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## 2004 Morrow County Fair and OTPR Court chosen



(L-R): Princess Jessica Wainwright, Queen Lexi Kennedy and Princess Emily Bergstrom.

Lexi Kennedy, Emily Bergstrom and Jessica Wainwright were chosen as the Queen and Princesses for the 2004 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo.

Queen Lexi Kennedy of Boardman is the daughter of Kevin Kennedy and Tracie Kennedy and Tami Kennedy.

She is a senior at Riverside High School.

Princesses Emily Bergstrom and Jessica Wainwright, both of Heppner, are juniors at Heppner High School. Bergstrom is the daughter of Hal and Rita Bergstrom. Wainwright is the daughter of Buzz and Stacey Wainwright.

The Fair Board wishes to congratulate these girls on their selection. Applications for chaperone and pennant bearers for this year's Fair and OTPR Court are now being accepted. For information or an application, call Renee at 676-9474. The deadline for chaperone applications is Nov. 3, 2003.

## Greg Smith hired as new Oregon Cattleman executive

Oregon Cattleman's Association Executive Director Glen Stonebrink will be retiring following the association's annual convention and trade show at Eagle Crest on Nov. 6-8. Eastern Oregon businessman Greg Smith has been contracted to replace him.

"Even though I am stepping down, I won't be far away," said Stonebrink. "I am willing to assist the Oregon Cattleman as a producer member and certain specific events connected with governmental relations including lobbying."

"The Cattleman have been well served by Glen's dedicated work," said Bob Skinner, Oregon Cattleman's

Association President. "Plain and simple, Glen did a great job."

Smith, who will begin his tenure with the association on Nov. 1, was hired after an exhaustive selection process. "Many good people were considered, but in the end we needed someone with extensive knowledge of our natural resource issues and the experience to advance our membership priorities," said President Skinner.

Smith said his first course of business would be to personally meet with many of the producer and associate members and find out how the Oregon Cattleman can further serve them. "As a member driven organization, my primary responsibility is to

advance the needs of the membership," said Smith.

The Oregon Cattleman's Association is a grassroots organization that has worked for more than eighty years to advance the economic, political, and social interests of the Oregon cattle industry.

## Fire drill to be held at Senior Center

St. Patrick's Senior Center will be holding a fire drill, Monday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m.

The drill is a way for Center residents, staff and local emergency services to organize and see how to best help if a real situation were to ever occur.

## Six new teachers join HHS

Mark Dowdy

Returning to the halls of Heppner High School and embarking on his 21<sup>st</sup> year of teaching, is Mark Dowdy, 45. Dowdy, who had to leave teaching due to an illness, has recovered and is excited about getting back into the swing of things.



This year he is teaching social studies to grades 7-9 and a college prep class to twelfth graders.

Dowdy, along with Principal Wade Smith have created the college prep class to help seniors become aware of the many different college options out there and to help them focus on what they would really like to study. The class also helps seniors prepare for ACT and SAT tests. Dowdy is very excited about this class, and about helping students realize their full potential.

Dowdy received his bachelor's degree in secondary education from Western Oregon University. He originally was an English teacher, but is currently becoming certified in social studies.

Dowdy and his family moved back to Heppner in 2000. His wife, Pam, teaches at Heppner Elementary School. The couple has two children, ages 7 and 5, and one more due in November.

## Petra Elguezabal

Returning to Heppner, no longer as a student, but now as a teacher, is Petra Elguezabal, 23.

This is Elguezabal's first teaching job after graduating from Western Oregon University with a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish.



Elguezabal's family moved from Nyssa to Heppner in 1997, when her father, Juan Elguezabal, was offered a teaching position at HHS.

Elguezabal has been coaching volleyball in Heppner and when the offer came to teach she was excited, because she thought HHS would be a great place to get started and she was happy to be able to continue coaching the volleyball team.

Added bonuses to working at HHS are that she is teaching in her father's old classroom, and she has one of her younger brothers in her class.

## Darlene Marquardt

Taking over the business/computer classes is Darlene Marquardt, 56. Marquardt, who is in her sixth

year with the Morrow County School District, transferred to Heppner from the Lone High School as a result of Lone forming its own district.



Along with teaching business and computer classes, Marquardt is also working with students on the HHS yearbook and school newspaper.

Marquardt received her bachelor's degree in music education from Western Oregon University, her master's in education from Oregon State University and her master's in business administration from National University.

Marquardt and husband, Jim, live in Athena, although she spends her weekdays in Heppner. Marquardt also mentioned that Jim is a graduate of Heppner High School. The couple has two grown children, ages 29 and 26.

## Jeannie Collins

Joining the teaching staff of HHS, after subbing since 2000, is Jeannie Collins. Collins is teaching junior high language arts, as well as freshman and sophomore classes.

Collins graduated from Eastern Oregon University with a bachelor's degree in language arts in 1992 and completed her student teaching in 1999. This is her first year teaching language arts.



During her college career, Collins studied in Japan for one year. She said it was a great experience and that she was the only blonde in a city of one million people. "Everyone knew who I was and where I belonged," she commented.

Collins, who was raised in Imnaha and Joseph, moved to Heppner with her family in 2000. Her husband, Tim, works for the U.S. Forest Service-Heppner District. The couple has three children, ages 8, 5 and 1 month.

## Kresimir Waite

Rounding out the new teachers at Heppner High School are brothers, Kresimir and Dieter Waite. Kresimir, 29, graduated from Eastern Oregon University in



LaGrande, with a bachelor of arts degree in math and a master's degree in education. He is teaching 7-12 math.

Dieter, 32, received his associate's degree from Rick's College in Rexburg, ID, his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, UT, and his master's from Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande. He is teaching biology and life science.

Dieter said that he had originally set out to become a veterinarian, but after tutoring and student teaching at college, decided he would prefer pursuing a career in teaching.

Kresimir and Dieter come from a family of 11 children, who grew up on Buttercreek, but just on the other side of the line that sent them to Pilot Rock for high school. Dieter commented that their youngest sibling will be turning 10 and many of the siblings play against Heppner in school athletics.

## Dieter Waite

Both brothers had talked

about the possibility of being able to teach in the same school, but were not sure they would be able to find a school that needed both a math and science teacher at the same time. Luckily, HHS needed both and liked both.

Both, Kresimir and Dieter have settled in Heppner with their families and hope to be able to settle here. The like Eastern Oregon and Heppner has the benefit of being close to family and friends.

Kresimir, and wife, Shelbey, have a 3-1/2 month old named Libby.

Dieter, and wife, Bridget, have two children, Reiah, 4 and Leo, 2, and are expecting a third child.

## DA works to resolve alleged embezzlement case

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen told the Gazette-Times Tuesday that he is set to meet with a subject alleged to have embezzled money from local public entities, her lawyer and Heppner attorney Bill Kuhn.

"We are pursuing potential resolution of the case," said Allen. Kuhn declined to comment.

## Football pics, scores on Internet

Scores of this Thursday's away game against Weston will be posted on the Heppner website at [www.heppner.net](http://www.heppner.net). The game starts at 7 p.m.

Also the gallery of sports photos keeps growing with action shots of the colt and junior high football teams added this week. There are also new action photos of the Mustangs win over Wahtonka last week.

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