

## HHS named Outstanding Weather Volunteer



Steve Brownfield (left) receives the Outstanding Weather Volunteer award on behalf of HHS from Dennis Hull, NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist from Pendleton.

Heppner High School has been named an Outstanding Weather Volunteer by the National Weather Service (NWS) in Pendleton. The recognition was given to High School Principal Wade Smith and science teacher Steve Brownfield on April 3.

Heppner High operates an automatic weather station that collects temperature, humidity, wind, rainfall, and pressure data and transmits that information to the Internet where it is retrieved by the Weather Service. The data are updated every five minutes. Although the data are unofficial, the NWS uses it to provide updated forecasts, watches, and warnings to the residents and travelers in central Morrow County. The station has been operational for the past two years. Before that, weather data was received only once per day from the official weather observer in Heppner.

The weather data are available from the Heppner High School Internet site at [www.hhs.morrow.k12.or.us](http://www.hhs.morrow.k12.or.us) and also from the National Weather Service at [www.wr.noaa.gov/](http://www.wr.noaa.gov/)

pendleton/index.shtml and heard on NOAA Weather Radio at 162.425 MHz.

"Having the weather data from Heppner has really increased our ability to watch temperature and wind trends," explained Dennis Hull, NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist. "We can also correlate rainfall estimates from the weather radar at Pendleton to what is actually being measured at the high school. This is especially important in flash flood-prone areas such as Heppner."

The National Weather Service is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States and its territories and operates the most advanced weather and flood warning and forecast system in the world, helping to protect lives and property and enhance the national economy. To learn more about NWS, visit [weather.gov](http://weather.gov).

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## Engagement Announcement Ward- Pearson



Rebecca Ward and Andrew Pearson

Tom and Bonnie Bennett, of Heppner, wish to announce the engagement of the daughter Rebecca S. Ward, Heppner, to Andrew S. Pearson, of Green River, WY, son of Keith and Eileen Pearson of Hermiston.

The bride-elect is a Heppner High graduate. She is currently employed as a physical therapy technician at Eastern Oregon Physical Therapy in Hermiston.

The groom-elect graduated from Green River High School in Green River, WY. He is currently attending Brigham Young University in Provo, UT.

The couple plans an April 26, 2003 wedding in Hermiston.

## Langley - Krebs



Jessica Krebs and Nathan Langley

Nathan (Nate) Lee Langley and Jessica Cook Krebs, both of Moscow, Idaho, will be married on July 5, 2003 in Ione.

Jessica is the daughter of Clint and Maureen Krebs of Ione. She is a 1999 graduate of Ione High School and will graduate from the University of Idaho in May.

Nate is the son of Tracey and Linda Langley of Fruitland, Idaho. He is a 1998 graduate of Fruitland High School and will also graduate from the University of Idaho in May.

## Youth livestock judging clinic planned

The Blue Mountain Community College Livestock Judging Team will conduct a clinic on Saturday, April 26 at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston from 1-3 p.m. The Riverside 4-H club of Echo is sponsoring the clinic.

The seminar is open to anyone and will offer hands-on experience in livestock judging for beef, swine, and sheep. The BMCC team members will offer instruction on what animal characteristics judges look for, ratings and oral reasoning. This is an opportunity for everyone at any 4-H or FFA level to learn more and improve their livestock judging skills.

## Births

**Katelynn Marie Hire** - a daughter, Katelynn Marie was born March 21, 2003 to Raymond and Lori Hire of Culver. Grandparents are Robert and Lauri Hire of Heppner and Byron and Carol Rudishauser of John Day. Katelynn joins sister Cassandra Jean, 2 1/2.

## Sixth Annual Watershed Field Day to be held in May

As a result of the generosity of about 20 local businesses and organizations, the Watershed Field Days will be a reality again this year. With Measure 28's demise and other education funding cuts, the Field Days were headed for the "trash bin." For the past five years, the Watershed Field Days have created an invaluable learning experience with in-the-field learning about our most valuable resource - water. More than 1800 elementary, middle school and high school students have participated in the Field Days over the years.

The Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District's (ESD) Natural Resource Systems Consortium announces the sixth annual Watershed Field Days will be held May 5-9. The first two days of hands-on education will be at the McKay Creek site, east of Pilot Rock, the next two days will be held at the Willow Creek site, west of Ione and the final day will be held at the Umatilla River site, west of Hermiston. ESD expects nearly 800 students in grades 4-12 from sixteen Umatilla and Morrow County schools will attend the four-day event. Each day the students will rotate among seven different learning stations that include: Soil Development and Formation; Weather and Watersheds; Wheat Plant Identification and Plant Experimentation Procedures; Mapping-Math Applications in Natural Resources, GPS and compass work; Macro-invertebrate Sampling and Identification; Water Quality Monitoring and Testing; and Stream Bank Stabilization and Restoration.

Donors supporting natural resource systems education through the Watershed Field Days include: Mid-Columbia Bus Company, Morrow County SWCD, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, JSH Farms, Hermiston Generating Plant, Oregon Wheat Growers League, J.R. Simplot, Eagle Ranch, Betty Klepper, Hermiston Irrigation District, Strebin Farms, West Extension Irrigation District, Wheatland Insurance -

Pendleton, Mikami Farms, Morrow County Grain Growers, Banner Bank, Oregon Water Coalition, Madison Farms, Pizza Hut and Brenda Simpson.

Presenters from area natural resource agencies and schools will teach the Field Day Stations. Agencies participating in the Field Days include: Oregon Department of Agriculture, USDA-Agriculture Research Station, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Umatilla Soil and Water Conservation District, Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, OSU-Columbia Basin Research Station, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Monument Watershed Council, Army Corp of Engineers, Monument Soil and Water Conservation District, Umatilla National Forest, and the Women In Forestry's education program "Talk About Trees."

Field Day organizers will invite teachers to bring advanced science students to the field day as station presenters and helpers - science classes will be teaching the Macro-invertebrate Sampling and Identification Station and Mapping. Field Biology students will have the opportunity to present the Water Quality Monitoring and Testing Station at various stations.

The Watershed Field Day exposes students to the concept of "Watershed." Within the Watershed concept, the stations focus on two themes: agricultural practices that benefit the environment and healthy streams evaluation and restoration skills.

Stations are designed to provide students with hands-on contextual learning activities that focus on a few of the many components that make up the study of Watershed systems.

Dates to Remember:  
McKay Creek Site: May 5-6, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Willow Creek Site: May 7-8, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Umatilla River Site: May 9, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

## MCWG to host spring golf scramble

The Morrow County Wheat Growers will present their annual spring golf scramble, "Swing Into Spring" on Tuesday, April 15 at the Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner.

There will be awards for the best team score; the worst team score; best individual score; worst individual score; Hole in One; several Hole in One prizes including a brand new Ford Escape and Chevrolet 3/4 ton pickup; and much more.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Participants do not have to have a team of four to

play. Players can register their participation by mailing \$30 per player to the Oregon Wheat Growers League office, 115 SE 8th Street, Pendleton, OR 97801; or by phone - (541) 276-7330, fax - (541) 276-1723, e-mail at [schrist@owgl.org](mailto:schrist@owgl.org), or by calling County President Ken Klinger at (541) 422-7580 or Vice President Justin Miller at (541) 422-7014.

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## Annual Ecumenical Women's Gathering

Fellowship with Other Women of all Faiths

Speaker: Cheri Corder of Spokane, WA.

"The Five Languages of Love"

For the young and old

Learn new ways to help others feel cherished

Where:

St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Heppner

When:

Monday, April 28, at 6 p.m.

What:

Spring Salad Buffet and Guest Speaker  
NO CHARGE

This year's sponsor: Seventh-Day Adventist Church

## MS Walk will be held April 12



(L-R) Bill and Sherry Ewing and Bill and Merilee McDowell participated in last year's MS Walk.

Lace up your walking shoes, grab a friend and come enjoy the day. The 2003 Rebirth MS Walk in Heppner is this Saturday, April 12, starting at 9 a.m., at the All Saint's Episcopal Church. There is still time to collect pledges and register the day of the walk. Bring pledges in an envelopes to the church between 8-9 a.m.

Remember, if you bring \$100 the day of the walk you will be eligible for a T-shirt that day while supplies last. With pledges of \$125 or more after the walk your T-shirt and prizes will be mailed to you.

Currently, there are 87 walkers registered and \$3,200 in pledges so "we are closer to our goal of 100 walkers and \$10,000," stated Merilee McDowell, walk chairman.

**\$10,000 PRICE REDUCTION plus \$5,000 CREDIT TO BUYER** at closing. This Heppner heritage home has been bargain-priced to get it sold. Warmth and casual elegance defined - front parlor has sliding pocket doors to formal entry, family room with wood stove, lots of beautiful woodwork throughout. Main floor bedroom plus four more on the second floor. Huge covered porches front, side, back and up. Two lots with carriage house, garden shed, covered wood storage and alley access. **NOW \$110,000.** 565 North Gale.

**WORK FROM HOME.** This beautiful Queen Anne home was formerly a bed and breakfast and can be once more. Filled with period details - French doors, hardwood floors, tall casement windows. Game table nook in front parlor tower. Updated country kitchen has tile counters, center island, mini-pot belly stove. Vermont Casting gas stove in family room. Lovely yard, garden and patio all privacy fenced. Four bedrooms, two baths. **\$145,000.** 585 North Gale.

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