

## South Morrow scholarships announced



Adam Neiffer



Shelley Rietmann



Jonathan Bennett



Stefan Matheny

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust announced the recipients of the 2002 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. Recipients are Shelley Rietmann, Adam Neiffer, Stefan Matheny and Jonathan Bennett. Out of 25 applicants, the four students were selected on the basis of academic achievement, chosen field of study, financial need, school participation, degree of effort the student has made in seeking sources for college, and personal characteristics for success and school citizenship.

Shelley Rietmann is the daughter of Mark and Tami Rietmann. She attends Heppner High School and is planning on attending Linfield College or Pacific University. Shelley's future plans are to study biology and sports medicine. She is active in sports and has three varsity letters in basketball, two in volleyball and three in softball and was Team All-State Pitcher. She is also active in 4-H and has volunteered for many events in the community including serving on the Heppner Chamber Board from 2000 to 2002. Shelley is in National Honor Society, one of Oregon's 2001 Top 20 Female Scholars, a Who's Who recipient and has many other academic accomplishments.

Adam Neiffer is the son of Duane and Linda Neiffer from Ione. His plans are to study and major in natural science or natural resources field. Adam has served on the Student Council and is a member of National Honor Society, 4-H and International Club. He has been very active in tennis, basketball and football. Adam won the Blue Mountain Community College Skills Challenge Biomania Competition, and he has won a Physical Science Award, a Geology Award and a Math Award.

Stefan Matheny is the son of Dave and Patty Matheny. He has attended Heppner High School and is considering attending Linfield, Mount Hood Community College, or Oregon State University. He is planning on pursuing a Business Degree. He has three varsity letters in football and basketball and four in baseball. Stefan has served as Freshman Class Representative, is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in many community services. He won the National English Merit Award, American Citizenship Award and Academic Excellence in Integrated Math II Award.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes

### Chamber Executive Director

The year is one quarter gone. May launches a busy month with spring here, flowers to plant, new baskets soon to be in place, graduation and the 100th anniversary of the Morrow County Courthouse on Monday, May 27, not to mention the many activities of all the organizations in Heppner and the Willow Creek Valley.

The Rose City Motorcycle Club will be passing through Heppner on Saturday, May 11, as they participate in the Oregon 500. What will this mean for Heppner? It's kind of like a mid-day parade. Motorcycle enthusiasts who head downtown for lunch may have the opportunity to have a brief visit with these people as they make a quick stop. Once introduced to the great cycling roads of the area, they often return.

Mark those May calendars: Tuesday, May 7-Heppner Coordinating Council meets to work on the Strategic Plan, 7:30 a.m.; Heppner merchants meet at GD's Restaurant at 8 a.m.; Chamber Business Forum at noon at John's Other Place, where all entities will report. Tuesday, May 14-Ken Grieb, Oregon Wheat League, will present a program to the chamber. Tuesday, May 21-students will treat those businesses that hosted a job shadow student to lunch (sign up for the job shadow program through Greg Grant or the Heppner Chamber of Commerce). Tuesday, May 28-Nan Hall will give a presentation on the new Heppner Elementary School facility and calendar scenario.

See you at Chamber at noon every Tuesday. New and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Call 676-5536 for more information.

Thought of the week: "To be absolutely certain about something, one must know everything or nothing about it."

## Morrow County students headed for writing festival

The Morrow County School District will send 22 students to the 18th annual Oregon Writing Festival on Saturday, May 4, at Portland State University in Portland.

The festival is sponsored by the Oregon Council of Teachers of English. It is anticipated that more than 1000 students will attend and share in the day's activities. The Morrow County School District provides funding for the students and staff to attend the event.

The following students will be attending:

-Heppner Elementary School-Maggie Armato, Whitney Matthews.

-Heppner High School-Mahaley Huddleston, Sibbea Jones.

-Ione Schools-Kara Clay, Emily Rietmann, Billy Ross.

-Sam Boardman Elementary-Sabrina Baker, Ethan Ellis, Paul Keefer.

-Riverside High School-Varonica Abbott, Jami Moore, Lauren Snyder, Lucia Zavala.

-A.C. Houghton Elementary School-Kayly Abercrombie, Kristina Axtell, Ashleigh Leonard.

-Columbia Middle School-Makayla Anderson, Nichole Goforth, Ashley Lyons, Christina Morrison, Dustin Trinklein.

Chaperones are Jannie Allen, Heppner Elementary School; Johanna Shimp-Jones, A.C. Houghton Elementary; and Janet Symionow, Columbia Middle School.

The public is invited to attend.

## 2002 Morrow County Fair

By Merlyn Robinson

Plan to "Catch the Centennial Spirit"—the theme for Morrow County's 2002 fair. This theme highlights the 100-year anniversary of Oregon's 4-H program. Also being celebrated this year is the 100th birthday of Morrow County's historic courthouse. Pioneer style dress and old-time regalia will be in vogue for parades, exhibits and more.

A slide show of events of the past 100 years would reveal major changes in county fair activities. The county fair agricultural exhibits were once displayed in the county road department building on Main Street—where the museum now stands.

Older 4-H leaders can contribute to the history by turning in recollections of different pr

## Garden Club to hold spring plant exchange

Has the warm spring weather got you thinking of outdoor activities? Have you seen enough TV, video games or computer games this winter to last a lifetime? If so, why not stop by the Heppner Garden Club spring plant exchange on Saturday, May 4, at the St. Patrick's Senior Center from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and visit with a Garden Club member or a Blue Mountain Master Gardener about planting a garden of flowers, vegetables or fruits this summer and entering them into the Morrow County Fair in August.

The two groups are combining efforts this year to encourage people of all ages to enjoy one of the simplest and most satisfying of hobbies. Planting seeds and watching them grow can be a tremendously rewarding experience. A few hours spent in preparation, planting and care yield days, weeks and even months of enjoyment to the senses. Growing food and flowers for your family, just the way you want to, for example, organically, can be a great source of pride and accomplishment. Kids, especially, can enjoy gardening with a little time invested by an adult. Gardening teaches kids to appreciate nature and helps to ground them in this increasingly busy world.

The Morrow County Fair is yet one more of the many worthwhile traditions of this rural community, one that is worthy of passing on to kids and participating in ourselves. The fair has age group classifications down to three years old, and welcomes exhibit entries from all people. Blue Mountain Master Gardeners and the Heppner Garden Club would like to help you get started in gardening and help plan your plantings to allow bringing your produce to the fair. They will be at the plant exchange to answer any questions and help you plan for a fun and successful gardening year. Information on fair participation will be available; specifically, the many entries possible and the age group classifications. Kids are particularly encouraged to join in and bring exhibits.

No garden space available? The Heppner Community Garden has free plots of ground available for use. The garden is a joint effort between the City of Heppner and the Blue Mountain Master Gardeners to provide space and advice for anyone wishing to have a garden. For more information visit the Plant Exchange or call John Murray 676-9631 to reserve a plot.

## Students receive First Holy Communion



Celebrating their first Communion are (front, left to right)-Trevor Graff, Conner Pappas, Carrie Haguewood, Garrett Gibbs and Justin Pranger. Back are teacher Mike Armato and Fr. Gerry Condon.

Five students of St. Patrick's Parish received their First Holy Communion on Sunday at St. Patrick's church during the 11 a.m. Mass. Trevor Graff, Garrett Gibbs, Carrie Haguewood, Conner Pappas, and Justin Pranger, all students of Mike Armato, had been preparing for this occasion since last September.

Following the Mass there was a reception sponsored by the Altar Society. Bettie Doherty gave each of the students a beautiful framed picture with their name on it. Each was also presented with a certificate commemorating the occasion.



Father Hebert celebrates his birthday with a cake presented by Ann Murray.

## Tree Seedlings Available

Western Larch seedlings will be available on Friday, May 3, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District office at 430 Heppner/Lexington Hwy.

Morrow SWCD organizes the dispersal of these excess trees each year in cooperation with the USFS.

"Trees provide shade, windbreaks, and wildlife habitat as well as minimizing soil erosion," said a SWCD spokesperson. "Take advantage of this opportunity and plant a few trees this spring to enhance your property. Survival increases if

trees are healed in now and planted this fall."

Interested persons are asked to bring containers such as burlap sacks or garbage bags to protect the trees in transport.

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