

Elks scholarship winners announced

The Heppner Elks Lodge recently selected the winners of the Elks Most Valuable Student scholarship contest. Winners are Tim Dickenson, Katie Tworek, Jill Barber, Brooke Boyer, Kathleen Greenup, Jaci Hughes, Jessica Krebs and Bobbie Rankin.

Students from the south Morrow County area were eligible to apply. Each student submitted a brochure outlining their goals and achievements. Judging was based on academic excellence, leadership and financial need.

Tim Dickenson, Heppner High School, and Katie Tworek, Ione

High School, were awarded \$700 each for first place.

Second place recipients were Jill Barber and Brooke Boyer, both from HHS, for \$300 each.

Receiving scholarships of \$100 were Bobbie Rankin, Kathleen Greenup and Jaci Hughes, all from HHS, and Jessica Krebs, Ione.

The first place winners advanced to the district contest which was held at the Milton-Freewater Elks Lodge, where they competed with the most valuable students from the other nine lodges in the northeast district. Tworek placed third at the district contest and was awarded an additional \$1,200.

Spring burning to begin

The North Fork John Day Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest anticipates spring burning to begin within the next two weeks.

Spring burning has been delayed this season due to heavy snowpack in the burn areas and the series of wet storms this spring that have not allowed forest fuels to dry sufficiently.

The district will implement both natural fuel reduction projects (underburns) designed to reduce accumulated debris under Ponderosa pine and mixed conifer stands and activity fuel reduction projects (broadcast and jackpot burns) designed to reduce debris created during logging and other forest activities.

The district plans approximately 5500 acres of natural fuels burns, including burns both north and south of Nelson Meadows (located 10 miles east of Ukiah), in the Divide Wells area (located eight miles west of Ukiah), and in the Bone Point area (located just

west of Dale). Between 700 and 1500 acres of activity slash will be burned this spring depending upon burning conditions.

Activity fuels will be treated in the Pearson Creek area (10-15 miles northeast of Ukiah). In the areas between Granite Meadows and Nelson Meadows, in the Turner Basin area (located eight miles east of Dale), and north of Indian Creek (located eight miles south of Dale).

The district will notify local communities that may be affected by smoke on the day prior to or day of the burn.

As always the district will strive to minimize adverse smoke impacts by monitoring weather conditions and coordinating with Oregon Department of Forestry meteorologists to select optimal burn conditions for smoke dispersal, said a Umatilla Nation Forest news release.

For more information on these burns, contact the North Fork John Day Ranger District at (541) 427-3231.

Free fishing days for kids

In celebration of National Fishing Week, June 5-13, the USDA Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region, along with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, have adopted the concept of free fishing for specified days during that week.

Free fishing days offered this year are Saturday and Sunday, June 12-13 in Oregon and Washington and all four Ranger Districts on the Umatilla National Forest are planning free events in conjunction with National Fishing Week.

Children participating in these events must be accompanied by an adult and need to bring their own fishing gear.

The Heppner Ranger District's "Kids' Fishing Derby" is set for June 13 at Willow Creek Reservoir. Derby hours are from 1-5 p.m. for children 12 and under. Prizes will be awarded to age groups 0-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12 years old for the biggest fish caught in the bass, trout, and sunfish categories.

The Lions Club, BASS Club, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Heppner Ranger District and Northwest Steelheaders are sponsors of the event.

Pop will be provided. "This annual derby promises to be a memorable time for the young and old alike," said a news release. Prizes will be donated by local merchants and clubs.

For more information, call (541) 676-9187.

The North Fork John Day District is sponsoring a "Kid's Fishing Derby" June 12 at Twin Ponds, located six miles south of Ukiah on Forest Road 52 (follow signs from Ukiah). Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the derby begins at 9 a.m.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and soda are provided for everyone who registers and participates in the derby. A special fly casting demonstration and "biggest fish" contest will also be held.

This event is sponsored by the Forest Service, Battle Mountain Amvets and Ladies Auxiliary, Blue Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and numerous businesses and individuals in Pendleton, Pilot Rock, and Ukiah.

For more information, call (541) 427-3231.

The Walla Walla Ranger District, along with the Tri-State

Steelheaders, Elks Club of Walla Walla, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Sportster will sponsor the Bennington Lake Kids' Fishing Derby for all kids 14 years old and under on June 13.

Bennington Lake is located two miles east of Walla Walla on Reservoir Road. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and Derby hours are from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructions and assistance will be provided by numerous volunteers.

Prizes will be awarded for catching tagged fish, litter pick-up bounty and casting contest. Hot dogs and pop are provided to all kids who register and participate.

For more information, call (509) 522-6042.

The Pendleton Kids' Fishing Derby will be held June 12 for all kids 14 years old or younger. The derby will take place along a two-mile stretch of the Umatilla River from the Highway 11 Bridge to the Highway 30 Bridge. Registration begins at 7 a.m. at Roy Raley Park. Derby hours are from 7 a.m. to noon and activities include a fishing contest, casting contest, litter pick-up bounty, assistance for first time anglers and free hot dogs and pop for all registered kids.

Sponsors include Trout Unlimited, Wildhorse Casino Resort, Pendleton Parks and Recreation, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Umatilla National Forest.

For more information call (541) 278-3716 or (509) 522-6042.

Red Cross chapter to meet

The annual meeting of the Umatilla County Chapter of American Red Cross is June 8 at Roosters Restaurant at 7 p.m.

Verona Lynam, the secretary of the Willamette Chapter and state council first vice chair, will be the guest speaker. She has many years of experience in Red Cross including volunteer and paid staff positions from local chapters to national.

Anyone interested in attending, RSVP to 276-1211.

Heppner FFA chapter winds up year's activities

The Heppner FFA Club started off the year by electing a new officer team at the end of the 1997-1998 school year. The new officer team consisted of Kristi Worden, president, Corey Miller, vice president, Scott Van Winkle, secretary, Josh Hill, treasurer, Jeff Currin, reporter, and Stan Cutsforth, sentinel.

The first activity of an FFA member was in the Morrow County Fair. Kristi Worden competed in swine showmanship where she won third place and also sold her market hog at the auction.

Heppner FFA showed many ag mechanics projects in the shop skills section. The FFA/Ag Department also had an informative table display in the building.

Their first activity as a group was on September 4, when they went to the Blue Mountain District FFA meeting where the new district FFA officer team was elected. Carrie Marcum from Stanfield was elected president, Kris Carroll from Milton-Freewater, vice president, Kristi Worden, secretary, Jenifer Freston from Athena Weston, treasurer, Amy Vanderplatt from Pendleton, reporter, Ashlee Weimar from Condon, sentinel, and Noah Newman from Hermiston, historian.

As school got underway, the FFA had its beginning-of-the-year barbecue and invited all of the staff, FFA members and students in an agriculture class. The officer team was introduced and a brief meeting was held to welcome everyone.

Around a week later, the officer team wore official dress to explain and promote FFA to the seventh and eighth graders. FFA members answered questions and talked about experiences to let them know what FFA offers.

The annual Blue Mountain District Leadership Camp was held up at Camp Elkana the third weekend of October. Although the Heppner Chapter Officer Team practiced "diligently" for the rituals contest, only Kristi Worden was able to attend the camp due to unfortunate circumstances. At the camp there were numerous officer workshops, icebreakers, and group activities including a dance, knowledge competition and rituals contest.

The week following District Leadership Camp two state FFA officers, Ben Harris, vice president, and Brett Jeter, sentinel, came to Heppner High School to promote FFA. They spoke to each ag class and visited with Principal Ron Anthony.

The Blue Mountain District FFA Soils Judging Contest was hosted by the Heppner FFA Chapter this year. Their official team consisted of Zack Acock, Ann Shear and Kristi Worden. Other participants from the Heppner FFA Chapter were Jeff Currin, Stan Cutsforth, Josh Hill, Tom Hines and Brian Sweeney.

The team earned second place out of the eight teams participating and the SWCD provided lunch out at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Sales and Services in Milton Freewater was their next district competition. Josh Hill and Kristi Worden attended. Josh sold elk meat and Kristi sold rope halters. Josh also participated in the customer service aspect of the competition, whereas Kristi participated in the advertising segment. Since there were not enough members from the Heppner FFA Chapter to form a team at this competition, they did not receive a placing, but Josh and Kristi "both did very well on individual levels," said a spokesperson.

For the first time in three years the Heppner FFA Chapter had a parliamentary procedure team at the district competition. Kristi Worden was the chair and the other officers participated in their designated areas. Overall they placed seventh in the advanced competition.

Stanley Cutsforth also participated in the advanced extemporaneous public speaking contest, placing fifth overall with his speech, "Work Experience in Our Public Schools Today."

BMCC offered a cattle pregnancy checking clinic that Kristi Worden and FFA advisor Lynn Harmonson attended. High school students from seven schools in the Blue Mountain

District attended. The clinic began with an introduction using diagrams and real reproductive tracts. Each student had a chance to test 16 cows.

The State FFA President JD Cant and Secretary Jared Kerr came to Heppner High School in early February to introduce themselves and then go out to Kristi Worden's farm to check out her SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience) project and interview her for a state FFA degree. She had taken a general knowledge test and had a leadership interview at Hermiston High School about two weeks earlier in preparation for the on-site interview.

During the state FFA convention, Heppner FFA members roomed with the Riverside FFA Chapter which included Josh Calhoun, Jason Strebin, Nichole Walker, Tio Warren and Hannah Young. Kristi Worden received a state FFA degree and also ran for a state FFA officer position. Josh Calhoun, Jason Strebin, and Nichole Walker also received their state degrees. Pam Worden went as the female chaperon as well as Mrs. Calhoun from Riverside. Harmonson and Mr. Danielson, advisors, also attended.

In April the local group had an FFA meeting to elect officers for the 1999-2000 year. The new officers are as follows: Stanley Cutsforth, president, Katie Sherritt, vice president, Corey Miller, secretary, Ann Shear, treasurer, Josh Hill, reporter, and Jeff Currin, sentinel.

The end of the year banquet was changed to an end of the year awards dessert. The new officers were installed and awards for the accomplishments

of the year were given.

The awards list is as follows. Receiving their Greenhand FFA degrees were Scott VanWinkle, Brian Sweeney and Ann Shear; chapter FFA degree-Katie Sherritt and Brian Knowles.; state FFA degree-Kristi Worden The Honorary Chapter Farmer was Ron Anthony. Stan Cutsforth, Brian Knowles, Katie Sherritt and Brian Sweeney received awards for planting trees for the Morrow County Museum Commission. Receiving awards for welding and construction of safety railing for the baseball field were Stan Cutsforth and Brian Sweeney. Harmonson presented Kristi Worden with an FFA retiring officer gavel. She recognized and thanked her officer team and advisor.

The third, fourth and seventh period ag classes went on the Morrow County Crop and Weed Tour. Kristi Worden, Corey Miller, Stan Cutsforth, Josh Hill, Mike Hougan, Matt Baker, Ann Shear and Cory Breeding were all in attendance. They looked at Bill Jepsen's crop experimental plots and listened to various speakers. A weed identification test was given by Dave Pranger in the shop at the Jepsen's residence. Lunch was served and Harmonson won a door prize of a five gallon bucket of Round-up.

The Heppner FFA hosted the annual end of the year FFA barbecue on May 19. All staff, seventh and eighth graders and ag students were invited. Representatives from the Soil and Water Conservation district, Janet Greenup and Merilee McDowell attended, as well as those from the OSU Extension Office, Bill Broderick, Charle Cundell and Katherine Kettel.

Irrigon juveniles suspects in vandalism

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has identified four Irrigon juveniles as suspects in the string of criminal mischief incidents that took place at Irrigon schools this last weekend.

Currently the juvenile males, one 16-year-old and three 15-year-olds will be charged with two counts each of Criminal Mischief in the first degree, one count each of Criminal Mischief in the second degree and two count each of Criminal Trespass in the second degree. Preliminary damage estimates are \$3,500 at A.C. Houghton School, an undetermined amount to Irrigon City Hall and \$1,300 in broken windows at the

Columbia Middle School in Irrigon.

Additional damage was done to vents and a satellite dish at Columbia Middle School for which damage estimates have not yet been received.

"Some good police work by sheriff's deputies and information from several Irrigon citizens is credited with helping in identifying the suspects in this case," said Morrow County Sheriff Verlin Denton. "The investigation into the criminal mischief at the Irrigon Marina and some broken vehicle windows during the same period of time is continuing by the Sheriff's Office."

Young Logging recognized

Bruce Young Logging of Heppner, has completed the requirements necessary for receipt of special recognition as an Oregon Professional Logger.

This designation recognizes those Oregon logging contractors who make a special effort to continue their professional education in selected aspects of the logging business, said a news release.

This new professional designation program is administered by AOL, a Salem based association and a national leader in logging industry education and training programs.

Commission seeks proposals

The Morrow County Commission on Children & Families is requesting proposals for projects and services to "enhance the welfare" of Morrow County Children and Families.

The anticipated allocation is approximately \$11,500. The projects must address at least one of the following areas: reduce child abuse; reduce teen pregnancy; increase the student retention (graduation) rate; reduce juvenile crime, reduce youth use of alcohol, tobacco, and/or illegal drugs; increase the number of women who receive adequate prenatal care; and increase the readiness of preschool children to enter

kindergarten. Accepted proposals will only be approved for one year. Proposal packets may be obtained by calling the commission office at 676-9675, by sending a written request to P.O. Box 544 or by coming to the office at 120 South Main, Heppner.

Completed proposals must be returned to the commission by noon, June 30 to be considered. For more information, contact Dar Merrill at 676-9675. The Morrow County Commission on Children & Families reserves the right to accept or reject any/all proposals and all proposals are subject to availability of funds.

Marketing group for women

If you are you interested in learning ways to make sense out of wheat marketing you are not alone. A Women's Marketing Group, sponsored by OSU Morrow County Extension will

meet June 8 at 1 p.m., at the Morrow County School District Office board room in Lexington. Women interested in learning more about today's agricultural markets are invited to attend.

MC Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists the following monthly schedule of blood pressures and immunizations:

Thursday, June 3-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, June 8-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, June 10-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Irrigon clinic, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Tuesday, June 15-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, June 17-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, June 22-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, June 24-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Irrigon clinic, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Tuesday, June 29-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

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Congratulations to the Heppner graduates. Jill Barber has served as HHS representative on the board of directors. Amber Peck contributed an hour a day to the Chamber this past term. Both are wished the very best. Chamber members have also enjoyed hearing from a student representative each month at the monthly business meetings. Heppner produces some great young adults.

David Gray, Century 21 Realty Specialist, and Jay Wheelhouse of Hermiston, a former Heppnerite, have recently joined the Chamber of Commerce. Welcome.

The Heppner merchants and the Chamber of Commerce are working together to create the second "Celebrate Heppner". Included in the July 30 event will be a sidewalk sale, children's games, and entertainment on the shamrock. It's a family affair. Mark your calendars now and invite friends and relatives to join us.

Coming up in June: "A Gathering In The Blues". Prepare to welcome many visitors in their buckskins as they head for the hills to experience a pre- 1840's rendezvous.

Sharon Harrison and Trish Sweeney joined me last week for a Chamber staff and volunteer training in Milton-Freewater. The group toured Sykes Enterprises Computer Technology and experienced some creative training ideas as well as ideas for taking some of the pressure off Chamber members' lives. Stay tuned. (We also volunteered Heppner to host next year's Eastern Oregon training.)

Thought for the week: "What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork. . ." Pearl Bailey

Weather Report

By the City of Heppner

For the month of May			
	High	Low	Precip.
5/1	72	48	.00
5/2	57	41	.13
5/3	53	42	.18
5/4	55	35	.04
5/5	51	33	.07
5/6	65	37	.00
5/7	74	33	.34
5/8	56	33	.03
5/9	51	34	.00
5/10	55	29	.00
5/11	62	36	.00
5/12	64	43	.01
5/13	59	36	.00
5/14	55	35	.00
5/15	56	38	T
5/16	59	37	.00
5/17	68	36	.03
5/18	65	50	.58
5/19	65	40	.01
5/20	67	44	.05
5/21	69	42	T
5/22	70	42	.00
5/23	76	43	.00
5/24	84	44	.00
5/25	91	54	.00
5/26	75	40	.00
5/27	75	45	.00
5/28	83	47	.00
5/29	78	50	.00
5/30	76	41	.00
5/31	75	48	.00