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Local boys finalists at the Oregon State Fair Talent Show



Eric Jepsen (left) and Matt Holland (right). Photo Courtesy of Bruce Skoles of Mountain Sports Video.

Eric Jepsen and Matt Holland, both of Heppner, recently represented Morrow County in the Youth Division of the Oregon State Fair Talent Competition in Salem. The boys had the chance to compete at the state fair by winning first place in the Morrow County Fair youth division with their performance of "Orange Blossom Special." Eric, age 11, played fiddle and Matt, age 12, played guitar.

There were entries from 25 counties in the

preliminary round of competition in Salem, which were scored by a panel of six judges. Only 10 entries were chosen to advance to the final show that evening and Eric and Matt were among those picked. The duo had an excellent performance and a very appreciative audience, but they didn't win. A new panel of six judges could only select three winners.

First prize of \$1500 was awarded to two sisters from Polk County who did an

Irish step dancing routine. Second place of \$650 went to a young boy yodeler, and third place of \$200 was claimed by a 15-year-old girl who sang an opera song. The adult division, ages 16 and up, was also won by Irish step dancers, and second and third place winners were vocalists. This is the second year the boys teamed up and made it as finalists at the Oregon State Fair. They usually perform together as part of Shenanigans fiddle group.

District Attorney starts investigation into alleged embezzlement schemes

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen told the Gazette-Times Tuesday that he is investigating alleged embezzlement from the Heppner Cemetery District and possibly other entities.

Allen said that has made contact with the

attorney of a female subject suspected of embezzling funds from local public entities. Allen said, however, that no charges have been filed at this point.

He said he plans to meet with the subject, her attorney and other involved entities to determine how much

money was taken, how many organizations were involved and what charges are to be filed.

Allen said that at this point, he is aware of only one entity, the Heppner Cemetery District, that has had negotiations with the subject.

SMART Program comes to HES



(L-R): Ashley Wolff, 6th grade, Curtis Harper, 6th grade, Johnathan Hendricks and Brian Taylor.

Heppner Elementary School is the first Morrow County School to participate with The Oregon Children's Foundation's SMART Program (Start Making a Reader Today).

The SMART Program targets K-3rd grade students who need to boost their reading skills. Volunteers are now being recruited to donate just one hour each week reading with two students. Each student will read with two volunteers a week. In addition, each student will take home two new books a month, the books are provided by The Oregon Children's Foundation.

Carri Grieb and HES Principal Wade Smith are responsible for many hours of

research and getting through the process of getting HES accepted to the program.

This program is funded by The Oregon Children's Foundation, a non-profit group started by former Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt in 1991.

Virginia Carnes, a retired educator from Pilot Rock came out of retirement to manage Umatilla/Morrow SMART. She has 10 schools in the area that she oversees.

Bruce Wilcox, of Wilcox Furniture, is an avid volunteer reader in the Hermiston area. He is so enthusiastic about the SMART program, he has donated furniture to each school participating in the program in Umatilla and Morrow County.

HES has a new couch and loveseat in their reading room.

If you are able to give just one hour a week to this program, you can have the satisfaction of turning two kids into readers. When a child learns to read, he can read to learn. Perhaps you have a full time job, encourage your employer to allow you one hour each week to make a difference in child's life.

The program starts the week of Oct. 13 and runs through the week of May 13, 2004.

Applications must be filled out and processed prior to reading with a child. Applications are available at the HES Library reading room, or contact Tracie Bunch, HES SMART school coordinator, 676-9128, ext 2630.

OTLD to offer free computer classes

The Oregon Trail Library District will be offering two free computer classes- "Computer Basics" and "Word 2000".

"Computer Basics" will be held at the Heppner Branch on Monday, Sept. 29, from 7-8 p.m., and at the Boardman Branch on Tuesday, Sept. 30, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"Word 2000" is scheduled in Heppner for

Monday, Oct. 6, from 7-8 p.m., and in Boardman on Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

These are very basic classes designed for those with no computer experience. Class sizes will be limited to eight people for the Heppner classes and six people for the Boardman classes.

Pre-registration is required. For more information

or to register, contact the Heppner Branch at (541) 676-9964 or the Boardman Branch at (541) 481-2665.

Ione Education Foundation to hold dinner and auction

The Ione Education Foundation will combine business, dinner, pleasure and fundraising on Sept. 27, at the Ione Legion Hall. The evening will consist of the annual meeting, starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by happy hour, dinner, live music and an auction of memorabilia items from the Ione School. Another popular Snake River Fishing trip will be included in the auction.

An attractive plaza will be a pleasant addition to the construction of the Ione School. The highlight of this plaza will be the installation of an original school bell from the old school. The wall on the plaza will be built of personalized bricks sold by the foundation to defer the cost of the plaza and to generate additional revenues.

An order form is on page 3 of today's paper for anyone wanting to purchase a brick that may not be able to attend the evening's activities.

winning entries at C.B.E.C.'s discretion, with no compensation or value paid. Appropriate recognition will be noted of entrant. All entrants must be members/consumers of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. No single entrant may submit more than four entries in any one class.

Anyone wishing additional information or details may call Tom Wolff at C.B.E.C.'s Heppner office at 676-9146.

Colt football to hold soup feed

The Colt football team will be holding a Soup Feed, Friday, Sept. 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and going through halftime of the Homecoming game against Pilot Rock.

The team will be serving soup, rolls, brownies and a drink for \$4 a plate.


HHS announces homecoming events

Homecoming for Heppner High School is Friday, Sept. 26, but events will start Wednesday, Sept. 24, with a "powder puff" football game at 6:30 p.m., at the football field with a bon fire afterwards.

Thursday, Sept. 25, at 3 p.m., a homecoming parade will be held in downtown Heppner.

Friday, Sept. 26, is the Homecoming football game against Pilot Rock. The game will begin at 7 p.m., with a dance following from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Also on Friday, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and going through halftime, the Colt Football team will be holding a Soup Feed. The team will be serving soup, rolls, brownies and a drink for \$4 a plate.



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