

exchange program

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a four-wheeler. There's no shopping malls and I'm struggling with that. At home I watch TV, go to the movies and talk on the phone. I go shopping a lot. I think if I lived here I would have trouble with the gossip. I don't think I'd like living here. And there's the horse smell. When I was riding the four-wheeler I drove through cattle poop and I tasted it. Everyone is really nice here. There's a difference. Every day when I go to school we wear skirts and makeup. Here it's tennis shoes. I love it here because kids here don't care what they wear. I think it's beautiful. At home I look out and see the neighbor's house. Here I look out and see cattle running around."--Summer McInnis, 13, who stayed with the Mark and Tami Rietmann family in Heppner, lives with parents, Polly Pattee and Tom Spain, in Gresham. She also has an older brother.

"In Boring I usually talk on the phone, listen to the radio and watch TV. There's really nothing to do 'cause I live in the country. So it's not too much different. It's more scenic here. I went with my hosts to the creek. We played in the creek and took a long walk. We went to church for Easter. We always hang out with one of her friends. This place seems much more fresh and you see tons of cowboys walking around. People here are a lot more dirty. I like it a lot. There's nothing not to like, except you have to walk a long way to some places. Some of the kids here are really into farming, but most are really nice--a lot nicer than people back at Centennial. I'm surprised they don't talk like hillbillies."--Morgan Mosset, 14, who stayed with the Jay and Kelly-Jo Keithley family in Heppner, lives with parents, Ed and Cristy Mosset, in Boring. She also has two older brothers.

"I went fishing in the creek and went to a pond and caught bass. I'm really into fishing. Kids here are not so quick to judge you. They still have brand names, but it doesn't seem as important. In Portland, guys wear jeans a couple sizes too large. At home I'm busy with sports. I keep active with football, a recreational soccer team, wrestling, basketball and now track and spring soccer. I watch TV too. There's more of a selection of girls in Portland. School is pretty easy here. I like the small class sizes. My social studies class has 31. There's maybe 15 here, a smaller school setting. It's just a really nice town. It's a lot of fun. The scenery is beautiful and (there are) the close fishing spots."--Joe Henry, 14, who stayed with the Jay and Darcy Coil family in Heppner, lives with his parents, Marvin and Debra Henry in Portland. He has two older brothers.

"I live on an acre with three cats, two dogs, two goats and one sheep. I sort of take care of them.

I like the schools and how small the school is. I like Centennial, but... The teachers here know who you are (here). It's kind of safer here too. I'd like to move here. I'd only been fishing once. We plan to go horseback riding. A lot of the girls here are a lot nicer and cuter. A lot of the girls at Centennial are kind of snobby and preppy. There's better scenery. We used to have nice scenery, but now there's a housing development. There's no really big crime here. People here don't care so much what they wear. People at our school come up and make some remark about what you wear. It's easier to dress here and talk to people."--Jeremy Orr, 14, who stayed with the Mark and Janice Huddleston family in Heppner, lives with his mother, Ginny Orr, between Portland and Gresham. There are nine children, including siblings and foster children, in his family.

"I like that there are a lot of animals and not a lot of people or cars. There aren't as many houses and you can't just walk down the road here and visit your friends. There aren't as many things to do. There's way less kids in school here compared to Centennial. It's kind of easier here, not as many people you have to impress. You don't have to be as nice-clothed as Centennial. I miss my horses. I have three horses. I game and show with (my horse) Fancy. I do barrels and keyhole, pole bending and flags. I thought it (Heppner) would be way more self sufficient. There's a lot more stores than I thought there would be. I'm having fun. Branding and stuff was real fun. School work is harder at home."--Catherine Wolfe, 14, who stayed with the Bonnie Grant family in Heppner, lives with her parents Joan and Matt Wolfe in Portland. She has an older sister and older and younger brothers.

school board

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-approved employment for Justin LaCoss, ACH kindergarten teacher, replacing Julie Walker; Laura Cotter, ACH ed assistant, replacing Shirley Henderson.

-approved extra duty contracts for Bill DeBoard, school master conversion.

-approved a student teacher contract with Washington State University.

-heard the following announcements--Ione High School graduation, May 26, 7 p.m.; Heppner High School graduation, May 27, 7 p.m.; Riverside High School graduation, May 28, 2 p.m.; Memorial Day holiday, May 29; last day of school for students, June 2; last day of school for staff, June 6; next board meeting, RHS, June 12, 7:30 p.m.; July board meeting, district office, July 3, 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Our weather may run havoc with branding day on ranches but it makes these rolling hills green and the crops grow. Take an evening drive east on Highway 74 if you're a wildflower enthusiast. You'll enjoy the orange-red Indian paintbrush, yellow lupine, white and pink rock flowers and a variety of nature's works of art.

Speaking of art...we are so very fortunate to have so much talent in our county. Chamber members and secretaries had just a taste when they were treated to beautiful harp music by Amy Jepsen and the fiddle tunes of Willow Creek Young Fiddlers Alex Carlson, Eric Jepsen, Kate Kendrick, Seth Morgan and Brynna Rust during the Chamber luncheon. They also received a preview of the HHS Drama club's presentation of "Midsummer Night's Dream," which will be presented at the park on Mother's Day. Our students have worked hard.

There are many talented folks in our area. If any would like to be a part of entertainment on The Shamrock during "Celebrate Heppner" on July 28, please contact the Chamber, 676-5536. The Merchant's Committee is again planning a great sidewalk sale, children's events, dunk tank and fun for one and all. Mark your calendars.

And last, but by no means least, have you cast your ballot? Your vote does count. Not voting is a decision in itself. Voting is a privilege, yet is often very difficult; in fact downright confusing. Talk to experts, trustworthy open-minded people, research for yourself, ask questions. Vote with your brain, your heart, and your soul; only then will you know you have done all possible to make a difference.

Welcome to Triangle Ranches: Mark and Tami Rietmann and Brian Anderson. New and renewing Chamber members will be listed on the website, www.heppner.net/chamber of commerce.

Next week during the noon meeting at Kate's, the Chamber Greeters will share their committee operation and recognize the businesses and volunteers who help to make the Greeter baskets possible. This hard working, enthusiastic group with Jeri Sly at the helm, deserves a pat on the back.

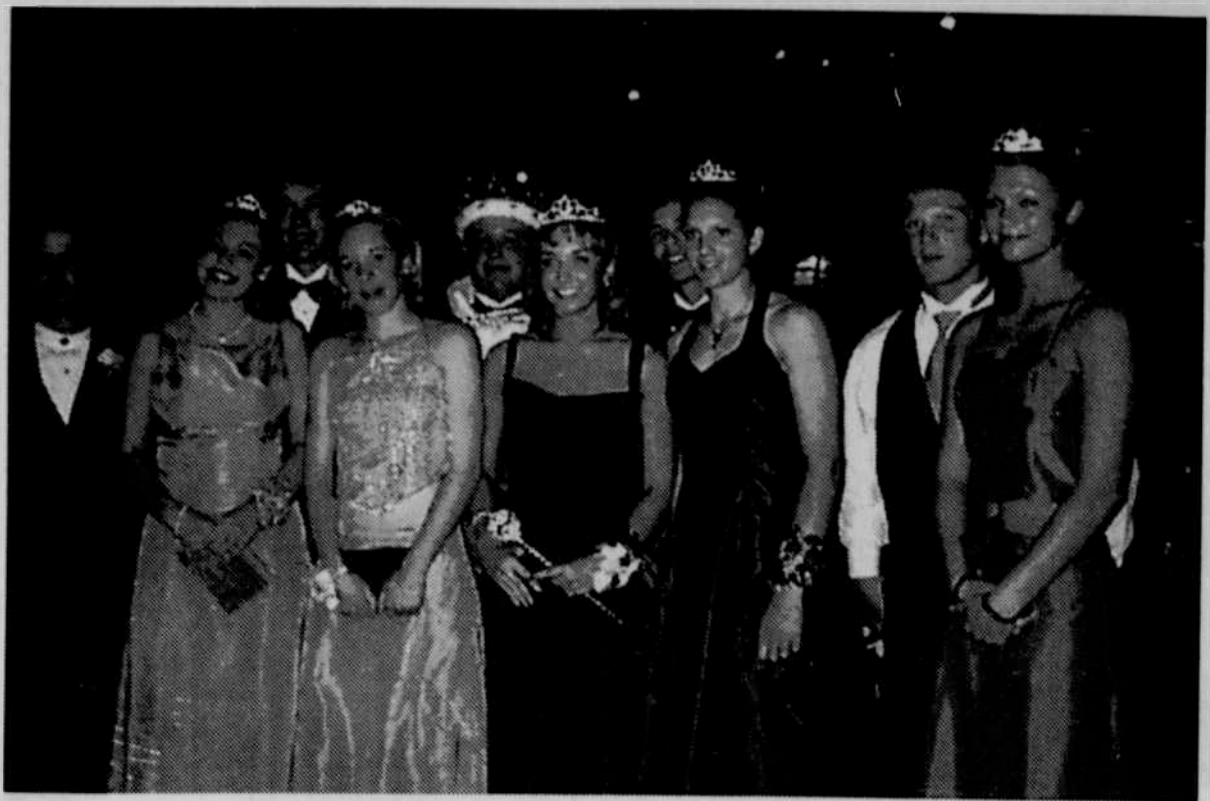
Thought for the week: "The reason volunteers aren't paid isn't because they're worthless, it's because they're priceless."

Births

Nicholas Jacob Martinez, Jr.—a son Nicholas Jacob was born to Kathy Hulse of Irrigon on April 20, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz.

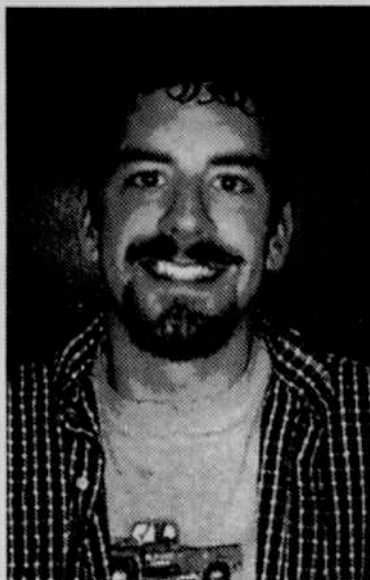
Jose Joel Ramirez III—a son Jose Joel was born to Christina Giannakopoulos and Jose Ramirez II of Irrigon on May 2, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz.

HHS crowns prom court



The Heppner High School prom court was crowned during a brief ceremony at the dance held Saturday, May 6, at the school. Pictured left to right are: Prince Corey Miller, Princess Kristen Marshall, Prince Jeff Currin, Princess Allison Sykes, King Jake Roy, Queen Ashley Ropp, Prince Chris Bowman, Princess Trisha Adams, Prince Michael Schonbacher and Princess Casey Ingraham.

Student awarded scholarship



Cargill has awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Justin Nelson, a 2000 graduate of Heppner High School.

Nelson, son of Charles and Lisa Nelson, plans to study agricultural business management at Oregon State University next fall.

Each year, Cargill's Scholarship Program for Rural America awards \$1,000 scholarships to 250 students from families who derive at least 50 percent of their income from farming. Students are selected based on financial need, academic achievement and involvement in extra curricular activities.

The program is administered by the National FFA Organization; however, students need not belong to FFA to receive a scholarship.

Cargill also supports a Community Scholarship Program for students in communities where Cargill has a business presence. The two programs combined provide \$500,000 in scholarships to high school seniors planning to enroll in accredited post secondary education institutions.

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Watershed Field Day planned

A Watershed Field Day will be held May 10-11 at Willow Creek from 9 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. Heppner, Ione, Irrigon,

Umatilla, Weston-McEwen and Hermiston school children will attend the field day, which is planned along the creek out of Ione.

Engagement Christenson-Palmer



Jennifer Christenson and Jason Palmer

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Christenson of Imbler announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Christenson, to Jason Paul Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Palmer of Heppner.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Imbler High School. She is currently employed at Red Cross Drug store in La Grande as a certified pharmacy technician.

The groom-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Heppner High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder, with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering. He is currently employed as a substitute teacher for the Morrow County School District.

The couple is planning a June 10, 2000, wedding at the Elgin Christian Church.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

New things are happening here. Florene Robinson, Doug Dubuque, and Archie Padberg are new members on the Senior Board of Directors. Judy Buschke is the new office coordinator. A new Activities Committee, Jane Rawlins, Florene Robinson, Meredith Walters, Louis Carlson, Jo Ann Burleson and Joanne Weister, has brainstormed a list of possible service and fund raising projects the board might sponsor. One such activity is reviving the tradition of a Memorial Day dinner here in the center on Sunday, May 28 at 1 p.m. The menu will include ham or turkey, a variety of salads, rolls and dessert. The event will include the traditional short program and some prizes, but mostly, time for visiting. Need more information? Call the office 676-9030.

New, too, is fresh paint and new carpeting in the lobby, sitting room, office and foyer. It looks great. New tenants, too, in the apartments upstairs: Mildred and John Eubanks, Dorris Graves, and Kermit Hanson. Still available are two newly-decorated apartments which can be shown after the Wednesday dinner or call manager Marian Murchinson at 676-8008.

New strains of music often fill the sitting room as Velma Wight plays the handsome organ recently donated by Vi Oliver. Also, the writer for this bulletin board is new.



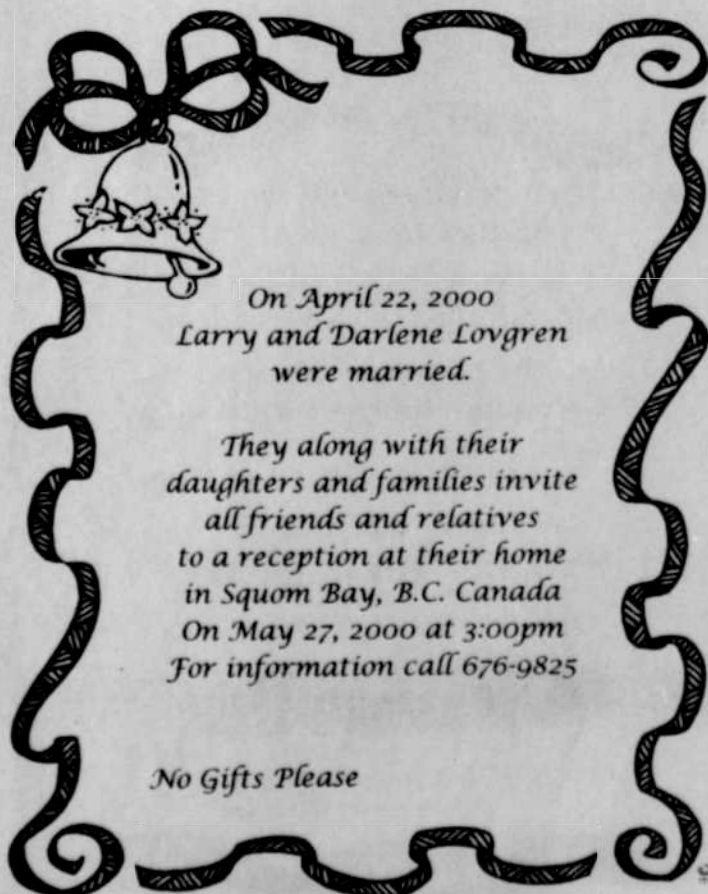
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