

Abby Kahl local Voice of Democracy winner

Senior Abby Kahl was selected the first place winner in the Voice of Democracy contest at Heppner High School.

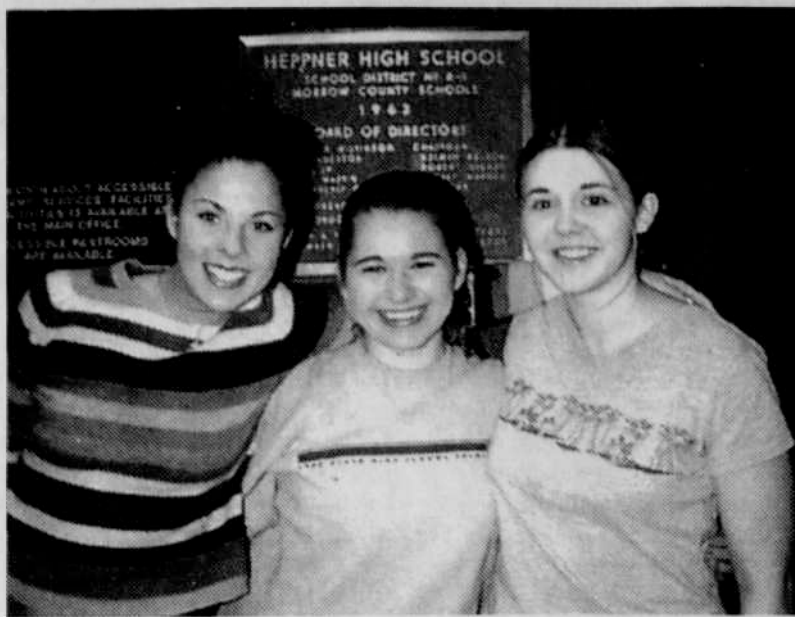
Topic for the contest, which is sponsored by the VFW, was "America's Role in the 20th Century."

Junior Amber Flaiz was second and senior Kim Pointer, third. Kahl went on to win honorable mention in the district contest.

The winning speeches were selected from juniors in teacher Sally Walker's language arts classes and seniors in teachers Linda Dutcher's language arts classes.

Students in Mrs. Walker's classes taped their speeches, which were read over the intercom. Tapes were also played on the KUMA radio station and winners selected by the KUMA audience. Students in Mrs. Dutcher's classes read their speeches over the intercom.

In choosing the winners, input was gathered from students and teachers and winners were selected from a panel of teachers, said Dutcher, TAG coordinator at HHS and organizer of the event.



Left to right: Kim Pointer, Abby Kahl, Amber Flaiz.

Health Dept. hires new tobacco prevention coordinator



Karen Masshoff TNR

Karen Masshoff has been hired by the Morrow County Health Department as the new tobacco prevention coordinator.

Masshoff, a native of Oregon, was born in Portland and raised in Milwaukie. She has a BA degree from the University of Northern Colorado. She majored in secondary education with a focus on science. She taught for six years, three outside the United States. After she married, and for the next 20 years, she lived and worked throughout the Northwest.

At one point while living in Portland, Masshoff applied and was accepted into the Cytology Training Program at Oregon Health Sciences University. This year-long course, within the pathology department, taught her to microscopically screen for cancer. She worked in various medical laboratories throughout Washington and Oregon for the next 14 years.

The past 10 years Masshoff has been working with various populations of young people: teenage girls within a behavioral health treatment setting and then with teenage boys at the dormitory in Spray.

She took the tobacco prevention coordinator's position within the health department because of her longstanding interest in public health education. During her work in the laboratory and in ongoing trainings, Masshoff said she saw many kinds of lung cancers caused by the use of tobacco.

"The histories behind these

cancers told the stories of very sick people whose lives were unnecessarily cut short, she said. "Working with the girls in Portland taught me about the power of addictions, that of tobacco being one of the strongest."

Masshoff says she views tobacco prevention in Morrow County as a "wonderful opportunity to bring community people together who have an interest in seeing that the tobacco industry does not continue its corruptive influence over the lives of our children."

4-H News

Incredible Edibles

"The Millennium" was the theme for the Incredible Edible 4-H Club's meeting on Dec. 29.

At the meeting, club members prepared hot pizza dip, mini calzones and celery with cheese. Each person also brought an appetizer of her own to the meeting. The meal was complete with sparkling cider.

Keeping in theme, members played "A Century of Food." They were given 10 food items, each made in a different decade of the 1900's and they were required to put them in order of when they were made.

Members present included Heather Rill, Barbara and Stephanie Holland, Crystal Temple, Amy Jepsen and Kayla LaRue and leaders Jessica and Shelby Krebs.

Jerry Healy elected to statewide board

Jerry Healy, manager of Columbia Basin Electric, was one of the officers elected during the 56th annual meeting of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association held December 9-10 at the Embassy Suites in Tigard.

Healy was elected secretary to the ORECA board of directors. Neal Harth, director of Wasco Electric Co-op in The Dalles, was elected president; Jeff Anderson, director of Salem Electric, was elected vice president; Jeri Nelson, treasurer of Lane Electric Co-op in Eugene, treasurer; and Russell Green, manager of West Oregon Electric in The Dalles, was elected as a board member.

The Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association is a trade association representing 17 rural electric cooperatives who provide services to over 250,000 Oregonians in 32 of the 36 counties.

Annual chamber luncheon

All Chamber of Commerce members and special guests are invited to attend the Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon, Tuesday, January 11, at 11:30 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Parish.

Attendees are invited to come early to view a special art exhibit by Morrow County Art Club. Board members and officers will

be installed, the Hats Off award given and 60-year members recognized.

Musical selections will be provided by Rick and Cecelia Drake.

Those planning to attend are asked to call the Chamber office, 676-5536 by Friday, January 7. Lunch will be catered.

Online classes to meet in Boardman

Will you greet the Millennium with a computer in your house? Will you be connecting to the Internet and the global information highway?

No matter whether you are a grandmother seeking resources for making Lewis & Clark dolls or a potential Internet marketer, you can build Internet skills at the Rural Business Online Classes meeting in Boardman on Thursday and Friday, January 20 and 21, 2000.

Four mini courses, taught by Eastern Oregon University Rural Business Online staff and sponsored by the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, will be offered at the new Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, in Boardman.

The four courses are: Basic Internet Skills; Advanced Internet Skills; Marketing on the Internet; and Getting Started with E-Commerce. Each course is limited to 10 students and each student will use a portable laptop computer provided by the Rural Business Online program. Registration

for each course is \$30 for Boardman Chamber of Commerce members and \$35 for non-Chamber members. "Considering the investment required for purchasing or leasing a computer plus the Internet service provider, having user friendly courses right here in Boardman is a definite bargain," said a Chamber of Commerce spokesperson.

"Hands-on learning is always the best and students at this workshop will find a high speed learning experience. Every student will be able to apply the information immediately, on the laptop provided during the instruction," said the spokesperson.

A minimum of five students will be required for each three-hour class.

Information and registration forms are available at the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, 206 North Main Street Boardman, phone, 481-3014; Fax 481-2733.

MCURD sets meetings

The Morrow County Unified Recreation District's next board meeting will be held January 27 at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Courthouse.

The November and December meetings were cancelled due to lack of business.

The meeting schedule for the upcoming months is as follows: February 24-no meeting

scheduled; March 30-Morrow County Annex building, Irrigon, 7 p.m.; April 27-Ione High School, 7 p.m.; May 25-Riverside High School, Boardman, 7 p.m.; June 29-Morrow County Courthouse, Heppner, 7 p.m.

All meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of the month unless there is a conflict with a holiday.

Rhea Creek Social Club meets

The Rhea Creek Social Club recently held their Christmas meeting with a cookie and recipe exchange at Cal's Restaurant. Twelve members were in attendance.

The club's next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 12, starting at 10 a.m. at Cal's Restaurant. The Reverend Duane Jones will be the guest speaker.

Gun club to begin shoots

By Sandi Day

The Morrow County Gun Club will begin their weekly shoots on Sunday, Jan. 9 at noon at the clubhouse in Lexington. There will be a members' meeting to elect officers, with shooting events to fol-

low.

"If you are looking for a fun way to spend your Sunday afternoon, bring the family out and enjoy a great lunch and shoot with us," said a club spokesperson.

All Saints to hold annual meeting

The All Saints' Episcopal annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 9.

All Saints will vote on a recommendation for another year

in the shared ministry with Hope and Valby Lutheran churches.

A position on the vestry will also be filled.

SWCD, weed board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Thursday, January 13, at 10 a.m. at the Heppner Elks Club. The annual meeting will follow at 1 p.m.

Agenda items include: manager's report, agency report, weed report and weed tour.

The public is invited to attend.

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Seniors enjoy Stepin' Lively

Laughing and reminiscing seniors filled the front rooms at New Year's Eve party at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

With candlelight throughout, decorations of old stylish spike-heeled shoes and bright banded top hats carried the theme of "Steppin' Lively into the 21st Century" with music from old records of Guy Lombardo, Glenn Miller and other bands.

Live music came from the violin of Roger Palmer of the Willow Creek Symphony, playing both old and contemporary tunes. Vocal soloist was Kari Keown, leading them as well in "Auld Lang Syne." Moments after stepping into the new century/millennium, the noisemakers and bells were squashed and prayers were offered by the Rev. Grace Drake and the Rev. Brent Waldrep.

Plentiful festive finger food was provided by the guests. All agreed that "A good time was had by all."

OSU announces frat pledges

Oregon State University fraternities are welcoming nearly 300 new pledges, including:

-Shane Matheny, Lexington, freshman in general agriculture, and Tim Dickenson, Heppner, freshman in biology, both of whom are pledging to the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity; Cameron and Andrew Stinchfield, Condon, both freshman business administration majors who are pledging to the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity; and Jason Calloway, Boardman, a freshman in exercise and sport science who is pledging to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

CSEPP siren activated by mistake

The warning sirens and message reader boards that would be activated in the event of an emergency at Umatilla Chemical Depot were inadvertently activated around 9:15 a.m. December 30.

The accidental activation may have been heard by area residents. Oregon Emergency Management stresses that it was an accidental activation and there was no emergency.

According to OEM, the Morrow County Emergency Operations Center was attempting to activate a message reader board indicating that there were traffic accidents on I-84 in the Boardman area due to fog and ice conditions, when a "procedural error occurred." "There was no incident at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. It was an accidental activation of the sirens and message reader boards. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused," said the OEM release.

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Weather Report

By the City of Heppner

For the month of December

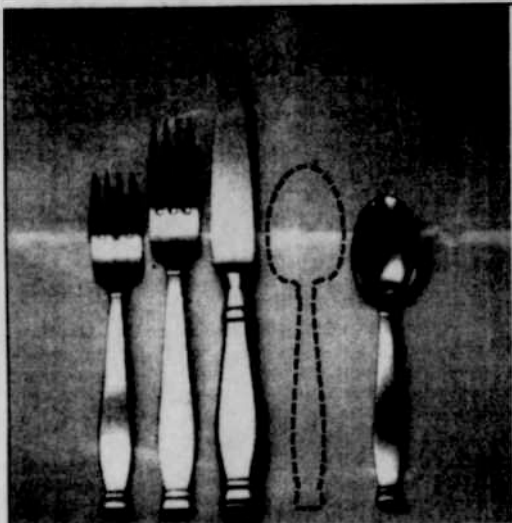
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Commission plans meeting

The monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children & Families will be held on January 11 at the Morrow County Family Service Center, 120 South Main in Heppner, from 7-9 p.m.

The main topics of discussion will be nominations of commission officers and by-law review and update.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions. For further information call 876-9675.



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