

District spelling contest held



Division I winners



Division II winners

Division III not pictured.

By Debbie Harper

Kate Kendrick spent her birthday taking a test. But it didn't bother the Heppner Elementary School fifth grader. She tied for first place in Division I of the district's spelling contest, held May 17 at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon.

District students competed in three divisions. Each division's 30 word written test was given by a teacher, then graded by a group of correctors. The students and their families had punch and cinnamon rolls while they waited for the results.

Building codes forum topic

The Oregon Building Codes Division will host a public meeting on Tuesday, June 5, at 6 p.m. in the first floor conference room in the state offices, 700 SE Emigrant, Pendleton, to discuss issues related to statewide building codes programs and to answer any questions contractors, homeowners, local officials, manufacturers and others may have about BCD services

or the building codes system.

The meeting is part of an ongoing outreach effort intended to give Oregonians with an interest in building-related issues an opportunity for direct access to top BCD staff. This can be both an opportunity to ask staff about the state's building codes program and to educate the division on public issues or concerns.

Topics covered may include code compliance; boilers; elevators; recreational vehicles; parks; and manufactured homes.

Everyone is invited to attend and participate.

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Division II : Grades 6-8- 1. Ryan Campbell (Heppner); 2. Anita Garcilazo (Columbia Middle School) and Blair Keithley (Heppner); 3. Laurie Murray (Heppner); 4. Kim Morris (Ione); 5. Kristin Baldwin (Columbia); 6. Kayla LaRue (Ione); 7. Kacie Peterson (Ione).

Division III - High School: 1. Jamie Moore (Riverside); 2. Jesse Gutierrez (Heppner); 3. Jennifer Thompson (Ione); 4. Darcy McCormick (Riverside); 5. Til Tullis (Ione); 6. Jodie Carlson (Heppner).

Local student earns academic award




Luke Swanson of Ione, Eastern Oregon University's men's basketball player, has been named to the NAIA Academic All-American team.

Swanson, a senior business major, has an overall grade point average of 3.5. He started 17 games last season as a shooting guard and averaged 8.6 points, 2.8 rebounds and one assist per game.

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Heppner Four-Year-Old Preschool Class of 2001 celebrates 'graduation'



The Heppner Preschool Four-Year-Old Class of 2001 celebrated its "graduation" at a ceremony for parents and friends at the Heppner Daycare Center Tuesday, May 22. Included in the class of 2001 are: Maggie Brooks, Deatley Britt, Ryan Dougherty, Tate Gentry, Maddie George, Andrew Hatfield, Colby Hedman, Keenan Helfrecht, Micha Hintz, Mekayla Kindle, Lucas Lindsay, Ali Lovgren, Treston Mahen, Jaden Orr, Kaid Peck, J.C. Putman, Courtne Taylor, Tyrel Walker and Johnny Wilson. Preschool director and teacher is Merry Brannon.

Sheriff's office sponsors special Olympics run

By Debbie Harper

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring the Oregon Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run between Heppner and Ione on Saturday, June 2, with check-in beginning at 9 a.m. Runners will start from the Heppner city park.

Entrance fee is \$10. Runners will receive a t-shirt. If they collect \$50 or more in pledges, the entrance fee is waived and they still receive a shirt. Sponsors who pledge \$10 or more will also receive a t-shirt. Pledges are tax-deductible.

Runners generally run relay style. Two or three runners, one of whom will carry the torch, will run as long as they can. Then they will be picked up by a bus, supplied by Hermiston Police Department and other runners will take their place.

Runners don't have to be in law enforcement. "If the track team wants to come out and run, it would be great," said Morrow County Undersheriff Larry Sample.

Last year reserve officer Tina Edwards ran the entire distance of 18 miles in about 2 1/2 hours.

Any one wanting to register, become a sponsor, or needing more information, may call the Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 676-5317. Undersheriff Sample said he would like to know the number of runners by May 31 to ensure there's enough water to provide to the runners.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office also sponsors a golf tournament for Special Olympics in August.

Port of Morrow plans workshop

The Port of Morrow will hold a commission workshop on Wednesday, May 30, at 10 a.m. Included on the agenda will be the strategic plan update.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage license:

May 9-Aaron Lowe Yount, 21, Othello, Wash.; and Amber Leigh Eppich, 19, Mesa, Wash.



Undersheriff Larry Sample and Reserve Officer Tina Edwards

Local students graduate from OSU

Oregon State University's 132nd annual commencement ceremony for undergraduates will be held on Sunday, June 17, at 2 p.m. in Reser Stadium, Corvallis. The ceremony will be televised live by Oregon Public Broadcasting. OSU's graduate students will have their own ceremony beginning at 9 a.m. in LaSells Stewart Center.

Local undergraduate degree recipients are: Daniel Burnside, bachelor of science, housing studies; Benjamin Ewing, bachelor of science, biology; Phillip Spicerkuhn, bachelor of science, general science, all of Heppner; and Leticia Flores of Irrigon, bachelor of arts, liberal studies.

Overall, more than 3,000 students will receive diplomas from Oregon State University. OSU President

Paul G. Risser will preside over the ceremony, which will include representatives from the Oregon University System and Oregon State's student body.

Road work scheduled

Morrow County Public Works will be chip sealing in the Heppner area on June 4-7. Drivers are to expect delays in the following areas: Willow Creek Road, Willow Creek Park and Boat Ramp, High School Road and Dee Cox Road.

For more information, contact Morrow County Public Works at 989-9500.

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