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## Red Ribbon Week celebrated at HES



(l-r) HES teacher Cara Osmin, HES teacher Sharon Morris, Kathleen Casey, HES teacher Molly Rill, and HES teacher MaryAnn Elguezabal. (front) Dylan Rill

Starting last Thursday, Oct. 24, and continuing through Thursday, Oct. 31, Heppner Elementary School is celebrating Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week began fourteen years ago when a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Agent, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who had been investigating a multi-billion dollar drug scam, was abducted and killed. His body was found one month later in a shallow grave. He was only 37 years old.

"Kiki" grew up in a dirt-floored house with hopes and dreams of making a difference in the world. He worked hard in school and had a job to pay his way through college. He served in the Marines and then decided to join the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. His mother did not want him to join because she knew it could be very dangerous. He told her, "I can't not do this. I'm only one person, but I want to make a difference in the world."

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin ribbon and in 1988, formed a partnership with

the National Red Ribbon Campaign.

The students and teachers of Heppner Elementary School would like all of Heppner to try and make a difference in the world by wearing red ribbons and always remembering to say "NO" to drugs. Ribbons have been distributed to businesses downtown, and Red Ribbons have been tied to the trees of Main Street in honor of the campaign.

Through the generosity of Morrow County Behavioral Health, HES was able to obtain activity books, pencils and prizes that will be awarded throughout this week. The prizes include key chains, water bottles, mini-footballs and Frisbees.

Tiah Sanderson-Devin, from Behavioral Health, came to HES and presented a program to all of the students, Kindergarten through Sixth Grade, on the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs. HES will end this year's Red Ribbon Week by wearing as much red clothing as we can on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Please join with all of the students and remember to "Just Say No!"

## Holly Rebekah Lodge to host monthly card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will host their monthly card party this Saturday evening, Nov. 2 at the IOOF Hall in Lexington.

The lodge will hold a public bingo party on Sunday, Nov. 10 as a benefit for the purchase of new card tables and chairs. Refreshments of pie and beverage will be served at a cost of \$2. Bingo cards will be 25¢ cents each and a percentage of the take of each game will be given to each lucky cardholder.

Winners at the October card party were Bill Rowell and Marilyn Allison, high men and woman. Lows went to Clarence Buchanan and Dot Halverson. Travelings were won by Dot Halverson and Ed Hunt.

The lodge hosts a public card party the first Saturday of the month, with the exception of the summer months from June until October. Proceeds from these activities go toward paying the utilities so that the hall is available for use by the community.

## Election Day is Nov. 5

As a reminder, ballots for the general election must be in by Nov. 5.

Morrow County ballot boxes will be located at the following sites: in Heppner, at the Morrow County Court House Clerk's Office; in Ione, at the Bank of Eastern Oregon; in Lexington, at the Public Works Building; in Irrigon, at the Justice Court lobby; and in Boardman, at the Behavioral Health Building.

All box locations will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day, except for Bank of Eastern Oregon, which will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Morrow County Courthouse Clerk's Office, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## MCGG to hold annual meeting

The Morrow County Grain Growers will hold its annual meeting Monday Nov. 4 at the fairgrounds pavilion in Heppner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Music will be provided by Front Porch and dinner will be served. Free baby sitting will also be provided.

## Ione 2002 Homecoming Court



Photos by Jeri McElligott

(l-r) 2002 Homecoming Court: Fr. prince Kelly Thompson and Fr. princess Ashly Grams; Jr. prince Paul Neiffer and Jr. princess Megan McCabe; Sr. King Til Tullis and Sr. Queen Caitlin Orem; Sr. prince Karl Morgan and Sr. princess Jamie VandenBrink; Sr. prince Cody Bergstrom and Sr. princess Jaysi Bennetto; So. prince Austin Arballo and So. princess Amanda Emery; and So. prince Nick Christman and So. princess Sara Peck.



(l-r) Princesses Megan McCabe and Amanda Emery, Queen Caitlin Orem, Princesses Jamie VandenBrink, Jaysi Bennetto, Ashly Grams and Sara Peck.

## Volunteers complete hospice training class



### Hospice volunteers at training class

The hospice volunteer training class at the Pioneer Memorial Hospice-Heppner entitled, "My Gift: Myself" concluded with guest speakers Pat Sweeney of Sweeney Mortuary and Bill Kuhn of Kuhn and Spicer, Attorneys, on Oct. 29.

Persons completing this seven-week course included Mike Armato, Betty and Louis Carlson, Cyde Estes, Joy Krein, Judie Laughlin, Sherree Mahoney, Virginia Martinez, Paul Smith, Debby and Paul Sumner, Tim Van Cleave and Mary West. Lindsey Ward completed the course as an independent study.

A few of the class members took this video, workbook and discussion course for self-education regarding the hospice way of caring for terminally ill persons, their families and their caregivers. Others will become volunteers in various ways as part of the hospice team.

Carolyn Willey, hospice volunteer coordinator and volunteer herself, co-led these classes with Robinai Disque, RN and hospice coordinator.

Future training plans include a hospice volunteer training class in Condon in the spring of 2003 and another such class in Heppner sometime next year. Persons interested in taking this training may call the hospice office at 676-2946, from 9 a.m.-

5 p.m., weekdays, and leave their name and phone number for a follow-up call.

Disque and Willey are holding a similar training class that will conclude in Boardman on Oct. 31, with guest speakers Bill Kuhn, attorney, and Dan Burns of Burns Mortuary. Persons completing this class included Louise Britts, Marie and Norm DeBoer, Dona Edman,

## Federal funding for nursing home expected to be phased out

Morrow County Health District administrator Victor Vander Does told the board at their Monday night meeting that the Pro Share program, which disburses federal funds to Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, is expected to be phased out over the next several years, which will seriously affect the continued operation of that facility.

The Pro Share is a federal matching funds program in which monies, earmarked for health care, are distributed to the states. However, said Vander Does, the state of Oregon has put the monies in the ailing general fund, which leaves a smaller piece of the pie for health care. The monies are distributed proportionately to nursing homes in districts such as Morrow County Health District, based on

the number of Medicaid patient days.

On Oct. 11, MCHD received \$213,000 as its share of the Pro Share program. Last year the district received \$200,000. The amount will be reduced for 2003-04 and will probably be phased out the following year. Vander Does said if the program is phased out, the MCHD board might have to consider whether or not to continue operation of Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home. Because Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home are so closely intertwined, it is possible that the entire facility could be at risk.

In other business, the board:

-learned that the Pioneer Memorial Hospice program has received certification.

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