

Ione UCC auction and barbecue news

Suppose you decided that being an auctioneer was pretty cool and you'd like to learn to be one. How in this day and age do people learn this skill that involves the auctioneer "chanting" or rapidly speaking? Well, one way would be to fill your mouth with marbles and practice your chanting. Then, you'd need to take some marbles out of your mouth and practice some more. Then, take some more out and keep practicing that chant. Continuing this way, when you've lost all of your marbles, you're an auctioneer!

All kidding aside, what exactly does this information have to do with the upcoming 40th-annual Ione Auction and Barbecue on Saturday, June 1? Local man, Ken Greib, of course.

The Ione church's own Ken Greib is this year's auctioneer. Ken is a familiar face around local auctions as he volunteers his time to charity groups, Scouts, Cattle Association state sales, and to the Morrow County Fair 4-H auction. Ken has been "chanting" since high school. At various cattle sales, and from 4-H and FFA exposure, Ken decided while a teenager that this was something he wanted to learn. With no radio on the tractor or combine, he spent his time imitating and practicing his auctioneering skills. He even spent some time at the Missouri Auction School in Kansas City, learning all the tricks of the trade and gaining valuable "real" practice.

Ken can envision his love of auctioneering some day being more than just a hobby, but not any time soon. Between Ken's roles as a rancher and a father, he's not yet quite up for all the

traveling an auctioneer needs to do. Many familiar types of items will be auctioned off at this year's auction but there are always new and unique items as well. There is a lovely donated cream-colored afghan with many different types of stitches used, including popcorn and cable. There is a Griswold waffle maker, four ladder back chairs, bicycles, exercise equipment, tools, two Captain chairs, an old secretary's chair from the Hardman Odd fellow's Hall, a radio case bought in 1921, various gift certificates from businesses for goods and services, lawn mowers, a tabletop barbecue set, iron headboards, a hardwood chest of drawers, an armoire, ariel spray certificates, golf and bowling games, ski lift tickets, Adams camperships, dessert and dinner certificates, and a trampoline frame, to name just a few of the items that will be passing by Ken's gavel. At approximately 2 p.m., this year's beautiful quilt made by a group of dedicated church women will go to the highest bidder.

Everyone is invited to the Ione Willows Grange Hall, Saturday, June 1, for the auction and barbecue. The country store opens at 10 a.m. when the bell rings, the auction starts at 10:30 a.m. and the pit barbecue begins at 12:30 p.m. The barbecue prices are \$6 for adults, \$3 for 6-12-year-olds and preschoolers are free.

Ken says that he uses many opportunities to practice, so if you are ever following a vehicle and you hear an auction going on, it's not the radio, it's just Ken taking a bid from the first power pole and then a higher bid from the next pole, and so on down the road he goes.

Dryland Crop Tour/Social set for June 7

The Morrow County Dryland Crop Tour/Social will be held on Friday, June 7 at 3 p.m. The tour will begin at a large-plot variety trial on Ken Nelson's Farm on Lloyd Road-1/4 mile north of where it intersects with Baseline. Additional in-the-field demonstrations, which will occur at Starvation Farms, will focus on weed control options for chemical fallow, phosphorus and zinc fertilization of wheat, and small plot variety trials. Oregon State University Extension Agent, Larry Lutchter, says the county's fourth consecutive year of drought has impacted yield potentials severely. "This will be clearly demonstrated at field trials that will be visited during the tour," said Lutchter. He also says it is "a good year for evaluating varietal differences in drought tolerance and water use efficiency."

The crop tour will conclude with a social get-together sponsored by the Morrow County Wheat League and the Oregon Wheat League Office. Social activities, which begin at about 6 p.m., will take place at Virginia Grieb's place and include a steak dinner, refreshments, and music by the Front Porch Band. Sherman Reese, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Wheat Growers and past president of the Oregon Wheat League, will be on hand to present information about the Farm Bill. Dave Paul, Dave Beardson, and Mick Rice from the Risk Management Agency will attend the event as well. They will have an opportunity to view crop conditions in the county and will be available to answer questions. There is no cost to participate in this event, but participants can assist with dinner by bringing either a salad (last name A-L) or dessert (last name M-Z). RSVP to the Morrow County Extension Office (676-9642) by Wednesday, May 29.

DA's Report

-Leo Degario Campos was found to be in Contempt of Court by failing to pay court-ordered child support and was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended upon three years probation and other conditions set by the court.

Heppner High in-school awards

Numerous Heppner High School students received awards at an in-school assembly on Wednesday, May 15.

Brad Adams, Blake Allstott, Brian Haguewood, Stefanie Hanson, Judd Lemmon, Chantea Macaulay, Luke Murray, Courtney Nelson, Codi Rosecrans, Brooke Rust and Nicole Wilson were tapped for Honor Society membership.

In-school math winners included, seventh grade: First Place-Brendan McElligott, Second Place-Justin Delveaux, Third Place-Colton Hanson, Fourth Place-Quinn Peck, Fifth Place-Mechele Nieman, Sixth Place-Mahaley Huddleston, Seventh Place-Kylie Tasker and alternates Regi Seitz and Drew Prindle. Eighth grade winners: First Place-Amy Jepsen, Second Place-Dan Basile, Third Place-Rory Kilkenny, Fourth Place-Krystal Temple, Fifth Place-Krystal Nairns, Sixth Place-Brianne Jones, Seventh Place-Brenda Victorio, Eighth Place-Heather Yocom, Ninth Place-Laurie Murray and alternates Charlene Houweling and Lynan Bingham.

In-school spelling winners included, Division II: First Place-Brendan McElligott, Second Place-Amy Jepsen, Third Place-Laurie Murray and alternates Sarah Hickerson and Bryson Wood. Division III: First Place-Jesse Gutierrez, Second Place-Dan Jepsen, Third Place-Brooke Rust, and alternates Claire Anderson and Terra Wilson.

In-school Geography Bee winners included, Eighth Grade: First Place-Roy Proctor, Second Place-Dan Basile and Third Place-Juliana Moore. Seventh Grade: First Place-Casey O'Neal, Second Place-Brendan McElligott, and Third Place-Justin Delveaux. Seventh through 12th Place: Rory Kilkenny, Sloan Keithley, James Van Liew, Sam Martin, Robert Worden, and Kyle Carlson.

Fall Knowledge Master Team: High School: Jonathan Bennett, Shelley Rietmann, Daniel Jepsen, Tyler Henderson, Jesse Gutierrez, Leland Rill, Marcy Miller, Connor Kilkenny, Julie Proctor, Paula Spicerkuhn, Douglas Orwick and Shanna Rietmann. Junior High: Brendan McElligott, Krystal Nairns, Brianne Jones, Drew Prindle, Laurie Murray, Roy Proctor and Rory Kilkenny. Spring Knowledge Master: High School: Dan Jepsen, Jon Bennett, Jesse Gutierrez, Jody Maddem, Shelley Rietmann, Marcy Miller, Leland Rill, Meghan Bailey, Ryan Campbell, Chantea Macaulay, Tyler Henderson, Josh Lankford, Paula Spicerkuhn, and Justin Botefuhr. Junior High: Drew Prindle, Roy Proctor, Rory Kilkenny, Brendan McElligott, Julie Moore, Robert Worden, Ashley Dima, James VanLiew, Brianne Jones, Laurie Murray, Kody Lovgren and Casey O'Neal.

The following students were recognized for their participation in student government: ASB Officers: President: Shelley Rietmann; Vice President Ashley Ward; Secretary Codi Rosecrans; Treasurer Jessie Gutierrez; Publicity Director Julie Proctor and Business Manager Meghan Bailey. Class of 2002: President Brad Bowman; Vice President Jon Bennett; Secretary Sam Van Liew. Class of 2003: President



National Youth Leadership Forum: Tyler Henderson, Ashley Ward, Doug Orwick, Codi Rosecrans, Brad Bowman, Jesse Gutierrez and Jon Bennett.



Cara Kennedy, Elizabeth Orwick, Blair Keithly, Kylee Disque, and Josh Lankford achieved Honor Roll all three quarters this year.

Tyler Henderson; Vice President Marcy Miller; Secretary Nikki Sisk; Treasurer Doug Orwick and Representative Rachel Howard. Class of 2004: President Chantea Macaulay; Vice President Stefanie Hanson; Secretary Lindsey Clough; Representative Brian Haguewood and Brooke Rust. Class of 2005: President Jode Coil; Vice President Josh Lankford; Secretary/Treasurer Josh Gutierrez; Representative Kyle Huddleston and Kyle Disque. Seventh and Eighth Grade Student Council: President Laurie Murray; Vice President Mahaley Huddleston; Secretary/Treasurer Katie Britt; Representatives Regi Seitz; Kody Lovgren; Heather Yocom and Peter Geer.

The following students made Honor Roll all three quarters: Meghan Bailey, Jodie Carlson, Kelsey Greenup, Jesse Gutierrez, Stefan Matheny, Brian Rust, Paula Spicerkuhn, Molly Turrell, Sam Van Liew, Donald Adams, Clementine Guyot, Tyler Henderson, Daniel Jepsen, Sibbea Jones, Connor Kilkenny, Lacey Matteson, Doug Orwick, Ashley Ward, Nicole Wilson, Blake Allstott, Luke Murray, Brooke Rust, Madison Bailey, Kylee Disque, Blair Keithley, Cara Kennedy, Joshua Lankford, Elizabeth Orwick, Brianne Jones, Brenda Victorio, Heather Yocom, and Mahaley Huddleston. Students with 4.0 all three quarters will be recognized at awards' desserts.

National English Merit Nominees were recognized: Jon Bennett, Brad Bowman, Sam Van Liew, Brian Rust, Stefan Matheny, Leland Rill, Shelley Rietmann, Meghan Bailey, Paula Spicerkuhn, Jesse Gutierrez, Dan Jepsen, Tyler Henderson, Doug Orwick, Brett Barber, Tammy Smith, Lacey Matteson, Marcy Miller, Ashley Ward, Rachel Howard, Nicole Wilson, Tylyn Smith, Genia Grant, Maggie Beam, Sibbea Jones, Luke Murray, Brian Haguewood, Kiel Nairns, Joshua Lankford, Kyle Huddleston, Courtney Nelson, Blake Allstott, Chantea Macaulay, Shanna Rietmann Madison Bailey, Blair Keithly, Terra Wilson, Elizabeth Orwick, Kylee Disque, Jessica Wainwright, Chelsea Britt, Linsey Mitchell, Aaron Allstott, Andrew Prindle, Brendan McElligott, Dan Basile, Roy Proctor, Mikel Britt, Rory Kilkenny, Matthew Kenny, Brianne Jones, Laurie Murray, Julie Moore, Mahaley Huddleston, Kylie Tasker, Charlene Houweling, Heather Rill, Krystal Nairns, Brenda Victorio, Heather Yocom and Lynan Bingham.

National Youth Leadership Forum on Law Nominees included: Jon Bennett, Brad Bowman, Jesse Gutierrez, Shelley Rietmann, Leland Rill, Paula Spicerkuhn. Junior Statesmen Summer School nominees included: Luke Murray, Dan Jepsen, Tyler Henderson, Doug

Orwick, Marcy Miller, Ashley Ward, Shanna Rietmann, and Madison Bailey.

Sibbea Jones and Mahaley Huddleston received recognition as Oregon Writing Festival participants.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir. May 15, 2002

The Heppner Chamber welcomes new members. Heppner United Methodist Church and Columbia River Title Company/Pam Neal. Neal has been busy painting and will soon be open for business next to Heppner Hardware. Stop in to welcome her to Heppner.

Faces come and go, and the community will truly miss Craig Strobel and Monica Hunter for many, many reasons. Craig dove right in and chaired not only the St. Pat's Parade, but the Fair and Rodeo parade as well, while Monica announced the events. Their support in volunteer activities will leave a big gap for the community, but their Heppner "song" will linger on. Heppner's loss is Joseph's gain! So, is there a kind soul who would like to chair the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro-Rodeo parade this year? Please step forward, soon!

"Forget Rome Italy...Roam Eastern Oregon!" Stop by the Chamber of Commerce to pick up your "hot off the press" free copy of the Eastern Oregon Visitor's Guide. The 32-page magazine contains suggestions of four to seven day itineraries to be explored in the eight-county region. The guide allows visitors and locals to get a feel for the diversity of tourism opportunities we have in eastern Oregon. It's also a great opportunity for local businesses to familiarize their staff on sharing "the Columbia River Plateau ...from the river to the mountains", with visitors. That would be Boardman to Heppner and on to Umatilla County with side trips offered along the way. Next week the Chamber luncheon program will be an upfront on the new elementary school project. If you left your heart in the old high school, then grab that camera and take some final shots to preserve history before a new era begins. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "An optimist may see a light where there is none, but why must the pessimist always run to blow it out?" Michel de Saint-Pierre.

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Open house & belated birthday party for Oral Wright
 There will be an open house and belated birthday party for Oral Wright on Sunday, May 26 from 2-5 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall in Heppner.
 The event will be hosted by Lynne Wright Haguewood and her children, Kimee Haguewood, Kelwayne and Mary Haguewood, and Keven and Linda Haguewood.
 All friends and relatives are encouraged to come for cake and visit with Oral and his family.

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