

Elks Scholarship recipients announced

The Heppner Elks Lodge has announced the winners of their Most Valuable Student contest:

Matthew VanLiew and Casey Ingraham, both from Heppner, were awarded first place scholarships of \$700 each. Mark McElligott, Ione, and Trisha Adams, Heppner, were awarded second place scholarships of \$300 each. Third place winners were Jacob Neiffer and Miranda McElligott, both from Ione, receiving \$200 apiece.

Van Liew and Ingraham also both placed third at Pendleton and received an additional \$1,200 each.

All senior students in south Morrow County were eligible to apply. A total of \$2,400 was divided between the top three boy and girl winners. Judging was based primarily on academics (45 percent), leadership (35 percent) and financial need (20 percent). Each student was interviewed separately as part of the leadership category.

First place scholars advanced to the district contest, which was held at the Pendleton Elks Lodge on February 6. Students from all 10 lodges in the Northeast District competed for the opportunity to advance to the state contest.



Jacob Neiffer

Jacob Neiffer, the son of Duane and Linda Neiffer of Ione, participates in football, basketball and track and is a 4-H member. He is an active member of the Valby Lutheran Church, a representative for the Eastern Oregon Lutheran Youth and a member of the Ione Youth Group. He plans to attend Oregon State University, majoring in engineering.

as well as local citizens. He has excelled in sports, receiving numerous awards in football and basketball, as well as academics.



Miranda McElligott

Miranda McElligott, the daughter of Jim and Eileen McElligott, Ione, is an active member of St. William's Catholic Church and the Ione Youth Group. She participates in football, basketball and softball and enjoys participating in Cycle Oregon each year.



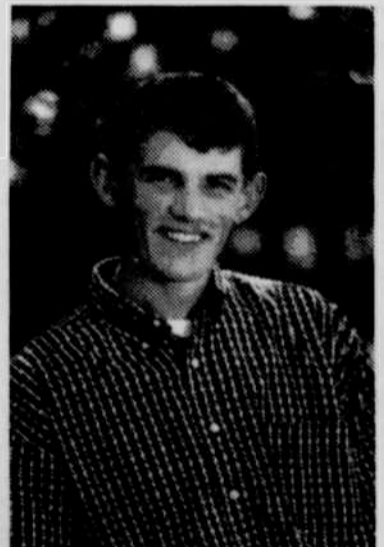
Trisha Adams

Trisha Adams, the daughter of Mike and Tonia Adams, Heppner, also excels in volleyball, basketball and track, as well as academics. She has been active in student council, the Wild Horse Club, OSSOM and the Outdoor Club. She is also a member of 4-H cooking and sewing clubs. She has been accepted at Albertson College of Idaho, majoring in biology/premed.



Casey Ingraham

Casey Ingraham, the daughter of Mike and Wendy Ingraham and Sally and Mark Brosnan excels in sports, receiving numerous all star awards in volleyball, basketball and track, as well as academics. She is the Heppner High School student body president, was the student body vice president her junior year and class president her freshman year.



Mark McElligott

Mark McElligott, the son of Joe and Jeri McElligott of Ione, is an active member of the St. William's Catholic Church and the Ione Youth Group, from which he recently received the Outstanding Service Award. He has aided the poor of the Burnside community in Portland



Matthew Van Liew

Matthew Van Liew, the son of Dan and Sandra Van Liew, is active in his church, football, golf, drama and band and is a youth leader in Campus Life. He has received many academic awards. He plans to pursue a career in engineering and has been accepted at several universities.

Bowling League

Koffee Kup Keglers Week of Feb. 17

	W	L
The Dregs	21	7
MCGG	17	11
The CJs	17	11
No Pin Hitters	15	13
Team #1	12	18
High game, men: John Breidenbach 258		
High series, men: John Breidenbach 597		
High game, women: Janet Beamer 183, Iris Campbell 176		
High series, women: Janet Beamer 481, Luvilla Sonstegard 474		
Splits: John Breidenbach 3-9-10, Janet Beamer 6-10.		

Week of Feb. 24

	W	L
The Dregs	25	7
The CJs	19	13
MCGG	18	14
No Pin Hitters	17	15
Team #1	15	17
High game, men: John Breidenbach 204		
High series, men: John Breidenbach 499		
High game, women: Diana Sharp 180, Luvilla Sonstegard 172		
High series, women: Diana Sharp 450		
Splits: Peggy Michel 5-6-10, Karen Wildman 4-5, Connie Jones 4-5, Janet Beamer 2-7.		

Week of March 2

	W	L
The Dregs	26	10
The CJs	22	14
MCGG	21	15
No Pin Hitters	21	15
Team #1	16	20
High game, men: John Breidenbach 198		
High series, men: John Breidenbach 545		
High game, women: Carol Ehrmantraut 178		
High series, women: Carol Ehrmantraut 439		
Splits: Karen Wildman 3-10, Maude Hughes 5-7.		

Week of March 9

	W	L
The Dregs	27	13
No Pin Hitters	24	16
The CJs	24	16
MCGG	23	17
Team #1	19	21
High game, men: John Breidenbach 251 and 203		
High series, men: John Breidenbach 599		
High game, women: LaJuana McKenzie 200, Luvilla Sonstegard 199		
High series, women: Luvilla Sonstegard 499, LaJuana McKenzie 481		
Splits: Rene Ledbetter 3-7-10, Peggy Michel 3-10, Diana Sharp 9-4-7.		

HHS Booster Club offers scholarships

The Heppner Booster Club has announced that they will offer four \$300 scholarships to any Heppner High School seniors desiring to further their education past high school.

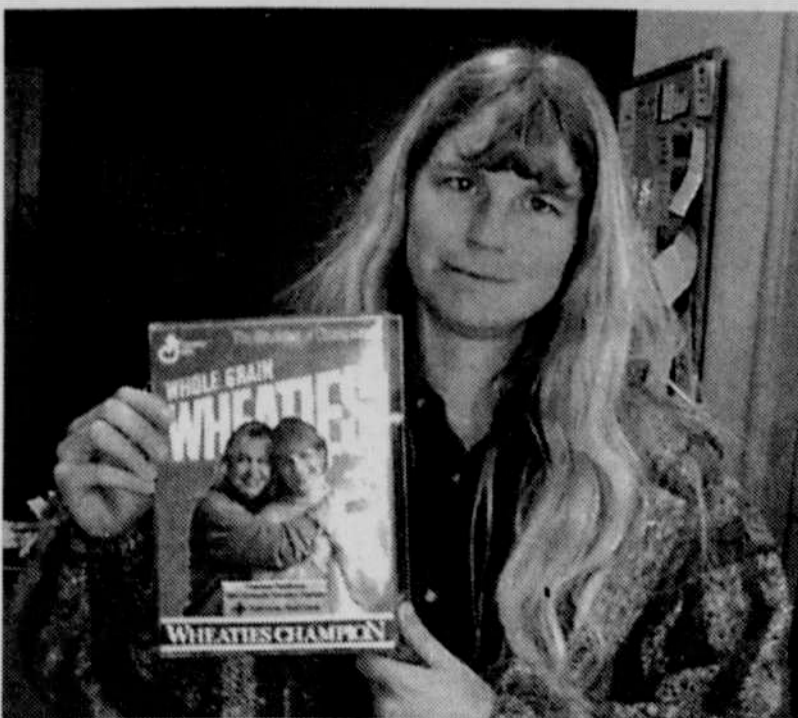
The graduating senior must attend an institution of higher education the fall of this year.

All seniors are invited to apply for this scholarship. Applications for the scholarship are on file with Heppner High School.

The filing deadline is Friday, April 28.

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Mother's grief aids others



Liz Jones of Heppner shows a box of Wheaties with the photo of her sister, Theresa Pettibone (left), who lost her 10-year old daughter Chelsea, on March 27, 1998 when a log rolled over her on the Oregon Coast. Pictured with Pettibone is Cindy Nicholas who was with Chelsea when she died.

By Kim Wetzel
of the Tigard Times

In the past seven years, according to Theresa Pettibone, there have been seven deaths from rolling logs on the Oregon Coast.

Unfortunately for Pettibone, her daughter was one of those seven people. In March of 1998, 10 year old Chelsea Pettibone, a student at Nancy Ryles Elementary in Beaverton, was killed when a wave rolled a log over her when she was playing on a beach on the central Oregon Coast.

After the devastation of her daughter's death, Pettibone decided she didn't want what happened to her daughter to happen to others. She started Operation COAST, which stands for Chelsea's Ocean Awareness Safety Task, in 1998 with co-founder Cindy Nicholas. The mission of Operation COAST was to create awareness of the dangers that lurk on Oregon's beaches.

"I just didn't want to see anyone else killed by a log, because it is so preventable," Pettibone said. "Our aim was to prevent accidents through public awareness and education."

From 1998 until now, Pettibone has spent a good portion of her free time creating awareness and generating support for her cause through COAST. She has received countless donations and support from private parties and businesses. Working with COAST, she said, has helped channel her emotions.

"It has helped me with my grieving process," Pettibone said.

Pettibone, who works at Bannings Restaurant and Pie House in Tigard, has generated support from the U.S. Coast Guard and the Oregon Coast Aquarium, and in the past two years, Operation COAST has succeeded in pushing for the

posting of 150 danger signs along Oregon beaches. All in all, the organization has raised about \$25,000 toward its cause.

On last Saturday, March 11, a youth safety fair was held in Beaverton, with various emergency and safety organizations, including Operation COAST, and displays of vehicles and equipment.

After the safety fair, however, Pettibone and Nicholas have decided to hang up their hats. Pettibone said the reason is both personal and professional. She is ready to move on, and she feels she and Nicholas have succeeded in what they set out to do.

The safety fair was the finale to both women's hard work and featured various emergency vehicles, including the U.S. Coast Guard "Dolphin" search and rescue helicopter.

Police and fireman were on hand for discussions on safety and various booths were open to visitors. Door prizes included gift certificates to local restaurants. In addition, the "Seat Belt Convincer" demonstrated the benefits of wearing a seat belt by simulating a crash at 25 miles per hour.

(Editor's note: Theresa Pettibone lives in Tigard. Her daughter, Chelsea, died on March 27, 1998. Pettibone is the sister of Liz Jones of Heppner.)

Births

Lyndsay Marie Riehl-a daughter Lyndsay Marie was born to Jennifer and T.R. Riehl of Portland on February 14, 2000 at Emanuel Legacy Hospital in Portland. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz.

Her grandparents are Tom and Helen Riehl of Gresham, Emilyn Sheeche of Las Vegas, Nevada and David McDonald of Portland.

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