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HHS to present play "School for Nerds"



Heppner High School Drama Club members rehearse for their upcoming play, "School for Nerds". Pictured (left to right) are: Gus Torres, Peter Geer, Ashley Zimmerman, Kylie Tasker and Regi Seitz.

Heppner High School will present the drama, "School for Nerds" on Friday, May 7, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, May 15, at 7 p.m., at the high school cafeteria.

Admission is free and

everyone is invited to attend.

Drama Club members include Britney Herbison, Colton Helfrecht, Josh Lankford, Gus Torres, Brienne Jones, Kylie Tasker, Regi Seitz, Robert McElligott, Liz Orwick, Mahaley

Huddleston, Julie Moore, Charlene Houweling, Ashley Zimmerman, Mikel Britt, Peter Geer, Erica Russell, Brenda Victorio, Veronica Wilhelm, James Van Liew and Terrance Parrett. Director is Jodi Chapa.

Coaching clinics, sports camps scheduled

The Heppner Youth Sports Academy has released the following schedule for coaching clinics and sports camps for 2004:

Football: June 7, 8, 9- Eastern Oregon University staff led by head coach Travis Baker will conduct an evening clinic for all football coaches on Monday, June 7, from 6-9 p.m. They will conduct a skill-based camp for grades five to 12 at Heppner High School Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8 and 9. Camp for grades four to eight will be from 4-6 pm. and camp for grades nine to 12 will be from 6-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.

Basketball: June 13, 14, 15-Willamette University head coach Gordy James and staff will conduct a coach's clinic on Sunday evening, June 13, from 6-9 p.m. They will

conduct a camp experience for students in grades three to 12 on Monday, June 14, and Tuesday, June 15. Times for each age group session will be announced at a later date. Cost is \$5.

Volleyball: June 16, 17, 18-Willamette University Head Coach Tricia Wright and staff will conduct a coach's clinic Wednesday June 16, from 6-9 p.m. Coach Woods and staff will lead a camp for grades four to 12 on Thursday, June 17, and Friday, June 18. Times for each age group session will be announced later. Cost is \$5

Each of these coaching staffs will be using all age group coaches from Heppner to assist in the camps. The coaching staffs conduct short clinic/review sessions at the end of each day

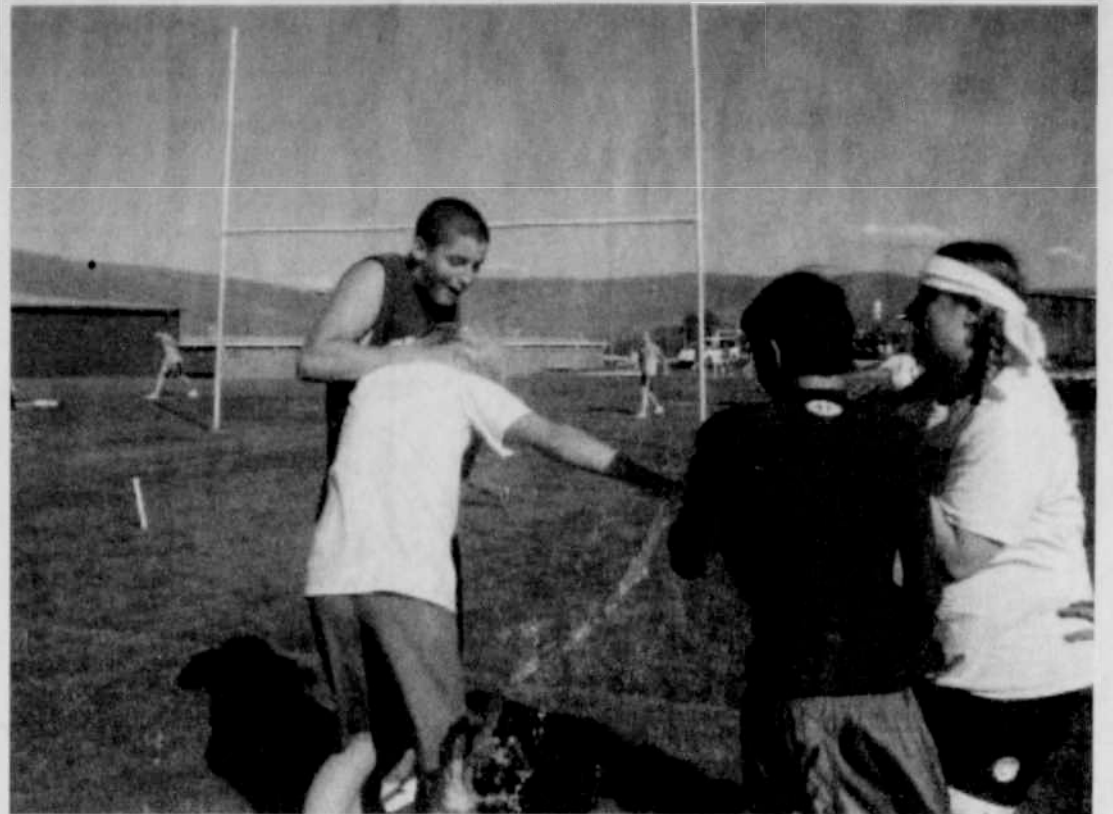
of camp. These camps are designed to bring coaching and playing technique to Heppner for all who coach or play.

Poppy Day May 14

American Legion Auxiliary, Heppner Unit No. 87, will hold their Poppy Day on Friday, May 14.

The American Legion Auxiliary has sponsored Poppy Day for 75 years to remind people that millions have sacrificed their lives and health to keep the nation strong and free.

The memorial poppy contributions are devoted entirely to rehabilitation and assistance for veterans and their families. Poppies are made by hospitalized veterans. All donations received are used to benefit American veterans.



Water fight!

Heppner Junior High School track team members have fun and cool off during a "coach sanctioned" water balloon fight following practice Monday.

Local cemetery districts awarded grant funds

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Commission on Historic Cemeteries, has announced the award of two Historic Cemetery Grants to the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District.

A grant of \$1,000 has been awarded to support the planned "gate project" for the Upper Rhea Creek Pioneer Cemetery. The project is to install a solid, free-swinging metal gate to provide better access for seniors who have difficulty in opening and closing stretched wire gates. Appropriate signage for the cemetery is also included in the gate project.

A grant of \$1,500 has been awarded to support the planned "gate and fencing project" for the Little Butter Creek Pioneer Cemetery. The grant funds are to rebuild the perimeter fencing of the cemetery to withstand livestock and large wildlife, so as to safeguard the erect headstones. The complete project also includes a solid, free-swinging gate to provide access for seniors who have difficulty in opening and closing

stretched wire gates, and appropriate signage for the cemetery.

The Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries received 110 applications for the 2004 Cemetery Grants, with the requests totaling \$502,338. With only \$50,000 available, this difficult situation resulted in funding for only 42 applicants, and many were offered funding for only one of several work items in their applications, the press release stated.

A few years back, Thompson Ranches rebuilt the perimeter fence around the Rhea Creek Cemetery. "We're very appreciative of that," said a cemetery district spokesman. "These grants will enable us to fix-up these rural cemeteries and keep them accessible to the public. We're also very grateful to local grant-writer Karen Wolff who helped us in the preparation of our applications" the spokesman said. The improvements are to be completed during the coming summer months.

Harrison named BEO branch manager

Sharon Harrison has been named branch manager of the Heppner Branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon. Harrison started her banking career in 1964 at First National Bank in Heppner. After a long break from banking to raise a family, she returned to banking and has completed 22 years in the industry.

Harrison and her husband, Bob, a retired farmer, have both spent their entire adult lives in the Willow Creek Valley. They have four grown children and six grandchildren.

The promotion of Harrison frees up previous branch manager Darrell Raver to concentrate on a growing portfolio of commercial and agricultural lending duties. Raver has been with the bank for nine years and has a total of 14 years of lending experience.

"Sharon has been a very positive addition to our management team and we appreciate her work ethic and dedication. This change will

also strengthen the Heppner Branch because Darrell Raver will be able to put a d d e d focus on the large l o a n portfolio he manages," said President and CEO George Koffler.

BEO Bancorp is a holding company for Bank of Eastern Oregon which operates 11 branches in six eastern Oregon counties. Branches are located in Arlington, Ione, Heppner, Condon, Irrigon, Boardman, Burns, John Day, Prairie City, Fossil, and Moro. The Bank of Eastern Oregon also operates a mortgage division and offers brokerage services thru BEO Financial Services. Its website is www.beobank.com.



Sharon Harrison

Local residents injured in crash

From the East Oregonian

A two-vehicle crash on Highway 207 Saturday, May 1, sent four people to the hospital, two of whom were life-flighted to a Portland hospital with serious injuries.

According to Oregon State Police, a red 2004 Dodge Ram 2400, driven by Jeffrey Bon Bowles, 31, of Irrigon, was traveling southbound on Highway 207 when he crossed the center line into the northbound lane at milepost 10. When Bowles crossed lanes, he collided with a maroon 1999 Dodge Intrepid, driven by Deanna Nadine Peck, 26, of Heppner.

While Bowles did not sustain any injuries, Peck and one of her passengers, Judy Lynn Peck, 24, of Heppner, were life-flighted to a Portland hospital with serious injuries. OSP was uncertain which hospital they were taken to.

Peck's other two passengers, Richard Glover Peck, 68, of Lexington, and Kaid Nichol Peck, eight, of Heppner, were transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center with minor injuries and were treated and released. A fourth passenger in Peck's vehicle, Damon Michael Sawyer, two, of Heppner, sustained minor injuries in the crash, but was not transported to the hospital.

Bowles was cited by OSP for careless driving.

McCabe proceedings postponed

The pre-trial conference initially planned for this Friday, May 7, at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner concerning Sonja McCabe's alleged embezzlement case is expected to be continued over for a later date, said Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen.

Allen said that the reasons for the continuance are three-fold--McCabe's attorney, Dennis Hachler, has not yet responded on the state's offer, also, Hachler has been hospitalized and the court reporter who was scheduled to work will be unavailable Friday.

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