

HEPPNER



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## Teen program planned in county Greg Smith appointed to state fair task force



Tylynn Smith and Chris Rayburn show prizes to be given away through county-wide teen program.

By Debbie Harper

A group of Morrow County adults and teenagers is hoping to provide teens in Morrow County with a fun and safe program that will be drug, tobacco and alcohol free. The program, for teens ages 13 - 19, is teen organized and run. Adults are used as advisers and "gofers".

The group is kicking off their program with a teen dance at the city park in Ione on Saturday, July 27, from 8 p.m. until midnight. D.J. music and light show will be by Dan Burns Productions of Pendleton. Free beverages will be provided, courtesy of the Pepsi Distributorship in Pendleton. There is no entrance fee.

During the dance there will be free drawings for CDs, a personal CD player, a boom box and a home stereo system. Winners do have to be present to win.

The group is planning to hold an organizational meeting in Heppner soon to plan future events. The group would like to have fund raisers like car washes, as well as more fun activities for the teens. An official name for the group will also be decided at that time.

Phil Morris of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office had heard of a California-based program for teens. Now he and some other hard working adults and teens are trying to modify the program for Morrow County.

Funding for the program comes from grants through such organizations as the Commission on Children and Families and Morrow County Behavioral Health. Barbara Hayes, of the Commission on Children and Families, says she is glad to see such a program starting in Morrow County. "It gives the kids some positive, 'kid' type activities to do," she said.

Randy Rayburn, also with the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, is helping in the Heppner area. Victor Gutierrez, a patrolman with the Boardman Police Department,

is coordinating the program in Boardman.

Tylynn Smith, 16, is the president and teen spokesperson. "Heppner is a small town and there's not a lot to do. It's good to have a program where there's someplace to go and not get in trouble." She would also like to see the group get involved in community activities. "Maybe we could go and weed an older lady's yard for her. That would be fun to go and do as a group."

Chris Rayburn, 13, got involved because it sounded like fun. "I like to work on projects to raise money," he said.

If teens need a ride to or from the dance they can call Phil Morris at 422-7006 or Randy Rayburn at 676-5388.

Adult help is also needed. Adults are needed to be chaperons at the activities, drivers, or for their input and ideas for activities.

There will be another dance on Friday, August 3, in Boardman, where more prizes will be given away.

The group is having a car wash in Heppner on August 11 at 10 a.m. in the Les Schwab Tire Center back lot.

There will be two more dances, one August 31 in Irrigon and one on September 1 in Heppner.

People wanting more information, or to help in any capacity may contact Phil Morris or Randy Rayburn. In the north end, people may contact Victor Gutierrez at the Boardman Police Department, 481-6071.

### Fair tab deadline Friday

Deadline for news articles for the annual fair tab supplement to the Gazette-Times is this Friday, July 27, at 5 p.m.

The fair tab will be published in the August 8 Gazette-Times.

Oregon Senate President Gene Derfler and Speaker of the House Mark Simmons have appointed the Joint Interim Community Task Force, which will review the strategic and master plans regarding the use of state lottery bonds for capital improvements at the state fairgrounds. Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) was selected for the task force.

Representative Jackie Winters (R-Salem), who was named chair of the task force said, "It is important to have this task force to ensure accountability on the use of the state's bonding authority."

Senate President Gene Derfler (R-Salem) added, "This task force will be a tremendous help to shepherd much needed improvements to the state fairgrounds."

"The objective of the Oregon State Fair is to share knowledge about and encourage the growth and prosperity of all agricultural, stock raising, horticultural, mining, mechanical, artistic and industrial pursuits in for the whole state. It is hoped that this task force will

### Port, county hire economic development expert

The Port of Morrow has hired Martin Davis to join the port's economic development team, according to the Port of Morrow head Gary Neal. Davis, currently the GEODC executive director, will split his time between the port and Morrow County.

The county will contract with the port to employ Davis half-time as the county's economic development director.

Prior to his employment with GEODC, Davis was city manager for the city of Umatilla. He had also worked as a regional development officer for the state and had been employed with Inland Empire Bank.

"We're pretty excited

### Jack and Jill tourney held

A Jack and Jill golf tournament was held at the Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner on July 20. Results are as follows:

Low Gross: first place - Earl and Peggy Fishburn; second - Mike and Cindi Doherty; third - Chris Bowman and Lindsey Ward; fourth - Gene and Luvilla Sonstegard; fifth - Les and Jan Paustian; sixth - Bob and Lorrene Montgomery.

Low Net: first place - Craig and Deb Gutierrez; second - Roger Schoonover and Barbara Gilbert; third - Karen and Terry Thompson; fourth - Earl and Carol Norris; fifth - Dave and Carol Mitchell.

## BEO announces mortgage division expansion

The Bank of Eastern Oregon has announced the expansion of its mortgage division with the addition of two new faces, Kristen and Les Johnson.

Kristen Johnson has been hired as a mortgage loan officer. She will focus her attention on the newest branches of the Bank of Eastern Oregon with time spent in both the Boardman and Irrigon branches.

She has been in mortgage lending for 16 years with a background in all phases. She has worked with many types of programs and borrowers, from first time home buyers to "jumbo size" residential projects. "Kristen is experienced in everything from construction financing to government programs and zero-down options," said a BEO news release.

Operations supervisor duties will be handled by Les Johnson who has over 20 years experience in home loan financing. He has an "extensive background in mortgage operations, loan underwriting, servicing and originating," said the release. He also has managed "all

facets of the home loan process and worked with all types of home loan programs," the release continued.

Les and Kristen join the current mortgage team which includes Melissa Lindsay, Kim George, Tobey Garrett and Vickie Rayburn. They have relocated to Morrow County with their two children, Nathan, 11, and Lauren, 6.

"We are very pleased to have two individuals join our mortgage division that have such broad experience in the industry," said mortgage division manager Melissa Lindsay. "We look forward to being able to service all of Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla counties with continued commitment to excellent customer service. Bank of Eastern Oregon's Mortgage Division has loans for all mortgage needs with first time home buyers programs,



Kristen Johnson construction financing for home and manufactured housing, refinances, and second mortgages, to name a few."

## Celebrate Heppner annual sidewalk sale Friday



Jail and Bail "officers of the law" and sisters Tricia Sweeney and Sharon Harrison got themselves into a little jam with their handcuffs Monday practicing in preparation for the Chamber of Commerce fund raiser this Friday.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce Jail and Bail mock court planned for this Friday, July 27, will be assisted by six "well qualified" officers. They will arrest citizens who have been identified as community members who have "contributed excessively to the well-being and prosperity of Heppner."

The officers are Sharon "Make My Day" Harrison, Trish "Hold 'Em High" Sweeney, Daryl "Maximum Force" Raver, Glen "Assume the Position" Bridgmon, Kelly "Book 'Em Dano" Fox and Steve "Ask Questions Later" Rhea.

The Jail and Bail project will raise funds for the printing of new Heppner community brochures and the purchase of Christmas/winter theme decorations for the Main Street light poles.

The day's events will also include a local merchants' sidewalk sale, a farmer's market from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Central Red Apple Market, featuring quilts, baskets, soap, wood carving, porcelain dolls, herbs and plants.

Jail and Bail will get underway at 10 a.m. next to Murray's Drug and will conclude around 2 p.m.

A dunk tank, with proceeds to benefit Chamber of Commerce projects will be held from noon to 2 p.m. next to Gardner's.

The dunk tank roster includes: 12-12:30 p.m.-Bruce Lindsay, "Check him into the tank"; 12:30-1 p.m.-Andrei Rykoff, "See if he can manage to stay dry"; 1-1:30 p.m.-Roger Mortimore, "Try to cook his goose"; 1:30-2 p.m.-Cara Osmin, "Teach her a thing or two"; 2-2:30 p.m.-Julie Proctor, "See if she can balance this"; 2:30-3 p.m.-Steve Rhea, "Try to douse his fire"; 3-3:30 p.m.-Gerald Breazeale, "Show him how to score a hit"; 3:30-4 p.m.-Kelsey Greenup, "Give her a royal dunkin'".

Kids' games, including a hoop shoot, golf putting and a coin toss, will be held from 1-3 p.m.

The Morrow County Museum and the Willow Creek Water Park will also be open that afternoon.

## "CELEBRATE HEPPNER"

Annual Sidewalk Sale - Friday, July 27

By the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MERCHANTS COMMITTEE

FEATURING MERCHANTS SIDEWALK SALE

Enjoy bargains galore up and down Main Street Heppner!

8 a.m.-6 p.m. FARMERS MARKET Located in the Central Market parking lot, the market will feature quilts, baskets, soap, wood carving, porcelain dolls, herbs and plants.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. JAIL 'N BAIL Located next to Murray Drugs. Watch your friends try to talk their way out of jail, see the judge sentence them for a variety of notorious deeds, contribute to their release to support new Heppner brochures. Great sports all!

12 noon-4 p.m. DUNK TANK Located next to Gardner's Men's Wear. Get your throwing arm in shape as you drop that special person into a tank full of water. It's all in fun! Proceeds for Chamber projects.

1-3 p.m. KIDS GAMES Hoop Shoot, Golf Putting, Coin Toss.

PLUS ENJOY: MORROW COUNTY MUSEUM Experience the Morrow County Museum and learn about the area history. Volunteers are eager to answer questions.

WILLOW CREEK WATER PARK Cool off after you "shop till you drop!"

HAVE A GREAT DAY IN HEPPNER!



# YARD SALE

Saturday, July 28th ~ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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