

**Willow Creek Water Park now open on Mondays Heppner Elementary School presents awards**



Photo by Andrew Sykes

The Willow Creek Water Park opened for swimmers for the summer on June 12.

The Willow Creek Water Park in Heppner will be open on Mondays starting June 23, thanks to some area businesses and organizations.

The Heppner Elks Club and Murrays Drug donated funds for the pool to be open one Monday, the Odd Fellows donated two Mondays and the Bank of Eastern Oregon donated the month of July.

The pool will be open those days for free community swims from 1-5 p.m.

Regular pool hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

Season passes are available for sale at \$70 for individuals and \$125 for families.

The first session of swim lessons will be held July 8-18. The second session will be held July 29-Aug. 8. The half-hour classes will be held Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. until noon.

For more information, call manager Merry Brannon at Heppner Day Care, 676-5429, or leave a message at the water park, 676-5752.

**Home school students hold awards and graduation night**



Meaghan Unruh

The EXCEL home school group held its awards and graduation night on Monday, June 2, at the Christian Life Center in Heppner. Eighteen students from six families participated. The families included Bill and Nancy Jepsen of Heppner, Andrew and CJ Johnson of Heppner, Gabe and Becky Owen of Lexington, Dick and Karen Temple of Lexington, Loren and Kathryn Unruh of Heppner, and Tim and Myrna Van Cleave of Heppner.

Many of the students did presentations for the audience including harp, trumpet, and flute solos, and vocal ensembles. Awards were

presented to the students by their parents. These were given for character qualities, completed grade levels, and outstanding achievements.

Meaghan Unruh was presented with a high school diploma by her parents, Loren and Kathryn Unruh. Meaghan has completed 13 years of home schooling, and graduated with a grade point average of 4.0. She was named a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, and was awarded the Dean's Academic Scholarship Gold Level for \$2,500 per year at Oregon Institute of Technology where she plans to study nursing. In addition, she has been awarded \$300 from the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation Earl and Hazel Wilson Memorial Scholarship, \$150 from the Morrow County 4-H Leaders Council, \$150 from the American Legion Auxiliary, Heppner Unit, and \$200 from the South Morrow County Emergency Medical Technicians Association.

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**Wedding Tables**

**Dawn Boor & Jeffery Eynetich**  
Wedding - Saturday, June 21

**Lindsay Harle & Marc Orem**  
Shower - Saturday, June 21  
Wedding - Saturday, July 12

**Kimberly Becker & Brent Gunderson**  
Shower - Friday, June 27  
Wedding - Saturday, August 23

**Jessica Krebs & Nate Langley**  
Shower - Monday, June 30  
Wedding - Saturday, July 5

**Sara Greenup & Tygh Campbell**  
Shower - Saturday, July 12  
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Gold winners (left-right, front row) Katie Moore, Maggie Armato, Sharilyn Peck, Joe Pranger, Spencer Palmer, Luke Young. Silver winners (left to right, back row)-Dillon Lutchter, Kaylee Helfrecht, Stephanie Rill, Matt Holland, Chris Hickerson.

Heppner Elementary School held an awards ceremony at the school on June 10. Following are award winners:

**Third Grade, teacher Cara Osmin:** Employability Skills-Jacky Sanchez, Courtney George, Katie Tayloe, Zach Yocom, Logan Wanous, Justin Pranger, Conner Pappas, Cody Orr, Camron Day, Callahan Britt, Natie Rauch, Carrie Haguewood;

Math, Spelling, Reading and Social Studies-Justin Pranger, John Nelson, Logan Wanous, Jacky Sanchez, Shane Smith, Carrie Haguewood, Garrett Gibbs, Ryan Bennett, Andrew Bara, Zach Yocom, Seth Palmer, Conner Pappas;

Most Improved-John Nelson.

**Third and Fourth Grade, teachers Sue Gibbs and Mary Haguewood:** Hard Work-Taighler Dougherty, Mike Hawks, Dustin Taylor, Daisy Victorio, Kelsi Putman, Brett Harrison, Amber Gray, Cody Nelson, Kile Wilson;

Reading-Joe Armato, Brent Brosnan, Kyle Vanderwalker, Bud Jones, Zach Hintz, Trent Cannon, Dakota Burkenbine; Jacob Sallee, Nicholas Kempas;

Writing-Kelsi Putman, Lindsay Cutsforth, Justin Gutierrez, Cecilia Villalobos, Mike Hawks, Cassi Day, Tori Lankford;

Most Improved-Zach Hintz, Trent Cannon, Chance Raver, Cassi Day, Justin Smith;

Math-Kelsi Putman; Art-Karlie Crumbliss; Science-Lindsay Cutsforth, Brett Harrison, Eric Chick, Justin Gutierrez, Thomas Black, Justin Smith, Devin Robinson;

Citizenship-Amber Gray, Connor Corbin, Kolleen Chapa;

Fine Arts-Willy Gentry, Sarah Kendrick, Taighler Dougherty;

P.E.-Jared Hedman, Justin Yocom;

Social Studies-Chance Raver, Justin Gutierrez.

**Supernovas, Nancy McElhany:** Courtney George, Kelsi Putman, Lizzy Rill, Jared Hedman, Taighler Dougherty, Garrett Gibbs, Drew Brannon, Kellee Jones, Hanna Lovgren, Bryce Fowler, Quinn Chick, Sarah Kendrick, Jordan Hatfield, Ashley Wolff, Justin Pranger, Bryan Holland, Connor Corbin, Devin Robinson, Kyle Tayloe, Shane Smith, Seth Palmer, Catherine McElligott, Willy Gentry, Ian Murray, Nick Kempas, Zach Hintz, Jacky Sanchez, Sharilyn Peck, Carrie Haguewood, Christopher Hendricks, Emily Thompson, Joe Armato, Justin Gutierrez, Tomas Elguezabal, Kyle Vanderwalker, Jacob Moore, Dillon Lutchter, Lindsay Cutsforth, Trent Cannon, Donald Matthews, Brett Harrison, Eddie Collins, Eric Chick, Katie Moore, Spencer Palmer, Maggie Armato;

**Special Award:** Bradie Davis.

**Geography Bee:** Brynna Rust, Justin Gutierrez, Jordan Shepherd, Jared Huddlestone, Jordan Hatfield, Ashley Wolff, Sharilyn Peck; Finalists-Joe Pranger, Taylor Disque, Emily Thompson, Dillon Lutchter; Runner-up-Maggie Armato; Champion-Spencer Palmer.

**Oregon State Geography Competition:** Spencer Palmer.

**Knowledge Master:** Carl Zurn, Chris Hickerson, Sharilyn Peck, Jordan Hatfield, Eddie Collins, Joe Pranger, Spencer Palmer, Ashley Wolff, Quinn Chick, Emily Thompson, Maggie Armato, Dillon Lutchter, Jordan Shepherd.

**Chess:** Bo Foster, Jared Huddlestone, Eddie Collins, Johnathan Hendricks, Christopher Hendricks, Conner Pappas, Curtis Harper, Ian Murray, Ashley Wolff, Emily Thompson, Maggie Armato, Sharilyn Peck, Taylor Disque, Joe Pranger, Spencer Palmer.

**Basketball Reading:** Sharilyn Peck, Spencer Palmer, Mark McCabe, Araceli Zavala, Christopher Hendricks, Stephanie Rill, Matt Holland, Maggie Armato, Katie Moore, Chris Hickerson.

**Math Qualifying:** Fourth Grade-Tori Lankford, Donald Matthews, Justin Gutierrez, Brett Harrison, Ian Murray, Willy Gentry, Lindsay Cutsforth, Kelsi Putman, Eric Chick;

Fifth Grade-Ashley Wolff, Emily Thompson, Kyle Tayloe, Lane Wright, Jordan Hatfield, Jared Huddlestone, Brent Eckman, Zach McCarl, Curtis Harper;

Sixth Grade-Quinn Chick, Dillon Lutchter, Spencer Palmer, Jordan Shepherd, Christopher Hendricks, Kaylee Helfrecht, Sharilyn Peck, Maggie Armato, Joe Pranger.

**Math Contest:** Kelsi Putman, Justin Gutierrez, Lindsay Cutsforth, Eric Chick, Ian Murray, Jordan Hatfield, Curtis Harper, Emily Thompson, Lane Wright, Ashley Wolff, Kaylee Helfrecht, Quinn Chick, Sharilyn Peck, Spencer Palmer, Joe Pranger, Maggie Armato, Jordan Shepherd.

**Math Awards:** Chris Hickerson, Jordan Shepherd, Spencer Palmer, Maggie Armato, Emily Thompson, Lane Wright, Jared Huddlestone, Ashley Wolff.

**Science Awards:** Spencer Palmer, Luke Young, Jordan Shepherd, Whitney Smith, Maggie Armato, Emily Thompson, Curtis Harper, Ashley Wolff, Lane Wright;

**Social Studies:** Justin Key, Emily Thompson, Jordan Shepherd, Spencer Palmer, Ashley Wolff, Maggie Armato.

**Reading Awards:** Maggie Armato, Stephanie Cutsforth, Colter Raver, Kylie VanArsdale, Spencer Palmer, Zach McCarl, Sharilyn Peck, Ashley Wolff, Quinn Chick, Stephanie Rill, Chris Hickerson.

**Poetry:** Jessica Hughes, Brynna Rust, Kaylee Helfrecht, Kathryn Strouse, Maggie Armato, Araceli Zavala, Stephanie Rill, Sharilyn Peck, Emily Thompson, Ashley Wolff, Klarissa Wellman, Katie Moore.

**Conventions:** Jared Huddlestone, Kaylee Helfrecht, Maggie Armato, Emily Thompson, Spencer Palmer, Luke Young, Kasey Wilson, Quinn Chick, Dillon Lutchter, Katie Moore, Stephanie Rill, Sharilyn Peck.

**Spelling:** Araceli Zavala, Carrie Haguewood, Jake Gregory, Ashley Wolff, Maggie Armato, Jessica Hughes, Eric Chick.

**Writing Festival:** Ashley Wolff, Sharilyn Peck.

**Music:** Klarissa Wellman, Christopher Hendricks, Chris Hickerson, Kaylee Helfrecht, Brent Eckman, Wacy Coil, Rudi Ramirez, Kylie VanArsdale, Kathryn Strouse, Eddie Collins, Taylor Disque, Zach McCarl, Lane Wright, Ashley Wolff, Brynna Rust, Catherine McElligott, Kellee Jones, Quinn Chick, Dillon Lutchter, Katie Moore, Spencer Palmer, Sharilyn Peck, Joe Pranger, Maggie Armato, Stephanie Rill, Emily Thompson, Colter Raver, Curtis Harper, Jared Huddlestone, Kyle Tayloe, Jordan Hatfield.

**Silver Presidential:** Dillon Lutchter, Chris Hickerson, Stephanie Rill, Matt Holland, Kaylee Helfrecht.

**Gold Presidential:** Spencer Palmer, Katie Moore, Sharilyn Peck, Maggie Armato, Luke Young, Joe Pranger.

**Arts and crafts group plans meeting, workshops**

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts group will have a full agenda for their June 26 1 p.m. meeting at GD's banquet room.

The trip schedule to the Oregon Garden, Lincoln city, Bandon and Sisters will be available with costs included.

Planning for the fair theme board at the Morrow County Fair will be discussed and works of art in the patriotic theme will be discussed.

Topping the list will be Sandra Haynes who will show samples of flowers, people and animals done in color pencil and pencil. She will also speak on layering color pencil. And will have a list of supplies needed for her Sept. 6 and 7 pencil workshop. Anyone interested in pencil art is invited to attend.

Haynes will have a workshop on scratch board art coming up on November 15-16. Scratch board art is considered one of the lost arts. "To have someone in this area able to teach this is a great experience for all to watch," said Betty Mills of MCCAC. Haynes will give a demonstration and will tell what supplies are needed for the workshop.

Anyone interested in these arts is invited to attend. Call Judy Laughlin to reserve a space for the workshops. High school art students are welcome to attend.

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**Congratulations Maryanne!!**

You're never too old!

**Job Well Done!!**

