

Heppner woman takes five-point elk



Bonnie Grant, of Heppner, took a five-point elk on the Vey Ranch at Starkey. This is Grant's first "big ball."

OSU Extension Service honors friends, cooperators

The Oregon State University Extension Service honored numerous individuals and groups as Friends of Extension and Extension Cooperators during a recent Extension conference at OSU.

The Friends of Extension awards are given by the Oregon chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, a national organization of Extension professionals.

"The OSU Extension Service's cooperator awards are intended to honor the

Local schools rate in Dairy Farmers Academic All-State program

Ione High School football placed seventh in the Dairy Farmers of Oregon Academic All-State program released by the OSAA. IHS received a gpa of 3.20. IHS volleyball was also mentioned with a gpa of 3.64. The volleyball team missed the Top 10 by just .02 points.

Riverside High School also received a gpa of 3.27 in volleyball.

"The OSAA is proud to join the Dairy Farmers of Oregon in recognizing these outstanding student-athletes for their tremendous efforts in the classroom," said Tom Welter, OSAA Executive Director.

dedication and leadership of individual volunteers and organizations that have had significant impacts on statewide Extension educational programs," said Tonya Aitkin, Wasco County Extension agent and public relations chair of the OSU Extension Association.

The list of those honored includes Holly Weimar, Arlington; Esther McKibben, Springfield; Ruth Carson, Marcola; Matt Epstein, Jacksonville; Oscarlee Fenton, Grants Pass; Paul Mickles, Eugene;

Peggy Thomas, Eugene; Barbara Kreilich, Scio; Lisa Lilley, Astoria; Roberta Hellman, Hillsboro; Morrow County School District, Lexington; the administrative team of the OSU College of Business, Corvallis.

The Morrow County School District received special recognition for cooperation in building partnerships between public school programs and OSU Extension 4-H youth programs. Examples in the district include Ag in the Classroom programs, the Hispanic Youth Leadership program, the "Power Up" computer lab, indoor soccer programs, and a GPS/GIS community mapping project. Morrow School District administrators and teachers named as cooperators include Dirk Dirksen, Kathie Goad, Ron Anthony, B.J. Wilson, Dave Fowler and Wade Smith.



B.J. Wilson accepts award for Extension Cooperator of the Year.

IUCC hosts Halloween party



Thirty-six costumed children and numerous parents and helpers gathered at Ione United Church of Christ Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31, for a fun-filled Halloween party.

BEO donates money for United Way Fall Campaign Thanksgiving turkeys



Janice Skaggs, Heppner Neighborhood Center coordinator (left) received a check from Sharon Harrison, Bank of Eastern Oregon branch manager in the amount of \$150. BEO donated the monies for turkeys given in Thanksgiving baskets by the Center.

Public Report

With United Way fall fundraising in full swing, several workplaces have already completed their internal staff campaigns during October. Total payroll deduction pledges and cash donations to date include the following work groups: \$17,000 Union Pacific Foundation; \$15,936 Pendleton School District; \$7,824 Umatilla-Morrow ESD; \$5,622 Wal-Mart Distribution Center (1st Report); \$2,950 Professionals - Small Business; \$2,522 NOAA-National Weather Service; \$2,475 Hermiston School District; \$1,561 Eastern Oregon Psychiatric Center; \$1,526 BiMart Hermiston; \$1,396 Pendleton DEQ; \$721 Pendleton Woolen Mills; \$700 ConAgra-Lamb Weston Boardman; \$600 Hermiston DEQ; and \$245 Echo School District

The United Way Board of Directors established a goal of \$350,000 for the 2004 fall campaign knowing that many families in Umatilla and Morrow counties are facing higher costs of living and loss of family-wage jobs

with benefits. United Way funds assist charitable agencies that provide strategic emergency services such as food, shelter, clothing and transportation, and assistance with programs for elderly residents, children and youth and the terminally ill.

"We have noticed a decrease in contributions from some of our faithful workplaces" according to Lauren Dickey, United Way director, "many folks who are gainfully employed and motivated to donate are experiencing the financial crunch of higher fuel and utility prices, property taxes, all types of insurance and trying to save for their kids' education and their own retirement along with helping older family members. The local economy does not seem to be 'out of the woods' just yet for working people."

Contributions to the United Way of Umatilla and Morrow Counties can be mailed to P.O. Box 1225, Pendleton, OR 97891 or call (541) 276-2661 for more information on how you can help.

Trivia contest

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tickets are distributed at the end of each round according to scores. Drawings are held between rounds of questions.

The trivia questions come from several categories, such as movies, geography, arts, TV, leisure, sports, nature, history, literature and music. Bill Klein has been producing his Trivia Show for 20 years and continues to add to his database of over 18,000 questions.

Beginning at 5 p.m., a pizza-and-salad buffet prepared by John's Place will be served for the public at the Elks Lodge. The cost and other details of the buffet will appear in next week's paper. The Trivia Show will begin at 6:30 p.m. Individuals who wish only to observe the evening's entertaining competition will be allowed into the "spectators' gallery" for a small fee and will receive a raffle ticket for a special drawing.

The Committee, a spokesman reports, has chosen the trivia contest as an entertaining, fun-filled way to raise money for completion of the mural that has been started on the Agricultural Museum building. The artist, Robert Walton, has begun work on the second phase of the mural and the committee hopes to soon have enough to pay him for the final third of the mural. When completed, Walton's work will be the largest outdoor mural painted by a single artist. Passersby can view his progress on the Riverside Avenue side of the Ag Museum.

The entry fee of \$120 per team of six is tax deductible, a contribution to the FARM Foundation. Entry forms are available at the Bank of Eastern Oregon or by calling 676-5382. The Committee set a deadline of Nov. 8, to allow cancellation by Nov. 12 if enough teams do not sign up. Word on the

street is that more than enough teams are planning to participate, so the Committee members are hoping that proves true. One member says that she is "hoping for thirty teams."

Word has been received that some frequent Heppner visitors from Salem have formed a team. One member of the "Strange Bedfellows" encourages everyone to get on a team. She says, "I am not good at trivia. I am on the team because every team needs someone with good penmanship."

Halloween Food Drive

Ione Youth Group members went door-to-door on Halloween night gathering food for the Heppner Neighborhood Center. The food will be used for the needy of South Morrow County.

High school youth participating were Kylee Svetich, Kayla LaRue, Kip Krebs, Barbara Holland, Stephanie Holland and Emily Rietmann. Middle school students helping out were Clay Morter, Matt Coleman, Thomas Holland, Brenna Rietmann and Beth Morter. Drivers were Shilo Svetich, Anne Morter and Joe McElligott.

Youth group members said they appreciate the generosity of the Ione community.

Booster Club to hold taco feed

As a show of appreciation for all the support given them, the Heppner Booster Club is holding a free taco feed before the Nov. 5 football game. Meal service will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue through halftime, or until the crew runs out of food.

The menu consists of tacos, cookies and a drink.

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