

Morrow SWCD announces conservation poster winners

The annual conservation poster contest sponsored by Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District was held May 15. The theme this year was "The Gift of Trees".

"The theme was a reminder to the students that most of us live surrounded by trees and we may take them for granted. Each of us has a responsibility to care for trees and forests from the nearest city street to the most remote mountaintop," said a district spokesperson.

This year the students from Ione, Heppner and Columbia Middle School in Irrigon participated in the contest. The winners for the fifth-sixth grades were: first place-Julianna VandenBrink, Ione; second place-Justin Archer, Ione; and third place-Baillie Keithley, Heppner. The winners for the seventh-ninth grades were: first place-Kayleen Vosberg, Ione; second place-Shelly Orcutt, Columbia Middle School; and third place-Kimberly Morris, Ione, with honorable mention going to Jennifer Griffith, Ione. The winners for the 10th-12th grades were: first place-Emily Key, Ione; second place-Eva Chitty, Ione; and third place-Meghan McCabe, Ione.

The first place posters of Julianna VandenBrink, Kayleen Vosberg and Emily Key were selected to compete in the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts Convention held Nov. 19-22.



(L-R): Back Row- Kayla LaRue, Kylee Svetich, Emily Rietmann, Stephanie Holland, Kip Krebs, Dalton Campbell, and Michael Wellman; Middle Row- Julianna VandenBrink, Shannon Clay, Alan Rietmann, Teonna Vandever, and Mak Trahan; Front Row- Aimee Emery, Kevin Fowler, Kaylee Palmateer, and BreeAnna Day, all of IES.



(L-R): Back Row- Kim Morris, Nick Christman, Sara Peck, Amanda Emery, Emily Key, and Arthur Ekstrom; Front Row- Kayleen Vosberg, Meghan McCabe, and Eva Chitty, all of IHS.



Baillie Keithley, 3rd place winner from HES.

Births

Savanna Fay Buckmaster - a daughter, Savanna Fay, was born Nov. 19, 2002 at Good Shepherd Medical Center, in Hermiston, to Idanna Lee Wolfe and Melvin Forrest Buckmaster, of Irrigon.

Gazette close for Thanksgiving holiday

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 2.



(L-R): Jenny Griffith, Ashly Grams, Abby Key, and Kyle Palmateer, all of IHS.

HHS grad to command airborne platoon

Second Lieutenant Eric Schonbachler completed infantry officer basic course, airborne school, and graduated from Army Ranger School, Nov. 8.

Schonbachler will be assigned to the 82nd Airborne at

Fort Bragg, NC, where he will assume command of a platoon.

Schonbachler is the son of Gary and Donna Schonbachler of Heppner. He is also a 1997 graduate of Heppner High School.



(L-R): Luke Young, Maggie Armato, Sherilyn Peck, Christopher Hendricks, and Chelsey Hedman, all of HES.

The After Thanksgiving Story

By the Heppner Chamber of Commerce

To one and all... stroll along Heppner's city sidewalks, which will be dressed in holiday styles and on every street corner you'll see people, sipping free cocoa and hot apple cider. You'll smile with glee at Santa's Merchant's door prizes. Your children shall smile with glee, since Santa will be in his sleigh next to Heppner's Giant Christmas Tree. Even the little children remembered to bring ornaments from home, just to hang on that old tree. Then of course, the picture with Santa in his sleigh will make their whole day. When the ticking clock strikes 4:30 p.m., don't be amazed when not even a mouse will stir, for one and all will stop and stare: Look for the Giant Christmas Tree, next to Santa's sleigh, but you will not need to look very far. Since, it will light up the whole city with thousands of wondrous lights and all will cheer!

But wait, somebody must have made the Grinch real mad, because he just pulled the Giant Christmas Tree Light plug! Oh my, out went the lights. Yup! every single, little light on that Giant Christmas Tree. That mean ole' Grinch, he just stole our glee and cheer, now that is just not fair! But, wait. Yes, I think I can see a teeny little light coming from the west. Is it a star? Is it Rudolph, well of course not, since the light would be red from his famous nose... Can you hear what I hear? It's faint, but I think I can hear music coming from that light. Oh my, silly me, it's 6 p.m. and time for the "Light Parade" and one and all start to cheer!

My it's getting cold, and now that the Light Parade has come to an end... Santa hollered out to the crowd... Come one and all, to "Christmas at the Courthouse," Saturday, Dec. 7, enjoy refreshments, tours, music by the Willow Creek Symphony String Section, Christmas Tree Live Auction and vote for your favorite tree for the People's Choice Award... and then you hear... Ho, Ho, Ho Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

HHS Christmas break to begin Dec. 20

Christmas Break begins Friday, Dec. 20, with school resuming Monday, Jan. 6, 2003.

Jostens will be at Heppner High School for sophomores and seniors Monday, Dec. 2. They will hold a parent order night at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9.

There will be an advisory meeting Wednesday, Dec. 4, at HHS, at 7 p.m. The following Wednesday, Nov. 11, will be the HHS Site Council meeting at 6 p.m.

The Heppner Elementary School music program will be Thursday, Dec. 12, in the HHS gym at 7 p.m. HHS will hold their music program Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in the HHS cafeteria.

Winter sports pictures will be on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Along with these activities there are many basketball games to look forward to in the month of December.

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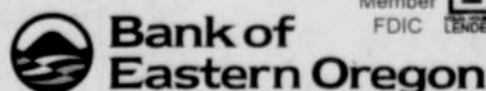


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