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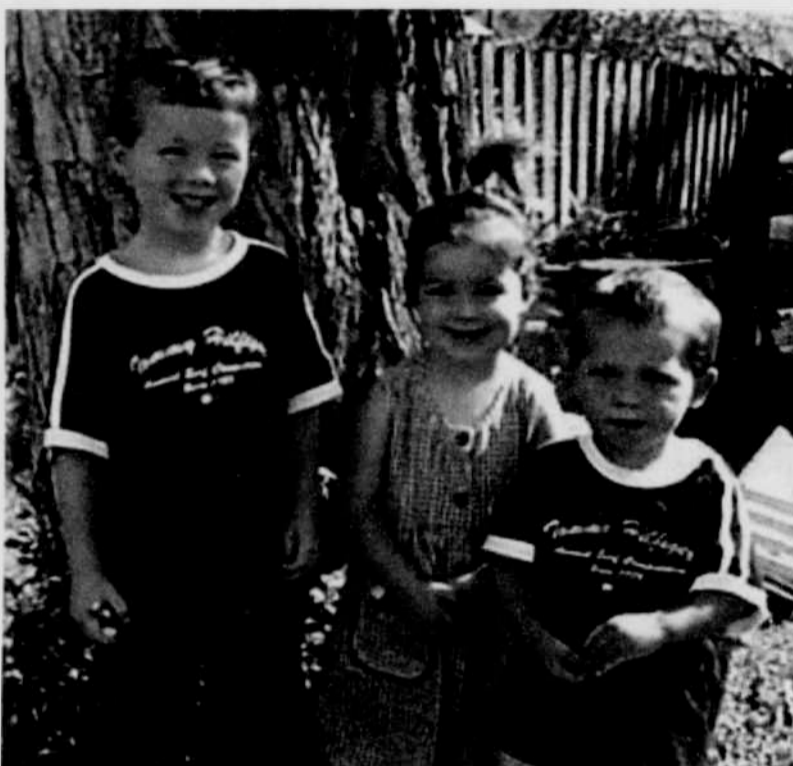
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**Reading bugs finish reading program**



Top three summer readers: Kaden Clark-Lehman, first place; Lynzie Collier, second place; Payton Lehman, third place.

By Sarah Collier

Morrow County children are full of knowledge and wisdom after completing this year's summer reading program, "Don't Bug Me, I'm Reading." After reading everything from Disney to Dinosaurs to Dr. Seuss to Doctors, participants ended the six-week program with a "Bugfest /Party in the Park" on July 17. Those who read at least 10 books during the reading season received a certificate from the state superintendent of schools. Books and prizes were given out to the top ten readers.

Kaden Clark-Lehman, son of Jon and Jessica Lehman of Lexington, read 90 books, the most out of all participants this summer. Lynzie Collier, daughter

of Jamie and Sarah Collier of Heppner, placed second, reading 81 books, and Payton Lehman came in just 40 books behind his older brother at third place with 50 books.

Children of all ages, from 6 months to 11-years-old, registered for the program. According to Margaret Flaherty, coordinator, 54 kids registered this year. "That is an increase of 38 percent since last year," she said. "21 children read over 500 books and 19 read at least 10," said Barb Orwick, librarian.

Flaherty added that, "the library appreciated the great parent participation and assistance in crafts, games and reading." The fall story time begins Wednesday, September 11, at 11:15 a.m.

**Letters to the Editor**

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

**To my friends**

To the Editor:  
To my friends in Heppner: It is with regret that I find it necessary to leave Heppner. I have loved my church

fellowship, working in the office at St. Patrick's Senior Center and all my wonderful friends. I will miss you.

Sincerely,  
(s) Evelyn E. Wagoner  
Heppner

**Small town life is a valuable privilege**

To the Editor:  
I don't know if you know any Hedmans. If you don't, it is most likely that someone you know knows one very well. But isn't that just small town magic? Yeah, it is. That, and a lot of other reasons, is why I am so deeply a part of Heppner, Oregon. I can hardly begin to tell you how much that town and the surrounding area means to my whole family and me.

My parents, Jon and Katherine Hedman, older brother, Jason, and younger sister, Jessica moved away from Heppner when I was ten years old. I only attended school there through fourth grade. I often dreamed of being back in Oregon with my friends and family. Every chance my family could afford it, we would fly out and visit. Never enough, never long enough. It seems like the older I got, the more we got to visit. After graduating high school in 1993, I came back to visit and stay for part of the summer.

Well, I just couldn't leave Eastern Oregon. The hunting and fishing. The family, friends and community life was just so fulfilling. So I stayed. Working, living, and learning all around Eastern Oregon. I worked with Arnie and Rita Hedman, Blanche and Paul Jones (my great-grandparents), Tim and Jacque Hedman and Dale Arrington. I worked a number of seasons harvesting with Steve Anderson and at Lamb Weston in Hermiston. Weird thing is, for

some reason I kept doing community theatre in Hermiston for four years. One day, out of nowhere it seemed, it hit me very hard and very seriously that I wanted to make feature films. Not so much TV, sitcoms or commercials, but feature length films. I loved them. So I made a plan and prepared the best I could. I decided to go right to the heart of it. If the time came I didn't like it or enjoy what it was about, I would walk away and pursue some other dream.

But I haven't felt the need to walk away from the business, not yet at least. It's been a very challenging road. As is any road in life, I have a lot more ahead. I am enjoying life, and look forward to more positive results, so that I might spread my good fortune as everyone always has with me. Everyone has always been so supportive of me, and that's been a nice surprise. I know, and I see, whenever I am in the town of Heppner, why my goals are being accomplished. It's because there's a strong sense of work ethic, pride and appreciation for the outdoors and our country. It's made my family the way they are and so it gave those attributes to me as well. It's the only thing that saves me from myself sometimes. It's a valuable gift; the most valuable and useful gift I have ever received and I am thankful for that.

Sincerely,  
(s) Jacob Lee Hedman  
Turlock, CA

**German bicyclists** *continued from page one*

diced time at Yellowstone Park. "I was going up a canyon and the wind was blowing down the canyon at least 50-60 miles per hour. I just could not move. A pickup went by and turned around and stopped and offered me shelter from the wind. I put my bike in the pickup and I sat on the hatch and held my trailer and he pulled me up the hill. That's where I learned to fear the wind. But that gentleman turned around and helped me."

Hoermann says that he saved the money to finance his journey, and gets by by being very frugal. "My budget must be low," he says. "I spend \$15-20 a day for everything—food, water, campgrounds, postcards, hair cuts, museums, a new shirt." The trailer on his bicycle carries all his necessities, such as a tent, sleeping bag, food and water.

From Heppner, the 65-year-old Hoermann planned to go to Arlington, traveling along the highway to Oregon City because of the Oregon Trail, and then travel down the coast. "I want to dip my front wheel in the Pacific Ocean," he says. After dipping in the Pacific, Hoermann plans to cut back to Portland where he will depart for his homeland.

Back home, Hoermann's wife, Marianne, is caring for their apartment house and two-acre garden. Hoermann previously had a business growing kitchen herbs, tea herbs and bedding plants. He holds a degree in engineering, a master's degree in graveur printing and has also completed a stint as a printer in Connecticut, where he learned his nearly impeccable English.

**Justice Court Report**

The Justice Court office at the courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business:

Eric J. Moore, 40, Ponderay, Idaho; overloaded truck—exceeding the maximum weight on tandems, \$596 fine.

Matthew Byron Phillips, 31, Heppner; driving with license suspended and no insurance, \$474 fine. Also cited for switched license plates, \$132 fine.

Deeanna Rae Raver, 31, Heppner; Speeding/VBR, 75/55, \$136 fine.

Robert K. Rasmussen, 35, Sweet Home; VBR, 71/55, \$136 fine.

Rick Lewis Evans, 43, Joseph; endangering a child passenger, \$104 fine.

Julia Susanne Crabbe, 23, Lakewood, WA; speeding/VBR, 85/65, \$322 fine.

Jacob B. Cimmiyotti, 20, Hermiston; improper use of a seatbelt, \$104.

Brett Alan Leonard, 38, Hermiston; no angling license, \$55

**DA's Report**

Frank Davis Ayers plead guilty to failure to appear II. Ayers was sentenced to 24 months probation and \$934 in fines.

Christopher Michael Swope pled guilty to criminal mischief I. Swope was sentenced to five days in jail and 18 months probation.

**Marriage Licenses**

July 17, 2002: Scott Richard McDaniel, 21, Boardman and Kimberley Sue Hawes, 23, Boise.

**4-H News**

**4-H girls are "sew" ready for fair**

By Emily Bergstrom, reporter

On June 28, Pins and Pots and Patterns and Pans 4-H group had a meeting where they filled out their paperwork for fair. They also spent time working on their 4-H projects to show at fair time. The members who were present were Laurie Murray, Kendra Rayburn and Emily Bergstrom.

On July 5, the group had another meeting. During that meeting the members worked on their fair projects. Kendra Rayburn worked on her dress. Krystal Nairns worked on her quilt for Hands for Larger service. Laurie Murray made a pillow. Emily Bergstrom worked on a jacket to go with a skirt. All the projects that the girls are making will be displayed during fair time.

At the July 12 meeting, the members worked on their fair projects as well. Kendra Rayburn almost finished her dress. Krystal Nairns finished her quilt. Laurie Murray worked on a pillow. Megan Orr worked on hemming her dress for fair. Emily Bergstrom almost finished her jacket.

On July 19 the group had a meeting at the Extension office. Kendra Rayburn finished her dress. Megan Orr finished hemming her dress. Emily Bergstrom finished her jacket. Krystal Nairns and Laurie Murray were unable to attend this meeting.

**Kids can share their creations during fair**

Between the ages of three and six years, children have developed an imagination. As a parent, I collected and saved any artwork my child created. Anything from drawings, ceramics and dough art, to mosaics, shell craft, scrapbooks and holiday decorations. The list goes on!

Children bring home items from school, Sunday school, 4-H, Hands-on-Science, or a Hands-on-Site-Center. They have made treasures with grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers and more. Again, it's endless!

After the enjoyment of the craft, parents should place it in a box, along with all the other keepsakes throughout the year, and bring it to the fair on August 12 between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. so children can share with the surrounding communities their ideas in the form of their own art.

The items are judged, ribbons are given to all participants, and checks are mailed to the children for placing. It's a shame to not share your child's wonderful outlook on life. Please share it with Leah Hyatt and Merry Brannon at the kid's corner at the 2002 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

**Woman receives high honor at Montana State**

Lindsey Ward, the daughter of Jim and Susie Ward of Heppner, was recently named Montana State University's Freshman Woman of the Year. A plaque present to Ward by MSU President Geoff Gamble at the



Lindsey Ward

Day of Student Recognition ceremony stated the award was, "The highest honor given to a freshman woman." The selection was based on leadership, scholarship, and community service.

Ward served as vice-president of her floor in the Residence Hall Association and was a judicial board member for the campus discipline system. She was also elected vice-president of Service in Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed community service fraternity she belongs to. Some of the organizations Alpha Phi Omega serves include Habitat for Humanity, Gallatin Valley Humane Society, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Montana, Montana State Highway Department, Gallatin Valley Rest Home and the Montana Winter Fair. Ward has also been recently selected to serve as an AdvoCat and a Becoming Our Best Mentor. Both programs are designed to inform prospective students and their parents about Montana State University.

Ward will be returning to MSU this fall to continue working towards a degree in Accounting.

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