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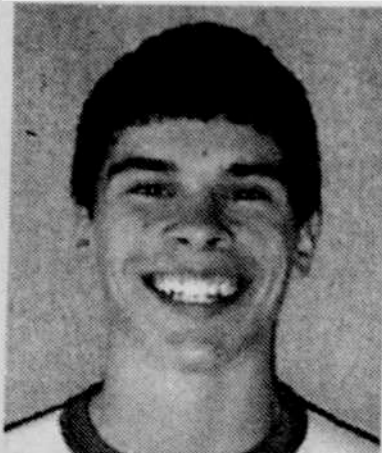
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## Ione track

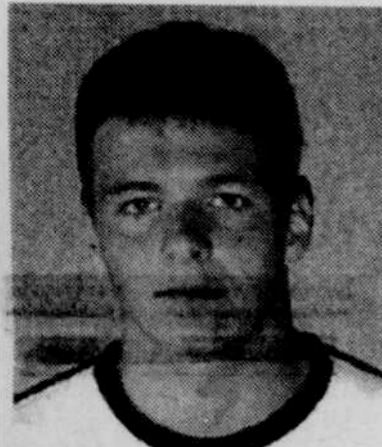
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**Brad Burright**

Ione freshman Brad Burright took two second-place awards, in high hurdles and the triple jump, was sixth in the intermediate hurdles and tied for seventh in the high jump.

Burright jumped 42'6-1/2" in the triple jump; ran 15.75 in the high hurdles, 44.17 in the 300 meter hurdles and jumped 5'8" in the high jump.



**Dan Scott**

Junior Dan Scott took sixth in the pole vault with a personal best at 12'; was eighth in the 200 meters with 24.29; and seventh in the 400 with 55.18. Scott was second in the pole vault last year with a jump of 11'10".



**Ryan Bennetto**

Senior Ryan Bennetto placed fifth this year in javelin, with a throw of 147'6".



**Cyndi Heagy**

Freshman Cyndi Heagy finished seventh in the state in the pole vault with a jump of 6'8" and was seventh in the 800 meters with a time of 2:44.31, both personal records.

## Local girl named award winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Shelley Rietmann from Heppner, has been named a United States National Award winner in mathematics. She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook, which is published nationally.

Rietmann, a freshman who attends Heppner High School, was nominated for this national award by Keelie Keown, a math teacher at the school. The Academy selects winners based upon the recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the Academy.

Rietmann is the daughter of Mark and Tami Rietmann from Heppner. Her grandparents are Bill Rietmann of Ione and Don and Pat Anderson of Arlington.

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## Barber Lions scholarship winner



**Jill Barber**

The Heppner Lions Club has named Jill Barber, a senior at Heppner High School, as the recipient of the annual Lions Club scholarship.

Barber, the 18-year-old daughter of Don and Judy Barber, Heppner, will receive the award at the graduation exercises this Saturday.

During her high school career, Barber has achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.85.

She been a member of National Honor Society three years, student council, Wildhorse Club, varsity volleyball, basketball and golf, all for four years, and Oregon Student Safety on the Move for two years.

She has participated in the Knowledge Master and has been in the Talented and Gifted program for two years. She received the American Citizenship Award her freshman, sophomore and junior years.

Barber has been active in 4-H sheep and 4-H photography clubs for the past eight years and the Wrangler Riding Club for the past 13 years.

She plans to attend Eastern Washington University at Cheney this fall.

The Heppner Lions Club consists of local men and women "dedicated to bettering the lives of our youth and families," said Lion Lea Calvert.

Through the annual fireworks booth, the Ruger Rifle Raffle and previous creek cleaning, Lions have provided eye and hearing exams and scholarships for high school seniors.

The Lions will hold their 25th anniversary charter night on Thursday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

The community is invited to come and learn more about the Lions Club.

Anyone who would like to attend may call Dick Paris, 676-5852, or Steve Rhea, 676-9922 or 676-9113 (work).

## BEO Bancorp holds annual meeting

BEO Bancorp, the parent company of Bank of Eastern Oregon, with offices in Heppner, Ione, Condon, Arlington, Boardman and Irrigon, held its annual meeting in Lexington on March 31.

The highlight of the meeting was an announcement from Chief Executive Officer and President George Koffler that there would be a stock dividend paid in April, 1999, of two shares for each share that each stockholder now owns. This move was made to bring the stock price down to allow continued liquidity of the shares and to reward the loyal group of stockholders that the bank has, according to a bank news release.

Directors George Koffler, Bill Jaeger from Condon and Don Bristow from Ione were reelected to three-year terms. New directors, Gary Neal and Don Eppenbach, were elected to a two-year term and a one-year term respectively.

Koffler reviewed the financial highlights of 1998 with a net income of \$739,426, a return on average assets of 1.46 one of the major highlights.

This was the third most profitable year in the bank's history, according to the release, and continues a string of five years of improved record profitability.

## FFA holds spring barbecue

**From the Heppner FFA Club**

The Heppner FFA held its annual spring barbecue for the seventh and eighth graders and high school staff on May 19.

Various people from the SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) office and the Extension office attended. FFA served a total of 112 people. President Kristy Worden said of the banquet, "It went over well. Most people seemed to enjoy themselves." Corey Miller, vice president, said "It was very smoky but I enjoyed the food." Josh Hill, treasurer, commented, "It was good. I liked the food, but there wasn't quite enough for me."

## Engagement Anderson - Stewart



**Susan Stewart and Andrew Anderson**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wagner of Roseville, California, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynette Stewart, to Andrew William Anderson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Anderson of Lexington.

The bride is a graduate of San Juan High School and is attending Western Baptist College in Salem, majoring in elementary education. The groom is a graduate of Ione High School and is attending Western Baptist College also, majoring in computer science.

A July 31st wedding is planned in Roseville, California. A reception will be held August 14 at 7 p.m. at the Lexington Baptist Church for those wishing to meet the new couple.

## Obituary

**Berl E. Akers**

Berl E. Akers, 84, of Ione, died Saturday, May 22, 1999 at Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles.

The funeral for Mr. Akers will be 1 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 1999 at the Ione American Legion Hall with concluding services and burial at High View Cemetery at Ione.

He was born May 16, 1915, to Ralph and Hester Ball Akers, in the family home at Gooseberry near Ione. When he was a year old, the family moved to Ione where he grew up and attended public schools, graduating from Ione High School in 1934. While at school, he participated in all sports.

After graduation he worked on his father's farm and for other area ranchers. He continued in sports, playing baseball on various town teams.

On September 5, 1936, he married Margaret P. Elvy, at Walla Walla, Washington. Following their marriage, the couple rented the family ranch in the Gooseberry area, later purchasing the place from Mr. Akers' father. He farmed that ranch and other property in the area until 1969 when the couple moved into Ione.

He served on the Ione School Board for many years. He was active in grange work and was a Grange Insurance agent for approximately 30 years. During his years of service with the grange, he held various offices with the Willows Grange, the Morrow County Pomona Grange and the Oregon State Grange. He was also a member of the national grange.

He was a member of the Ione Masonic Lodge and the Ione Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Margaret, of Ione; sons, Robert of Gresham and William of Portland; daughter, Bonnie Linnell of The Dalles; sisters Hazel Miller of Boardman and Bertha Heald of Scottsdale, Arizona; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by son, Berl Jr., and brothers Wilber, Kenneth and Elvy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

## Edible flowers Garden Club topic

"Edible Flowers for the Gourmet Buffet" will be the program topic for Heppner Garden Club, Monday, June 7. LaLanni Matzen, of Umatilla, "well-known for this unusual program," will be

the guest speaker.

The club will meet first for a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. New officers will also be installed.

The public is invited to attend.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

Ninety-one were present for the senior dinner May 19 and 20 meals were home delivered. Members of the Episcopal Church served. Blood pressures were taken before the meal. The menu for dinner June 2 will be barbecued ribs, baked potatoes, beets, rolls and cherry cobbler. Serving hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m.. Members of the Seventh-day Adventist and Nazarene churches will assist.

The Nutrition Site Committee will meet at 1 p.m.. Hearing aid assistance will be given at 10 a.m. and blood pressures taken at 11 a.m.

Pinochle was played Tuesday and Friday afternoons and bingo Friday evening. The senior bus, with eight passengers, made a country tour Friday, stopping at Beecher's for lunch. They went to the Wells Springs and emigrant cemetery area as well as some old schools and many other interesting old farms and buildings. Gerald Bergstrom was the driver.

The next bus trip is to Monument June 8, leaving Heppner at 8:30 a.m.

PLAN ON ATTENDING  
**1st Annual PIONEER FLEA MARKET  
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MAY 29, 30, 31**  
to be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds  
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\*Agriculture Collection:  
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Elevator on Riverside

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