

### School District

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-2-A schools: athletic directors from \$2,636 to \$3,205; head coaches from \$2,585 to \$3,692; JV coaches, head golf, tennis and wrestling from \$2,068 to \$2,735; third assistants or C-team coaches (golf tennis) from \$1,210 to \$1,610.

-junior high coaches: head coaches from \$1,130 to \$1,677; assistant coaches from \$852 to \$1,194.

-approved a resolution imposing the taxes provided for in the adopted budget at the rate of \$4.0342 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operations and in the amount of \$3,041,178 for bonds; and that these taxes are hereby imposed and categorized for the tax year 2004-05 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the district.

-approved an attendance variance for a student within the Hermiston School District to attend RHS for the 2004-05 school year.

-heard the following announcements: First day of school for staff-Monday, Aug. 23; district-wide in-service at RHS-Wednesday, Aug. 25; V-tel work session, RHS and HHS, 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 26; First day of school for students-Monday, Aug. 30; Labor Day holiday-Monday, Sept. 6; Next regular board meeting- District Office, 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 13.

-met in executive session concerning labor negotiations.

### Smokey

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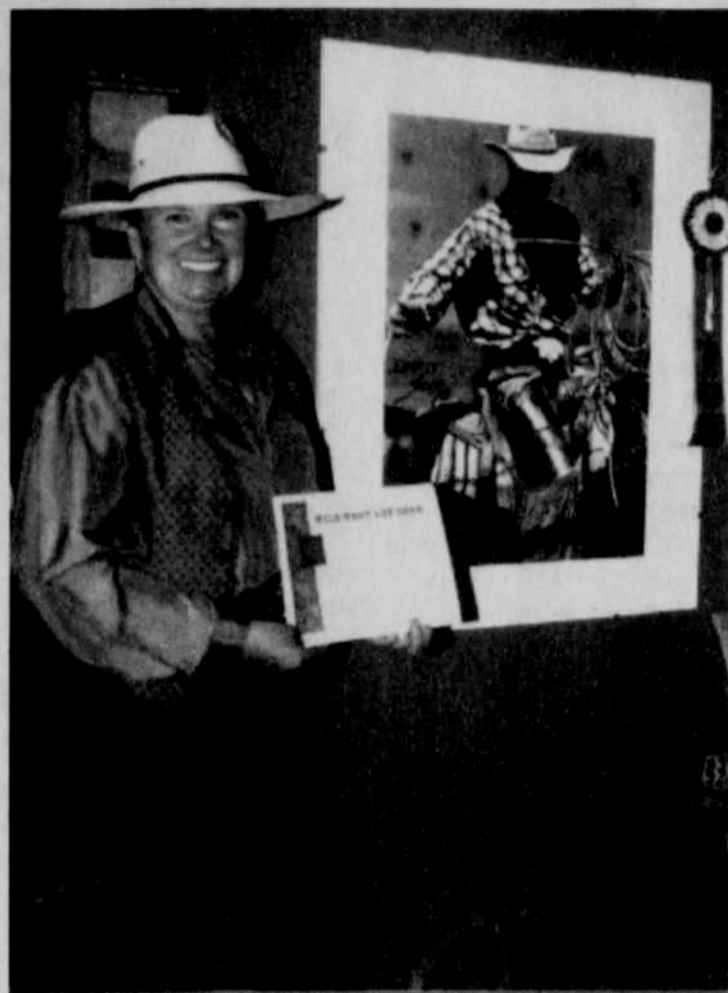
Smokey. They put him on a plane and sent him to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. to live.

In the town of Capitan, N.M. near where this brave bear had been found, people erected a museum to honor him. The museum still exists today.

Is Smokey Bear that brave bear cub? It's hard to say for sure. But, certainly this Smokey carries on the spirit of that little bear cub-to protect forests and keep them safe from the kind of fire that destroyed a forest and made so many animals homeless so long ago.

The Smokey campaign is proud to be celebrating its 60th anniversary of communicating Smokey Bear's message that, "Only you can prevent forest fires."

### New local artist gets involved with OTPR



Denise Smith

"Denise Smith's work has a certain look to it that promotes electricity and a moment in time. Her work portrays life on a ranch and a focus of a certain view and point in time that many

### Princess Emily

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Penny to drive and will be driving her in the horse show.

Bergstrom, daughter of Hal and Rita Bergstrom of Heppner, will be a senior this year at Heppner High School. In past years, she has played softball in the positions of catcher and pitcher. She is also an honor roll student. Bergstrom's older brother, Adam, attends Walla Walla Community College.

According to Bergstrom, the best part of being on the court is being with everybody. "It is like a big family," said Bergstrom. "We have five different moms that tell us what to do."

Bergstrom couldn't decide which event so far has been her favorite. She said that they all have been fun.

Once she graduates from high school, Bergstrom hopes to pursue a career as an equine veterinarian. "I've always wanted to be a vet," said Bergstrom.

Bergstrom, along with the rest of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court will be present during the 2004 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Aug. 18-22.

people look past," said Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Publicity Director Sue Gibbs.

Smith recently moved to Heppner, with her husband Charles "Sambo" Smith, and has set up her studio on the Currin Ranch where her husband works.

"I bumped into Denise while 'horsing around' several weeks ago. I had been looking for someone to do some original artwork to advertise the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo. After meeting Denise and sharing in her conversation and artwork, I realized we could help each other," commented Gibbs.

Smith is hoping to experience the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo and being thinking about some type of poster image to make the OTPR stand out for next year.

Smith's newest art piece is featured at Hale's Restaurant in Hermiston.

"Be on the lookout for her art locally too," adds Gibbs.

Smith may be seen taking pictures and capturing ranch life and the OTPR this next week during the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Aug. 18-22.

### Irrigon resident named to Lions board of trustees

The Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation announced today the election of Roger Trueax, Irrigon, to a three-year term on its board of trustees.

Trueax has been a Lions Club Member for 23 years. He has served as club president, as a district governor and has been honored for his leadership with an International Presidents Award and Lion of the Year from the Heppner Lions Club.

"Our Foundation provides vital services to all

### Local Angus breeder included in sire evaluation

Dr. Zhivago Staff, of Lexington, owns one bull listed in the 2004 Fall "Sire Evaluation Report" published by the American Angus Association in St. Joseph, MO. Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 6148 sires and is currently accessible at [www.angussiresearch.com](http://www.angussiresearch.com).

"This report provides both Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers using Angus genetics with accurate, predictable selection tools for improving their herd," says Bill Bowman, AAA vice president of information and date programs. Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) are generated from the performance database of the AAA, which includes information submitted this past year by nearly 8300 Angus breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

EPDs are available for 17 traits including birth weight, weaning weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height, and scrotal circumference. Carcass progeny measures generate EPDs on carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area, external fat thickness and percent retail product. Ultrasound body composition data also generates end product predictors for rib eye area, intramuscular fat percentage, fat thickness and percent retail product.

This report include \$Value indexes (\$F, \$G, \$B), which incorporates EPDs and industry relevant components into feedlot performance and carcass merit values expressed in dollars per head.

The semi-annual analysis for the sire evaluation report contains more than 11 million measures used to generate genetic predictions for the Angus breed.

Oregonians," said Trueax, "I am proud to represent our community and bring the services of Lions to our citizens in need."

Since 1959, the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation has supported the 188 Lions Clubs in Oregon with sight, hearing, diabetes awareness and positive youth development programs. Its Lions Eye Bank will celebrate its 30th anniversary this year and recently received its 25,000th donated cornea.

The Mobile Health Screening Unit, the Lions most visible program is celebrating its 10th Anniversary and 200,000 screened. The Foundation recycles eyeglasses and hearing aids, provides patient care funds for eye and ear surgeries, and operates low-vision clinics for youth. Other program information may be found on its website, [www.orlions.org/](http://www.orlions.org/) foundation, or by phoning (800) 635-4667.

### Heppner Beautification Committee honors Odd Fellows



Randall Peterson, secretary of the I.O.O.F. Willow Lodge #66 (left) was presented with a certificate by Chuck Bailey, chairman of the Heppner Beautification Committee, for I.O.O.F.'s "Achievement in creating an attractive environment in the business community particularly upkeep of business front awning."

### Benefit auction to be held for Mari Close

A benefit auction for Mari Close will be held Friday, Aug. 13 at the Boardman Grange at 7 p.m. There will also be a raffle drawing for a quilt and two \$100 gas cards.

Close was involved in an ATV accident on June 4, 2004 and is now in a coma. She is currently staying at her grandparents' home in Irrigon.

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased for \$1 each or six for \$5 at a number of businesses in Boardman and Irrigon.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the auction may contact Kellye Finch at 481-3550.

### Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

It must be August. It's hot, there are thunder-and-lightning storms and the Rodeo flags are a flying. People are buzzing all around the fairgrounds and rodeo arena, kids are working on 4-H projects, cowboys and cowgirls are hard at it and parade entries are coming in. The Chamber orchestrates the parade, which is sponsored by Morrow County.

Leading the parade this year will be Grand Marshal Rod Murray and our enthusiastic Queen Lexi Kennedy and Princesses Jessica Wainwright and Emily Bergstrom. These honorees do a wonderful job representing Morrow County.

While the theme of the fair this year is "Experience the history of the Morrow County Fair," parade entries are welcome in various categories from supporting our troops, to historic, to clowning around. Floats, antiques, pooper-scoopers, riding groups and individuals... all are invited to enter. A parade represents the community. Everyone gets to be a kid on parade day. Join in and have a great time and be sure to enjoy the Fair, the 82nd annual Rodeo and the livestock auction.

Anyone who wants to brag on Heppner and our county is invited to come to Waterfront Park in Portland this Friday, Saturday and Sunday to put in a few hours at "The Morrow County Bite of Oregon" booth. In addition to promoting the OHV park, the county and the Chambers of Commerce, we will be kicking off the "boot loop tour," a drive that takes the visitors on an adventure through Morrow and Umatilla counties. Come on down. Over 60,000 are expected for the event.

Yellow ribbons are waving in the breeze reminding us of all our area men and women who are heading overseas. "Support our troops" magnets are available from KayRene Qualls and Patricia Hughes. Some of the proceeds go for the families left behind who need TLC and other assistance. Remember, letters and cards are always welcome. Talk to local veterans for ideas.

A scam warning from the National Fraud Information Center has come to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce. It advised never to respond to e-mails, web pages or phone calls asking you to call area code 809. Apparently, the calls vary from telling the public they won something, to saying, "Hey, sorry I missed you, give me a call at 809..." Returning calls or responding could result in charges upwards of \$2400 on your phone bill, while dealing with a foreign phone company. So, unless you recognize the number, do not return the call.

Enjoy the rest of summer and when you can't stand the heat another minute, know that snow is just around the corner. That should have a cooling effect.

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