

## Ione Legion Auxiliary selects Girls State reps

Emily Key and Janet McElligott have been named as Girls' State representatives by the Ione American Legion Auxiliary Unit #95, Girls State Chairman Jean Jepsen has announced.

Emily, the daughter of Tim and Shelly Key of Lexington, is a junior at Ione High School. She served as ninth-grade class president and 10th grade secretary/treasurer. She was the treasurer for the student council her junior year.



Emily Key

She has been a member of the OSSOM club since ninth grade and was a member of the National Honor Society and has received National Honor Society awards. She has been a member of the high school yearbook staff since ninth grade. She was also active with school's Natural Resources program and was a Tupper Outdoor School counselor.

Active in 4-H, Key was the 4-H Photography Club president and the 4-H Livestock club president. She was also the vice-president for the Livestock Club. In addition to maintaining a 3.86 grade point average, she has played volleyball, basketball, track, tennis and softball over her high school career. She is also active in the Ione Youth Group.

Janet, the daughter of Pete and Nancy McElligott of Ione, is a junior at Condon High School, maintaining a 3.68 grade point average. She has been a member of the Lamb Chops 4-H sheep group, a 4-H member throughout her high school career and a 4-H junior leader. She is also a member of the

National Honor Society and was selected for art and biology awards and was named a scholar athlete her sophomore year. She is a member of FFA, FBLA, Project Alert and Pep Band. In addition to playing volleyball, basketball and being on the dance team, she has also been a member of the Catholic Youth Group.

Janet has volunteered working at a blood drive, as a 4-H camp counselor, collecting food for a food pantry, has helped as a member of the fairgrounds cleanup crew and at 4-H livestock fund day.



Janet McElligott

Girls State is a citizenship program developed by the American Legion Auxiliary. Each summer, girls selected for the program participate in sessions that offer training in the practical processes of self-government and good citizenship as practiced in a democratic society. Girls State citizens participate in mock political parties and elections are held to fill city and state positions. Activities include legislative sessions, campaigning, party rallies, debating and voting. They also receive special instruction in Parliamentary Procedure. The girls, all juniors, are selected on the basis of their interest in government and current events, high moral character, strong leadership abilities and above-average scholastic standing.

Local businesses that are supporters of the program include Morrow County Grain Growers, Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply, Inc., Columbia Basin Electric, Les Schwab Tire Center, JVB Dairy and Bank of Easter Oregon.

## Fossil named 2003 All-America City award finalist

The City of Fossil has been selected as one of the 30 Finalist Communities for this year's All-America City Award, the nation's most prestigious civic recognition program.

Fossil is the only city of any U.S. state west of Texas and the smallest city in the nation to remain in this year's national competition. Only nine Oregon cities - including Milton-Freewater as the only one east of the Cascades - have ever received the All-America City designation since the program began 54 years ago.

The All-America City Award, a program of the National Civic League, encourages and recognizes civic excellence, honoring communities in which residents, government, businesses and non-profit organizations work collaboratively. Since 1949, more than 4,000 communities have competed and nearly 500 have been named "All-America Cities."

"This is such a wonderful honor for Fossil," said Jeanne Burch, Wheeler County Judge and Fossil resident who spent years living in other U.S. regions and abroad before returning home. "I do think that Fossil is a perfect example of a thriving rural community and the best that America has to offer."

The 30 Finalists will participate in a final round of the All-America City competition that will be held in Washington, D.C. from June 12-14. A delegation from each Finalist community will present to a 10-member jury their innovative programs and local solutions in addressing a wide range of social and community issues such as community development, tourism and volunteerism.

The ten 2003 All-America Cities will be named on June 14 and then representatives from these cities will be honored in August at a special ceremony again in Washington, this time at the White House.

Fossil's application to the All-America City Program was based largely on The Paleo Project, a regional sustainability project based on recognition of the region's world class fossil and geologic resources. The community was also recognized for its small town charm and quality of life, strong volunteerism, and the school district's integration with the community.

In the past two years, community projects have won three separate statewide awards. The Paleo Project won the Governor's 2001 Sustainability Award, the downtown Burnt Ranch Juniper deli and woodworking shop won a Small Business Award from the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department, and the Fossil Community Action Group recently won a statewide volunteerism award from the Oregon Downtown Development Association.

Fundraising plans are underway to send a delegation of Fossil residents, business owners and area leaders to the All-America City final competition in Washington in June.

"It's like rural America is just being discovered and we're a little secret tucked away in Oregon," said Marilyn Garcia, a long time Fossil resident and volunteer at The Fossil Museum. "I think this national recognition will draw attention not just to the community and Wheeler County, but to all of Oregon as well. The whole Northwest has so much to offer."

"Fossil has such a unique name and so many wonderful qualities about it," Garcia added. "We're a little gem that hasn't yet been polished."

The National Civic League is a 108-year-old non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to strengthening citizen democracy by transforming democratic institutions. NCL accomplishes its mission through technical assistance, training, publishing, research, and the All-America City Award. The National Civic League is headquartered in Denver, Colorado, and has an office in Washington, D.C.

"The National Civic League would like to congratulate the thirty 2003 All-America City Award Finalists, as they serve as models for the rest of the country," said Christopher T. Gates, president of the National Civic League.

For further information regarding Fossil's placement as a finalist, fundraising or the pending Washington D.C. trip, contact Lyn Craig, Wheeler County Development Director, at 541-763-2355. For a complete list of the 30 finalist cities in this year's competition and to review past winners, visit the National Civic League web site at [www.ncl.org](http://www.ncl.org).

## Obituaries

### Juan Manuel Rodriguez

Juan Manuel Rodriguez, 30, of Boardman, died Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital in Portland.

Recitation of the Rosary was Thursday, April 24, 2003, at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston with Funeral Mass on Friday, April 25, 2003, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Boardman with burial at Riverview Cemetery in Boardman.

Mr. Rodriguez was born July 23, 1972, in Mexico, to Lazaro and Guadalupe Guitron Rodriguez.

On December 27, 1997, he married Dalia Pena in Mexico. They had been residents of Boardman the past five years. Mr. Rodriguez was employed as a security guard at Beef Northwest in Boardman.

He was a member of the Catholic Church.

He enjoyed soccer, basketball and riding horses.

Survivors include his wife, Dalia Rodriguez, son, Daniel Rodriguez, and daughter, Jennifer Rodriguez, all of Boardman; his father, Lazaro Rodriguez in Mexico; brothers, Juan and Elias, both in Mexico; sisters, Olga, Victoria, Esperanza, and Maria, all of Compton, Calif., Araceli of Boardman, and Alicia and Elena, both in Mexico. His mother, Guadalupe Guitron Rodriguez, preceded him in death.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

### John Clayton Brandenburg

John Clayton Brandenburg, 63, of Heppner, died Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

A graveside service was held Monday, April 28, 2003, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

He was born June 7, 1939, at Klamath Falls, to Edwin and Ruth Hughes Brandenburg. He was raised at Red Bluff, California, and attended school there through the eighth grade, then attended Anderson High School at Anderson, California, graduating in 1957. The family returned to Klamath Falls for a time before moving to Heppner.

Mr. Brandenburg worked in the accounting department at the Heppner Lumber Company as a bookkeeper.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching movies.

Survivors include cousins, Dolores Lewis, Judy Preslar and Warren Cody, all of Klamath Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Humane Society, P.O. Box 361, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

### Edna Mae Moore

Edna Mae Moore, 78, of Heppner, died Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at her home.

At her request no service was held. Disposition was by cremation.

Mrs. Moore was born June 24, 1924, at St. Edward, Nebraska, to Abb and Pearl Taylor. She was raised and attended schools at St. Edward.

In 1942, she married Floyd Whitehorn. The couple were parents of a boy and two girls. They later divorced.

Mrs. Moore moved to the Portland/Vancouver area of Oregon with her three children. There she met and married her second husband, Carl O. Moore. The couple were parents of two girls. Mr. Moore died in 1976.

Survivors include her children, Lindy Voss, Judy Aaron, Randy Whitehorn, Mary Jane Moore and Susan Marie Moore; sister, Edie Gillen of Wasilla, Alaska; brother, Abb Taylor of Meridian, Idaho; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

## Piano students to hold recital

Fifteen piano students from Heppner, Lexington and Ione will present a spring piano recital on Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at Christian Life Center in Heppner.

The students include Tim Clay, Stephanie Inskeep, Eric Jepsen, Rebecca Jepsen, Annette Rathbun, Evan Rietmann, Devin Robinson, Lacey Thompson, Bethany Van Cleave, Daniel Van Cleave, Kristen Van Cleave, Nathan Van Cleave, Anna Unruh and Meaghan Unruh. Teachers of the students include Amy Jepsen, Darren Van Cleave and Myrna Van Cleave.

Everyone is invited to attend and refreshments will be served following the recital.

## ODFW plans open house

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will hold their annual open house to discuss the

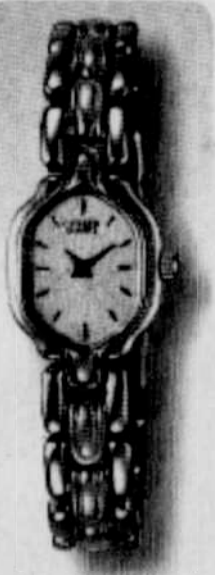
proposed big game tag numbers for this fall. The Open House will be held Wednesday, May 14, from 4-7 p.m. at the Heppner ODFW office located at 54173 Highway 74 (the old Kinzua mill office).

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding big game tag numbers is invited to stop by and discuss them with local biologists.

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