

Century Farm and Ranch program awards century status to 18 farms and ranches in 2004

At an annual awards ceremony at the Oregon State Fair, Oregon families from 18 farms and ranches will receive the formal status of Oregon Century Farm or Oregon Century Ranch. The 2004 Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, Sept. 4, at 2:30 p.m., in the Jackman-Long Building on the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. The public is invited to join the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation and its major partners, the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Oregon Department of Agriculture, and the Oregon Historical Society in the celebration of these Century Farm and Ranch families.

In 2004, there will be eighteen Oregon farms and ranches added to the list of more than 1,000 family properties which have reached the century mark or more. Five ranches and thirteen farms from 10 counties will be represented in this year's awards. The local family and their ranch being honored in 2004 is R.W.B. Ranch, Morrow County. The local family and their farm being honored in 2004 is Stevens Farm, Morrow County.

The Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program started in 1958 to honor farm and ranch families with century-long connections to the land. In the course of its 46-year history, the program has honored these families by recognizing their perseverance in the ever-changing challenge of supplying food and other farm products to the nation and the world. This award

acknowledges, as well, the families' commitment to farming and ranching, a reflection of Oregon's rich agricultural heritage.

According to Century Farm and Ranch Program Coordinator, Glenn Mason, "We, the public, as consumers of what these families grow and raise, need to take time out now and then and say, "We appreciate these hardworking farmers and ranchers who have fed Oregonians and America for a century or more. Oregon's more recent history of the last 150 years of settlement patterns can be traced in part by reading some of the stories submitted with the Century Farm and Ranch Program applications. Whether their family land was acquired from the United States government through a Donation Land Claim in the 1850s, or later in the late 19th or early 20th century by homesteading, or by purchase or trade from earlier Anglo or European settlers, these Century Farm and Ranch families give faces and names to Oregon's agricultural history. This program and the awards ceremony at the State Fair provide us the opportunity to meet an important part of the living history of Oregon."

Conducted each year, there is a formal application process required for a family to receive the century farm or ranch designation. A five-member advisory board reviews each application against the qualifications, which include continuous operation of the farm or

ranch; a gross income from farm use of not less than \$1,000 per year for the three years out of the five years prior to application; and family members must live on or actively manage the farming or ranch activities. Each year's completed applications are forwarded to the Oregon Historical Society Library and are available to researchers and other library users. To mark the award of the century farm or ranch status, each family receives a certificate signed by Governor Ted Kulongoski and the Director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Katy Coba. A metal roadside sign denoting century farm or ranch status with the name of the farm or ranch and the year established also is made available to each family. This year the property signs have been made available to the designated properties through a generous grant from the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The 2004 award ceremony is made possible, in part, by contributions from the Capital Press (Salem), the Hazelnut Marketing Board, the Oregon Wheat Growers League, and the Tillamook County Creamery Association. The Oregon Century Farm and Ranch program is administered through the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation (OAEF) in Salem and is partially funded through a partnership of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Historical Society, and the Oregon Farm Bureau.

Slottee Memorial and Lexington scholarships

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust has announced a deadline of Sept. 17, 2004 for the Elizabeth Slottee Memorial

Scholarship and the Lexington Voting Precinct Scholarship.

The Elizabeth Slottee Memorial

Scholarship is awarded annually to a junior, senior or graduate student at an accredited four-year college or university.

The award is given to recognize and remember the enthusiasm, spirit and dedication that Elizabeth inspired in her students. It is also given to remember Elizabeth's love of music.

This scholarship is given annually, in order of priority to: first, a student working for a major or minor in music and second, a student who has been accepted into a school of education.

The Lexington Voting Precinct applications are also available. This award is for a college sophomore, junior or senior living in the Lexington voters' precinct.

Applications in disc format can be picked up at Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner.

Contact Sharon Harrison at 676-9125, Del LaRue at 422-7468 or Barb Hayes at 676-9141, if you have any questions.

Willow Creek Water Park fair schedule

4-H members, with a 4-H member bracelet, can enjoy the Willow Creek Water Park in Heppner, free on Thursday, Aug. 19 and Friday, Aug. 20. Anyone with a fair pass will be admitted at a discounted price of \$1 both days.

The pool will be closed Friday night, Aug. 20 for the 7-9 p.m. session. It will also be closed Saturday, Aug. 21 and Sunday, Aug. 22 for the 1-5 p.m. session.

Heppner Schools have new vice principal



Daye Stone

Heppner Schools have a new vice principal, Daye Stone. Stone will also be the elementary school counselor and an assistant high school football coach.

This is Stone's first administrative job, as he just received his administration credentials through Eastern Washington University. He received his bachelor of arts degree at Western Montana College.

Stone comes to Heppner from Milton-Freewater, where he had been teaching for the past several years. Before that, he was a teacher and football coach in Montana.

Stone, who grew up in Days Creek, OR, was

drawn to Heppner because of its small town atmosphere and it offered him the ability to be active in school administration and coaching. "I was also looking forward to working in a great school system," said Stone.

Heppner was also a "quality place" for him and wife Michelle to raise their three children, Nalani, 5, Naleah, 3 and Noah, 10 months.

Heppner was also ideal, as a job in Ione opened for Michelle. She will be an elementary music and math teacher at Ione Schools.

Stone has coached for 12 years, in both assistant and head coach positions. He was a head football coach for seven years, and has also coached basketball, track, volleyball and baseball. "I was also looking forward to the opportunity to work with Greg Grant," said Stone. "Heppner has a great football program."

As a counselor at HES, Stone will be active in heading up the Child Study Team, which is a combination of the English Language Learners Director, the Title teacher and the Special Ed director. He will also be active in the referral system for professional services for students.

"I am looking forward to a great year and working with a tremendous staff," said Stone.

University of Nebraska announces graduates

Approximately 800 students received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in commencement exercises on Aug. 14.

Chancellor Harvey Perlman presided over the ceremonies. Barbara Plake, W.C. Meierhenry university professor of educational

psychology in the College of Education and Human Sciences and director of the Oscar and Luella Buros Center for Testing at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, gave the address.

The local graduate was Aleida Johannah Goodyear, who received her doctor of philosophy degree.

ABOUT THE HEPNER GAZETTE-TIMES NEWSPAPER

News articles

The Heppner Gazette welcomes news articles that are of interest to the communities of Ione, Lexington, Heppner and the surrounding area.

You can submit your article through mail, fax, email or bring it to our office (see below under how to contact us).

There is no charge for news articles, but if the article is a money-making activity for a person or business other than a non-profit or community service organization, it must run as a paid advertisement.

Advertisements

There are several different types of advertisements in the Heppner Gazette.

Display ads are the boxed ads that run throughout the newspaper and are charged for by the amount of space. The larger the ad the more it cost. Photos and graphics may be used in display ads.

Classified, or want ads, run in the section near the back of the newspaper and are charged by the number of words in the ad.

Business directory ads are boxed ads at a discounted rate. You must agree to run the ad unchanged (except for minor corrections) for a minimum of three months.

Legal notices. The Gazette is the legal newspaper for various public entities and is able to satisfy publishing requirements for Morrow County.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7)

Letters in poor taste or libelous will not be published.

Photos

The Gazette welcomes photos to run with news articles. We accept either black and white or color photos and they can be returned. We also accept digital photos. Email or bring the digitals to the office on a disk. We also accept digital camera "chips" to download the photos from your camera. Please contact us if you are unsure how to submit your photo.

Hours & Deadlines

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Ione school district

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coaches can use the floor on Aug. 23;

-the district is still in the process of hiring a half-time teacher for the 2004-05 school year to teach two PE classes and an elective;

-the new reader board has been delivered and the Ione City Council granted an easement to the district for a section of the lot on the corner of Spring and Main streets. Columbia Basin Electric is running the power and ISD will be charged the cost of a street light, rather than a meter reading. Howard Mullins and Ron Haguewood are constructing a pole for the board. The district is in the process of establishing a phone line and electrical wiring. The Cardinal on the reader board, however, appeared orange, rather than red, and the company supplying the panels as agreed to replace them with the appropriate color free of charge;

-Browning has completed a rough draft of the student/parent handbook and will finalize the graduation portion once she has the appropriate information and will also contact the ESD for a printing quote;

-Browning met with engineer Bob Depoe and Knerr Construction to discuss correction of the flooding/sink hole at the school following three days of heavy rain. A proposal is being created with projected construction following the last football game. The goal is to relieve some of the water load from the new building roof into a separate drain field and to also tie in the cafeteria roof drainage pipes, so that the cafeteria is not flooded again. She says that the sink hole will no longer be an issue when the water is diverted away from the original French drain;

-inservice is scheduled to begin Aug. 23;

-the 2004 Annual Yearly Progress report for Ione has not yet been posted. Reports for 59 schools are still pending. Teacher Jim Raible inquired about this and also noted that the Oregon Department of Education is not accurately reporting CIM results for students who have already passed the test;

-enrollment is currently 154, but could go as high as 160;

-over 40 students showed up for physicals on Aug. 12, with around 10 coming from Morrow County School District;

-electricity to the greenhouse will be completed on Aug. 18, which will allow for installing the inflatable roof.

In other business, the board:

-made their annual designations for the year, such as designating the business manager/deputy clerk, and others;

-established the board meeting dates as the third Monday of the month, unless a conflict interferes, at 7 p.m.;

-approved opening a \$200,000 time deposit at the Bank of Eastern Oregon;

-learned that the 1909-1939 alumni donated monies to the pool with the suggestion that some shade is established near the pool for those watching pool activities.

-set the next meeting for Monday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m.

BUCKNUM'S CATERING:
Barbecue Beef & Fried Oysters
at Murray's Wine Tasting, Aug. 19
at the Morrow County Fairgrounds

Watch for weekly specials
at John's Place & Bucknum's Tavern!

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We will be closed Saturday, Aug. 21

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