



Lynn Harmonson, Katie Sherritt



Lynn Harmonson, Brian Sweeney and Scott VanWinkle

County Court meets

The public works director presented the following report at the Morrow County Court meeting on May 5:

-Illnesses have delayed work. Replacement of the Valby bridge with a multi-plate culvert will cost about \$ 100,000, compared to \$775,000 for a similar project by the state. The questions surrounding improvements/easements to California Avenue will be further addressed at a later date. Plans exist to reconvene the Airport Commission.

The court heard an update on the Docken Building; appointed two additional members to the Prevention Team and discussed school security; approved workmen's comprehensive insurance coverage for volunteers of the "Down by the River Side" clean-up project.

The court agreed to the sending of a letter to the Army about impact fees and discussed with the planning director and the director of Emergency Management, the DEQ, Army, Raytheon and other agencies' most recent input on the depot project.

The juvenile director reported receiving five applications to serve on the Youth Accountability Board and described what the responsibilities of the board will be. She also described the scholarship program under development.

The public health director reported communicating with the Oregon Health Division about health monitoring on and around the Army depot. She also reported numbers and demographics of visits to date for family planning services. In response to her questions, the court clarified that they support a youth accountability board, not a peer court and have reservations about the "Reward and Remind Program". The director noted some proposed legislative changes concerning authority of the Commission on Children and Families, over programs administered by other agencies, suggested support of continued local control and suggested scrutiny of the proposed Healthy Start program.

In response to news that a private operator of a domestic violence shelter is looking for a site in the west end of Umatilla County or in Morrow County, the court declined to donate land.

The court voted - subject to seeing that the scope of the work is complete enough to be of value-to contribute \$500 from discretionary tippage fees toward a \$2,500 demographic survey of the labor force in Willow Creek Valley, Ione, Heppner, OEDD, and the Port of Morrow will also contribute to this gathering of statistics by Elesco.

The planning director volunteered to compile a checklist of responsibilities regarding an Ione-Boardman road easement agreement. The court, though not willing to commit resources toward building the road and aware of the question of feasibility because of the sensitive ground squirrel issue, agrees that an easement agreement is important.

The planning director noted what she sees as a clear tie between what the county's impact aid is designed to be used for and the governor's livability initiative, which includes housing, transportation, growth management, and infrastructure needs.

Jack and Jill set at WCCC

Willow Creek Country Club golfers will hold a Jack and Jill mini-tournament on Friday, May 14 at 6 p.m.

Play will involve men and women in a nine-hole modified couples-type of play with the format determined by the committee in charge. Prizes will be awarded for low scores and special events. The charge will be \$3 per couple for members and \$10 per couple for non-members.

Light snacks will be provided by the committee in charge.

Hosts of the event are Bob and George Nairs, Jeff and Missy Cutsforth and Clyde and Jackie Allstott.

Twin city search deadline one month away

With approximately one month remaining before the June 17 deadline, no one has yet offered an entry in the "Ga Baile" Heppner's twin city contest.

According to Doris Brosnan, originator of the contest, some people have been working on the Internet and have ordered reference materials through the library, but finding the elusive "twin city" for Heppner, they say, is proving more difficult than they had expected.

One suggestion is to work with local librarians, who have experience with research. Another suggestion is to talk with school staff. A check on the Internet, using Ireland + small towns, has produced some site and search engine suggestions: "The Swift Guide to Ireland" (swift.kema.ie); isis.ie/alternative-ireland (includes a site that alphabetically lists Irish towns); altavista.com/cgi-bin; iol.ie/@discover/ietowns; cork-

guide.ie; Excite; Hotbot. For each of these suggestions, however, someone has probably found equally helpful Internet tools.

Entries should be turned in at Twice upon a time..., next to city hall, by June 17. Whoever first enters the name of the winning Irish community, selected by the Heppner City Council, will win \$75.

"This June 17 deadline will allow time for the council's selection, contact with the representatives of that Irish community and set-up of the cooperative relationship before the July 30 "Celebrate Heppner" event," said Brosnan. Should the chosen community decline Heppner's invitation, time would still allow contact(s) with an alternative community (communities) for a "twin." Should this occur, the person who first submitted the name of the eventual "twin-city" will receive \$50.

The simple rules of the contest are available at Twice upon a time... and at the businesses that display the "Ga Baile" Contest posters.

Charity McElligott 1A VB coach of the year



Charity McElligott

Ione High School volleyball coach Charity McElligott has been named Oregon Coach of the Year for 1A volleyball.

Fifty Oregon coaches have been named Coach of the Year for their respective sports and classification for the 1998-99 year. These coaches have all earned this honor by their "outstanding achievements and coaching performances."

The coaches were selected through the sports committee of the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association and voted on by

HES kindergarten registration set

Heppner Elementary School will have kindergarten visitation from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 20.

Children should plan on staying for lunch. Lunch is available at a cost of \$1.50 each. (The cost was incorrectly printed as \$1.75 in last week's Gazette.)

A parent meeting will be held from 12:30-1 p.m.

Parents should bring a birth certificate, Social Security number and immunization record for their child.

Call Heppner Elementary, 676-9128, to sign up.

ITALIAN DINNER
 Monday, May 17th at Beecher's Cafe, Ione
 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. seating
 Adults-\$8; 12 years & under-\$4; preschool-free
 Reservations by advance ticket sales, please
 Lasagna, Spaghetti and Chicken Cacciatore
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