

Ione students tour sheep ranch



Students get a chance to pet and hold the lambs at Krebs' Ranch.



Students take the lamb wagon to view the Dog Village.

The sounds of sheep bleating came not just from the sheep, but also from the mouths of the Ione School children who visited the Krebs' Sheep Ranch recently. The kindergarten through fourth grades traveled to Cecil to see first hand what happens on a sheep ranch. They saw ewes and lambs frolicking in the outdoors, newborn lambs in the barns by their mothers and they even witnessed triplet lambs being born.

Hosts, Skye and Penny Krebs led the students through the barns and pastures where thousands of sheep are kept through the winter. The children and teachers were transported in the lamb wagon to view Dog Village where they keep the sheep dogs. A stop at the Cecil Store for juice and lamb cutout cookies supplied by Mrs. Krebs was a big hit. Then it was on to the bumper lamb barn where

Mrs. Krebs showed the students how she feeds the lambs. Lunch was back in the Cecil Store followed by a tour of the bomb shelter that was erected in the 1950s.

The students and teachers returned to school with many stories, smiles and even some "sheepy" smells. Sheep cookies made by Peggy Doherty were waiting for the afternoon snacks. Everyone had a wonderful day.

A Wee Bit O' By Claudia Hughes

'Tis appreciating the likes o' ye, the St. Patrick's Committee would be. There would not be enough space to name all who made this weekend a great time for all our visitors.

The wind got the best of some of the Irish family flags this year, and they have been retired. Sample flags have been ordered and new flags are in the works. Families will be hearing from the committee and will have the opportunity to claim their old flag.

During the KUMA Coffee Hour every year there are Irish toasts, many Irish jokes, history, and plenty of

Irish music, but it's mostly our many visitors who hear this as the rest of the community is hard at work. The committee wishes to hear from Heppner's organizations and from the community, as 2005 planning starts immediately. Entities who put on events, businesses, and individuals are encouraged to respond directly to the St. Pat's Committee, P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR 97836.

Is it to be or not to be, that is the question. Should caterers be hired to let the community relax? Should the entire venue be changed? Will leprechauns offer lessons on wearing green, making the

parade green, and getting into the spirit of the event? 'Tis sure they have the energy.

Heppner has an opportunity to have Irish musicians and their relatives direct from Ireland next year. The Shenanigans will be representing us in Ireland this summer as they take music lessons, board with Irish families, and share Heppner history. They will have tales to tell and songs to sing. The Commerford Step Dancers from the Tri-Cities wish to perform here. And 'tis true that some of our citizens wish to bring back "Return To County Morrow." Decisions, decisions. Help your St. Pat's Directors, please.

And with that, we leave you with this Irish Toast and trust that you have a wee bit o' fun on this March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

"May you have hindsight to know where you've been and foresight to know where you're going, and the insight to know when you're going too far." (Working on it.)

Judge Murgio files for Pos. #7 on the Oregon Supreme Court

Judge Rudy M. Murgio filed for Position #7 on the Oregon Supreme Court on March 9, 2004.

Murgio expresses his heartfelt appreciation to all the good people of the Sixth Judicial District for their support over the years. Judge Murgio has lived and worked in Pendleton as a lawyer or judge since 1976. Judge Murgio is married and the father of three adult sons. Two are college graduates working in the Portland metro area, and the third is a college student who lived with him last summer while working construction and harvest.

Judge Murgio asks for the support of all Oregonians in the upcoming election. He understands he would be the first Supreme Court Justice elected from outside the Salem/Portland metro area in decades. He believes regional diversity is important to the court and to the People of the State of Oregon. Judge Murgio believes his lengthy experience as a state court judge, and his recent experience as a military judge makes him the right choice to have a positive impact on the Oregon Supreme Court

He is currently a Circuit Court Judge in the 6th Judicial District. He also serves in the United States Army Reserves as a Military Judge holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Prior to that he was a member of the Oregon National Guard and before that a member of the USAR. Prior to becoming a Circuit Court Judge he was a District Court Judge. Before that he was the Pendleton City Attorney. Before that he was the Assistant District Attorney for Umatilla County. He also worked at Blue Mountain Community College as an Evening Instructor. He has also worked as a Senior

Deputy District Attorney in Marion County and in the Private Practice of Law in Yamhill County.

Judge Murgio's education includes: Doctor of Jurisprudence, Willamette University College of Law; Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, University of Washington; Associate of Arts, high honors, Everett Community College; Military Judge Course; US Army Command and General Staff College; Advanced and Basic Military Law Courses; Officer and Enlisted Basic Courses.

His prior governmental experience includes: Presiding Judge (1997-2001); District Court Judge (1993-1998); District Court Judges Association President (1996-1998); Secretary Treasurer (1995-1996); Delegate (1994-1995); Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (Chair 1996-1998); Judicial Conduct Committee (1993-present); Uniform Trial Court Rules Committee (2003-present); Judge Member Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (1999-present); Past Chair Umatilla County Jail Committee (1995-1996); Blue Mountain Community College Advisory Board (1978-2000) Past Chair; Pendleton City Attorney (1980-1992); Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Board (1986-1990); Region One Chair Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Board (1990-1992); Juvenile Justice Advisory Board (1985-1990); Umatilla County Juvenile Services Committee (1981-1990), past chair; Assistant District Attorney Umatilla County (1976-1980); and Senior Deputy District Attorney Marion County (1976).

Judge Murgio has presided over a wide range of criminal and civil cases in state courts in Oregon, including murder and complex civil litigation. He has presided over military cases in Californian, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii. He has been an Oregon State Bar CLE speaker on topics including Evidence, Domestic Relations, Juvenile Mediation, and State Tribal Relationships. He was selected as a facilitator and trained new judges at the National Judicial College.

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Judge Murgio has endorsed Judge Dan Hill as his replacement. Judge Hill is a lifelong resident of the Sixth Judicial District. He and his wife Jackie are the owners of two local businesses. He has a wealth of recent experience as a pro-tem trial judge in the Sixth Judicial District and surrounding communities. He has been appointed twice to this position by the Oregon Supreme Court after a recommendation from a prestigious citizens committee and the recommendation of two different Presiding Judges. He was elected as the Hermiston City Judge several times. He also was elected to the Blue Mountain Community College Board. Judge Hill has many years of experience as a private attorney representing the people of the region.

Judge Murgio is a strong believer in the power of positive judicial campaigns. He has directed his supporters to follow his lead and not to engage in negative campaigning. Judge Murgio asks that you exercise your constitutional right to vote. He looks forward to serving you as a member of the Oregon Supreme Court.

The Murgio for Justice Committee can be reached at P.O. Box 1061, Pendleton, OR 97801; by fax at (541) 278-2757; or on the Internet at www.judgemurgo.com (after March 15, 2004).

HHS students visit Intel



HHS students travel to Beaverton for a tour of the Intel facility. (Behind sign L-R): Brandon Davis, Brendon McElligott, Colton Hanson, Isaac Stillman and Robert Smith; (In front of sign L-R): Justin Delveaux, Tony Haguewood, Casey O'Neal, Justin Gregory, Kody Lovgren and Kyle Arbogast.

A group of Mrs. Marquardt's Heppner High School students recently visited the Intel facilities in Beaverton. The trip consisted of a tour through Intel's tour facility.

The students programmed robots, which had to navigate an obstacle course. Detailed measurements and angles had to be calculated and



HHS students Isaac Stillman (left) and Justin Gregory (right) work on programming their mini-robot while on a tour of Intel's facility.

programmed into the robot for it to follow the right path. The students also learned how silicon chips are made and about the process used to manufacture semi-conductors.

In addition, the students received hands-on experience with high speed Pentium 4 computers and learned about clean rooms and career opportunities.

Making the trip were: Kyle Arbogast, Tony Haguewood, Robbie Smith, Justin Delveaux, Casey O'Neal, Brendon McElligott, Isaac Stillman, Justin Gregory, Brandon Davis, Kody Lovgren and Colton Hanson. Chaperones were Robert Smith and Keith Hanson and their teacher Darlene Marquardt.

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