

## Morrow County schools report cards

The Oregon Department of Education recently published its 2002-2003 report cards for Oregon Schools. Most of the schools in Morrow County stayed about the same in their overall ratings, while Ione Schools declined and Riverside High School improved.

Heppner Elementary, a K-6 school, had an overall rating of "Strong." They received a rating of "Strong" in both student performance and student behavior and a rating of "Exceptional" in school characteristics.

Heppner High School, grades 7-12, received an overall rating of "Satisfactory." In student performance they received a rating of "Satisfactory," while receiving ratings of "Exceptional" in student behavior and school characteristics.

Ione Schools, grades K-12, received an overall rating of "Strong." Student performance was rated as "Strong" and student behavior and school characteristics were rated as "Exceptional."

A.C. Houghton, grades K-5, received an overall rating of "Satisfactory." Their student performance and

student behavior were also rated "Satisfactory," while their school characteristics received a rating of "Exceptional."

Sam Boardman Elementary, grades K-5, received an overall rating of "Satisfactory." They received a rating of "Satisfactory" in student performance and student behavior and "Exceptional" in school characteristics.

Columbia Middle School, grades 6-8, received an overall rating of "Satisfactory." Student performance and student behavior was rated "Satisfactory" and school characteristics was rated "Exceptional."

Riverside High School, grades 9-12, received an overall rating of "Strong." Student performance was rated as "Satisfactory," while student behavior was rated "Strong." The school characteristics received a rating of "Exceptional."

For more information about the school report cards, or to view a comprehensive report card, visit the Oregon Department of Education website at: [www.ode.state.or.us](http://www.ode.state.or.us) and click on School and District report cards.

## Apply now for permits to work in wetlands and streams this summer

The Department of State Lands reminds landowners, developers and contractors considering work this summer in wetlands, streams or on streambanks to check on the need to apply for a removal-fill permit before starting work and to apply soon if a permit is needed.

Steve Purchase, DSL assistant director, encouraged people planning streamside or wetland projects to contact DSL at least three months before they plan to do the work. "Before beginning an application, landowners should talk to one of our staff members to determine whether a permit is necessary or whether a streamlined type of permit (a General Authorization) might suffice," he said. Purchase reported that the agency's website has several features to help people understand the removal-fill

permit application process. An introductory page provides information about the process and offers quick links to other helpful pages, including:

Field Operations staff members- areas served, phone numbers and e-mail addresses;

Working with consultants- advice on choosing an environmental consultant to assist with permit applications and a list of consultants providing services in Oregon;

Application review process- detailed explanation of the criteria and process DSL staff uses to approve or deny an application; and

Examples of forms and documents that often are needed to accompany applications. These are listed under a heading: "Permit filing help."

## Ione Preschool to hold Valentine's Day fundraiser

Creative Care Preschool in Ione is holding their annual Valentine's Day fundraiser with Sunflower Junction. Anyone wishing to send that special someone a Valentine's gift can contact Sunflower Junction to purchase flowers, balloons and gift certificates and have them delivered to anyone in Ione, Lexington and Heppner for a \$3 delivery fee.

The \$3 fee goes directly to Creative Care Preschool. Preschool children

and their parents will be delivering the gifts on Thursday and Saturday. For those outside of Ione orders should be placed by Friday for Saturday delivery.

You can also drop off a pre-purchased gift at Sunflower Junction, get a couple balloons to go with it, and have the preschoolers deliver it.

To place an order call Sunflower Junction at 422-7786.

## IUCC auction to be held June 5

The Ione United Church of Christ Auction and Barbecue will be held Saturday, June 5

John and Kerri Rietmann have volunteered and were selected to act as chairmen for the 42nd Annual Auction and Barbecue at a meeting held on Feb. 11. They bring with them some new and fresh ideas to help improve the event.

The cooks are back: after taking a year off, the cooks at Ione United Church of Christ are preparing the dinner that complements the pit barbecued beef dinner.

Country Store

Chairman is Debbie Morgan. Merchandise Chairman is Jerry Rietmann. He and his helpers will be available to pick up donations of merchandise. Give him a call anytime at 422-7181.

The Auction and Barbequed Beef Dinner is always held the first Saturday in June so mark your calendars now to attend. Lots of merchandise has already been donated and crafters are busy preparing their favorite items for sale. Bakers and cooks are looking over their favorite recipes. The planning has begun for a fun and wonderful event.

## Heppner Schools announces honor roll

The following students of Heppner Junior/Senior High were listed on the Quarter 2 honor roll:

Grade 7- Maggie Armato (4.0), Spencer Palmer (4.0), Sherilyn Peck (4.0), Jordan Shepherd (4.0), Luke Young, Matthew Holland, Joseph Pranger and Kathryn Moore.

Grade 8- Sean Murray (4.0), Baillie Keithley, Whitney Matthews, Kelsey Wolff, Jessica Connor, Nacho Elguezabal and Andre Rauch.

Grade 9- Mahaley Huddleston, Regi Seitz, Aaron Allstott and Sarah Price.

Grade 10- Takorn Khempila (4.0), Laurie Murray (4.0), Daniel Basile, Krystal Nairns, Heather Yocom, Chelsey Betsinger,

Erika Russell, Brianna Jones and Heather Rill.

Grade 11- Sandra Krotzek (4.0), Joshua Lankford (4.0), Elizabeth Orwick (4.0), Vera Pawlowsky (4.0), Shanna Rietmann (4.0), Cara Kennedy, Kylee Disque, Jessica Wainwright, Madison Bailey, Blair Keithley, Emily Bergstrom, Tyler Boyer, Kyle Huddleston and Lindsey Hodges.

Grade 12- Luke Murray (4.0), Blake Allstott, Judd Lemmon, Chantea Macaulay, Brooklyn Olin, Courtney Nelson, Danielle Looslie, Kiel Nairns, Cody Walton, Stefanie Hanson, Sheena Shank and Brooke Rust.

## Christian Life Center hosting special guest speakers

Jerry and Eva-Nell Gillock of His Restoration Ministries will be speaking at Christian Life Center in Heppner on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings.

The Gillocks have been involved in full-time ministry for a combined total of 33 years. Jerry began preaching in his teens and completed four years of Bible training at Northwest College in Kirkland, WA, after which he was licensed with the Northwest District of the Assemblies of God in 1972.

Eva-Nell, whose nickname "Plum" comes from "Sugar Plum," a name she was given as a small baby growing up in Arkansas, attended the Global Youth Evangelism Training Center in Chico, CA.

Her testimony of God's keeping power through difficult times, such as the trauma of breast cancer, touches women deeply. She writes inspirational poetry, while also singing with Jerry and ministering with him in the services.

As a young man, Jerry's father had trained for the opera stage and taught all his boys how to sing. With this skill Jerry enjoys ministering through music almost as much as he does through preaching the Word of God.

The Gillocks have traveled extensively in the Western United States and have a desire to help "fan the flames of hunger among God's people to seek Him with renewed passion."

## Morrow County Gun Club news

The Morrow County Gun Club met on Feb. 1 for a beautiful day of shooting. Lots of newcomers stood at the line and made a great showing of skills.

The shooters at the 16-yard line were tough though, with Mark Schlichting running a perfect score of 25, followed by Harvey Childers with a 24 and Rob Ashbeck and Kelwayne Haguewood tied for third with a 23 of 25.

The ladies were evenly matched for the day with Deona Hodges and Sandi Day each breaking 18 and Shelly Ashbeck with 17.

In the handicap event, Curt Day had a near perfect 24, followed closely by Harvey Childers with a 23 and Rob Ashbeck with 21 of 25.

League shooting has begun and will continue through mid-April. Each team needs to post seven scores by this time.

MCGC is still challenging anyone who would like to come out and shoot for the first time to come shoot their first 25 targets for free.

MCGC will be hosting a meat shoot on Saturday, Feb. 21 beginning at 10 a.m.

## Preparations begin for Cruz-In

The Fourth Annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In will take place on Saturday, March 13, as part of the 22nd Annual St. Patrick's celebration in Heppner.

Vehicles will assemble from 10:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. at the Northwest entrance to Heppner (former Kinzua Mill site) on Highway 207.

The Cruz-In Parade will begin at noon sharp through downtown Heppner, followed at 1 p.m. by the St. Patrick's parade.

After the Cruz-In Parade, the vehicles will be displayed on both sides of Willow Street for judging and viewing by the public.

Plaque awards will be given to Leprechaun's Choice, Mustang Award and Judges' Choice.

A \$5 registration fee will also include a dash plaque for the entrant.

For further information contact Heppner Chamber office at (541) 676-5536 or P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR 97836 or visit the website: [www.heppner.net](http://www.heppner.net).

## Lauritsen back in action

Stacy Lauritsen, son of Carl Lauritsen and Peggy Lauritsen, both of Heppner, has returned to Afghanistan. He is a sergeant in U.S. Army and served in Afghanistan in early 2003 before spending some time in Iraq as well.

Lauritsen returned home to the states for a short while before heading to Korea and then back to Afghanistan. While stateside Lauritsen commented on how much he appreciated cards and letters

sent to him while out of country.

For those interested in sending him a note or a care package his address is: Lauritsen, Stacy, PRG 6-4, APO AP 09354-3005.

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## GEODC elects officers for 2004

Larry Clucas, City Administrator for the City of Umatilla, has been elected to serve as President of Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC). Tamra Bremner, City Recorder/Manager for the Town of Canyon City will serve as Vice President. Tracy Hamby, President/Manager of Banner Bank of Pendleton will serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Completing the GEODC Executive Committee roster are the following: Larry Dalrymple, Eastern Oregon Regional Airport Manager and City of Pendleton Economic Development Director; Debra Watson, Manager of Community Relations, Umatilla Electric Cooperative; Jeff Bailey, Vice President/Chief Credit Officer of the Bank of Eastern Oregon and Judge Russ Hursh of Malheur County.

GEODC, a private non-profit corporation, promotes and assists the economic growth and development of communities and businesses in Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler, Harney and Malheur counties. GEODC offers a portfolio of loan products to small businesses; serves as administrator of the federal Economic Development District that includes the named counties; and provides staff support for the Regional Investment Boards and Regional Partnerships located throughout the region.

GEODC may be contacted at one of the following locations: Pendleton office (541) 276-6745, Canyon City office (541) 575-2786 or the Ontario office (541) 881-1214.

## Debt-Free workshop to be held in Boardman

Blue Mountain Community College will hold a Debt-Free and Prosperous Living Workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 6-9 p.m. at the BMCC Boardman Center in Boardman.

The workshop is designed for middle-class Americans who want a debt-free, stress-free lifestyle. Learn specific powerful and proven strategies that work... every single time. The workshop utilizes a linear math, critical path technology to eliminate all debts. Participants will also be taught how to operate 100 percent on cash, never needing credit again.

Participants are asked to bring a list of their debts with current balances, monthly payments and interest rates (principle and interest only for mortgages), along with a calculator. During the workshop, participants will develop a debt elimination plan that can be implemented immediately into their lifestyle.

For more information, contact Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator, at 422-7040 or [amorter@bluecc.edu](mailto:amorter@bluecc.edu).

## New laws enhance motorcycle visibility

Three new laws passed during the 2003 legislative session allow motorcyclists to become more visible to other highway users. The laws went into effect Jan. 1, 2004.

"If people obey these new laws, we will all be safer," said Stan Porter, manager of Motorcycle Safety and Vehicle Safety Standards Programs for ODOT. "Visibility is especially important for motorcyclists."

The three new changes are:

Motorcyclists can now use three headlights on their motorcycles whereas in the past two was the maximum allowed;

Motorcyclists will also be able to use auxiliary lights, either fog lights or driving lights, at all times if the auxiliary lights are no brighter than the headlight and the auxiliary lights are aimed correctly. All other vehicles in Oregon must turn off their auxiliary lights during times when the law requires drivers to dim their high beam headlights; and

Motorcyclists may use an intermittent pulsing or flashing brake light as long as the flashing does not interfere with the rear turn signal function.

These new regulations were passed at the request of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety, the Oregon State Police Motorcycle Unit, the TEAM OREGON Motorcycle Safety Program and by Oregon motorcyclists.

"All three of these new laws will allow the motorcyclist to be more easily seen by other highway users," Porter said. "The addition of one more headlight and the use of auxiliary lights at all times will allow the motorcyclist to see better at night and during times of limited visibility. The flashing brake light will certainly gain the attention of those highway users behind motorcyclists."

Porter added. Porter said, "The Legislature was very supportive of enhancing the ability of motorcyclists to become more visible to other highway users. With the help of Legislators that are motorcyclists themselves, these new options were passed and signed by Governor Kulongoski," Porter added.

For questions about these or other equipment laws, visit the Equipment Program Web page link at [http://www.odot.state.or.us/transafety/Veh\\_Equipment.htm](http://www.odot.state.or.us/transafety/Veh_Equipment.htm).

## Urban growth boundary and flood plain topic of WCVEDG

City manager Jerry Breazeale will be the featured program of the Feb. 18 Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group.

Breazeale will explain the recent proposal to extend the urban growth boundary around Heppner and an upcoming plan to re-examine the flood plain in Willow Creek Valley.

The economic development group meets Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 8 a.m. at the Forest Service building in Heppner. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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