

Youth travel to Portland to help homeless



Left to right: back-Nacho Elguezabal, Jannie Allen, Sean Murray, Mahaley Huddleston; front-Lynan Bingham, Laurie Murray, Mary Ann Elguezabal.

Five Heppner youth and two Heppner Elementary teachers traveled to Portland on Wednesday, June 13, to work with the poor in the Burnside area.

Sean Murray, Nacho Elguezabal, Mahaley Huddleston, Lynan Bingham and Laurie Murray, along with Mary Ann Elguezabal and Jannie Allen, spent the day volunteering.

Before heading to Portland, the group collected Beanie Babies from staff members at Heppner Elementary and also used clothes and blankets to be distributed to the homeless. Nacho and Sean used their own money to buy several board games to donate. On the way to the Rose City, the group stopped at McDonald's where everyone purchased coupons to hand out to those in need.

The volunteers' first stop was Outreach Ministries where they cleaned, helped with Outreach's newsletter, visited with members, served snacks, dropped off clothing donations and distributed McDonald's coupons. Skippy, one of the members receiving services from Outreach, enjoyed playing Nintendo with Sean and Nacho.

The director of the program at Outreach explained to the young people how Outreach basically serves as the head of a household, handling the limited incomes of the members and making sure they have enough to eat, adequate clothing and health care.

From Outreach Ministries the Heppner group walked the few blocks to Blanchet House, which is a soup kitchen on Glisan. At Blanchet the seven served spaghetti and busied the tables as about 200 people received a free lunch. While the pace was rapid, the workers had opportunities to visit with those who depend on Blanchet for their meals. Many were surprised and pleased that kids from Eastern Oregon had traveled 200 miles to lend a hand.

By coincidence, Oregon Public Broadcasting was at Blanchet that lunch hour, filming for an upcoming documentary on the Blanchet House, which is celebrating 50 years of service to the downtown community. Sean Murray, who will be a sixth grader at Heppner Elementary this fall, was interviewed about his dream of helping the homeless.

Several months ago, Sean was

given a class assignment to write about where he would like to visit if he could go any place in the world. Rather than "Hawaii" or "Walt Disney World", Sean's reply was, "I want to go to the streets of Portland and work with the homeless." The interviewer was impressed by Sean's honest answers and heartfelt concern.

After eating lunch at Blanchet, the next stop was Greenhouse, which is a youth facility of the Salvation Army. At Greenhouse the young people left the Beanie Babies, board games, boxes of popsicles, clothes and blankets. Then it was time to return home.

Handing out the McDonald's coupons was a favorite with the group as those receiving the donations were so gracious and grateful. An elderly Asian man bowed repeatedly to the young people as his face broke into a smile. "God bless you," was uttered by countless recipients.

While driving back to Heppner the conversation was thoughtful and excited with many comments about "next time." Sean summed up everyone's feelings with this comment, "It felt great to make a difference by putting a smile on someone's face."



Sean Murray helps serve meals.

Umatilla Jr. Rodeo returns to Hermiston

The Umatilla Junior Rodeo, sponsored by U.S. Cellular and Commercial Tire, is returning this July 13, 14, and 15 to the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston.

The rodeo is sanctioned by the Cayuse Junior Rodeo Association and is open to any contestant between eight and 18 within 100 miles of Hermiston.

Entry forms are available now at Yahoo Buckaroo in Pendleton and at Remuda Horse Trailers, RoeMarks Men's Wear, The Horse Plaza and Diamond Eng Tack in Hermiston. Entries must be postmarked by Monday, July 2.

There will be added money to the bareback, saddlebronc and bull riding senior boys. Other awards presented this year will be high point boy and girl saddles, all around awards and event champion buckles.

Events include bull riding, cow riding, bareback riding, goat tying, bronc riding, breakaway roping, calf roping, barrel racing, ribbon roping, pole bending, chute dogging, team roping, and calf riding.

A jackpot team roping will be held Saturday, July 14, starting at 6 p.m.

HHS announces honor roll

Heppner High School announces its honor roll and honorable mention for the second semester. Following are the students who qualify:

Seventh grade honor roll (3.5-4.): Laurie Murray and Krystal Naims, both 4.; Brienne Jones, Roy Proctor, Brenda Victorio; honorable mention (3.-3.49)-Kyle Arbogast, Charlene Houweling, Rory Kilkenny, Heather Rill, Heather Yocom.

Eighth grade honor roll-Blair Keithley, 4., Madison Bailey, Chelsea Britt, Kyle Huddleston, Cara Kennedy, Joshua Lankford, Linsey Mitchell, Shanna Rietmann, Jessica Wainwright, Terra Wilson; honorable mention-Jode Coil, Kylee Disque, Lindsey Hodges, Elizabeth Orwick, Derek Shank.

Freshmen honor roll: Luke Murray and Judd Lemmon, both 4.; honorable mention-Blake Allstott, Justin Botefuhr, Lindsey Clough, Brian Haguewood, Stefanie Hanson, Danielle Looslie, Chantea Macaulay, Kiel Naims, Courtney Nelson, Danielle Prindle, Brooke Rust, Sheena Shank, Brian Smith, Adam Wight, Jessie Woodward.

Sophomores honor roll: Tyler Henderson, Lacey Matteson, Marcy

Miller, Douglas Orwick and Darren Van Cleave, all 4., Brad Adams, Donald Adams, Daniel Jepsen, Whitney Sherritt, Ashley Ward, Nicole Wilson; honorable mention-Dawn DeBoer, Sibbea Jones, Conor Kilkenny, Isaiah Stillman.

Juniors honor roll-Jon Bennett, Shelley Rietmann and Codi Rosecrans, all 4., Meghan Bailey, Brad Bowman, Stefan Matheny, Brian Rust, Tammy Smith, Paula Spicerkuhn, Sam Van Liew; honorable mention-Claire Anderson, Jessica Bash, Jodie Carlson, Kevin Drake, Kelsey Greenup, Jessica Gutierrez, Michael McCabe, Christian Möller, Angela Moore, Julie Proctor, Leland Rill.

Seniors honor roll: Marissa McCabe and Jennifer Patton, both 4., Krista Adams, Kelli Bates, Blake Knowles, Kyle McDaniel, Danielle McDowell, Craig Scott, Melinda Smith, Scott Van Winkle, Lindsey Ward, Brandon Young; honorable mention-Nicholas Anthony, Sarah Eckman, San Juanita Elguezabal, Amber Flaiz, Ryan Matteson, David Piper, Amanda Sneddon, Brian Sweeney.



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