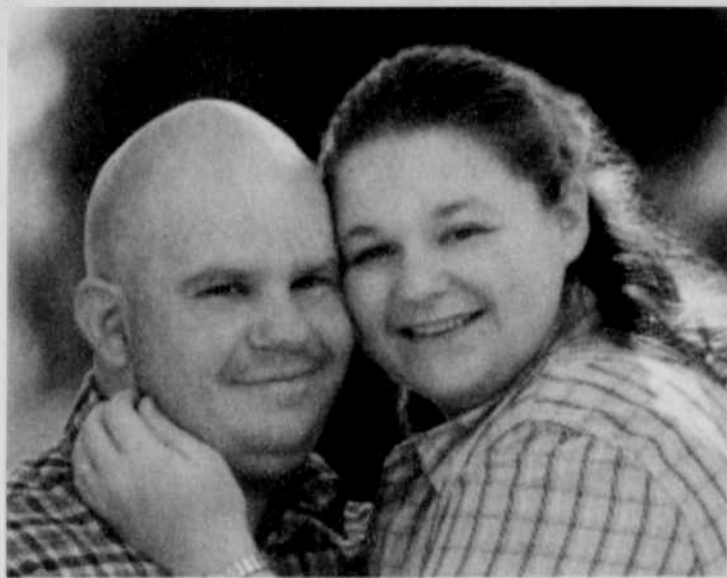


Engagement

Cutsforth-Pederson



Olaf Pederson and Melissa Cutsforth

Curtis and Kathy Cutsforth wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Melissa Cutsforth of Heppner to Olaf Pederson.

The bride-elect graduated from Heppner High School in 1998. She is currently a senior at Oregon Institute of Technology and will graduate with a bachelor's degree in radiologic science. She is currently on the extern at Grande Rhonde Hospital in LaGrande.

The groom-elect is the son of Tom and Pari Pederson of Klamath Falls. He graduated from Klamath Falls High School in 1996. He transferred from Klamath Community College and is currently attending Eastern Oregon University of LaGrande, majoring in psychology.

The couple will be married at Running Y Resort in Klamath Falls on June 18, 2005.

Ione loses at state tournament

By Marie Key

Ione traveled to the state volleyball tournament on Friday, Nov. 12. The Lady Cardinals lost to Elkton, the 2003 state champions, 25-18, 15-25 and 8-15; lost to Perrydale, 20-25 and 17-25, but defeated Mohawk, 25-13 and 26-24.

Ashly Grams led the team with 13 points, one ace, one dump, 24 passes and 60 set assists. Abby Key followed with 10 points, four aces and 31 passes. Sara Peck had eight points, four aces, 17 passes, 11 hits, five kills, 15 blocks and five sets. Jenny Griffith had six points, three aces, 59 passes, 14 hits, one kill and 10 points.

Amber Patton and Stephanie Holland each had one point, one ace, 21 passes, five hits and six blocks.

Others contributing to the win were Kayla LaRue with four passes; Kim Morris with 15 passes, seven hits, four kills and five blocks; and Barbara Holland with 22 passes, six hits, four kills, three blocks and three sets.

Ione Schools announce honor roll

The Ione Schools have announced their quarter one honor roll students in grades 5-12.

Grade 5: (A)- Mary Rietmann, Jordan Peterson, Christine Raible, Zachary Orem, Makenna Ramos, Adam Collin, Steven Holland, Micah Stillman, Jessica Working, Kaleb Dumler and JoAnna Patton; (B)- Mason Haguewood, Cassie Arbogast, Luke Emmel and Melanie Eldridge.

Grade 6: (A)- Beth Morter (4.0), Mariah Bradfield, Alex Rietmann, Tanner Rietmann, Thomas Holland, Shelby Wiggers, Jacob Trahan, Mary Gates and Kevin LaRue; (B)- Marco Juarez, Bruce McMinn and Tim Clay.

Grade 7: (A)- Alex Carlson (4.0), Sarah Stillman (4.0), Michael Raible and R.J. Ramos; (B)- Heather Wiggers, Stephanie Archer, Brianna Peterson and Tyree Svetich.

Grade 8: (A)- Tiana Camarillo (4.0), Kara Clay (4.0), Brenna Rietmann and Matt Coleman; (B)- Lucas Bradford and Clay Morter.

Grade 9: (A)- Justin Archer (4.0), Shannon Clay (4.0), Emily Rietmann (4.0), Alan Rietmann and Kylee Svetich; (B)- Kip Krebs, Kaylee Palmateer, Max Trahan and Teonna Vandever.

Grade 10: (A)- Stephanie Holland (4.0), Kayla LaRue (4.0) and Megan Tollefson; (B)- Brittnee DesBouillons and Meghan Gaines.

Grade 11: (A)- Amy Jepsen (4.0), Abby Key (4.0), Kristal Temple (4.0), Anthony Bolin, Jennifer Griffith and Tyler Brown; (B)- Kyle Palmateer, Kelly Thompson, William Bergstrom and John Walton.

Grade 12: (A)- Nick Christman (4.0), Amanda Emery (4.0), Barbara Holland (4.0), Kim Morris (4.0), Kasie Peterson (4.0), Alyssa Rietmann (4.0), Tyler Riverman, Sara Peck, Taylor McElligott and Missy Baker; (B)- Austin Arballo and Arthur Ekstrom.

Blood drive to be held in Boardman

While giving thanks this holiday season, please share the blessing of good health. The American Red Cross encourages donors of all blood types to help those in need. A single donation can give up to three people the chance to enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

A Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Greenfield Grange, 209 1st Ave., Boardman, on Monday, Nov. 22 from 1-6 p.m. Donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health.

In anticipation of higher-than-normal blood use, the Red Cross encourages all eligible

donors to share their health this holiday season. An increase in highway traffic during the holiday weekend traditionally increases trauma-related blood use. Winter weather, colds and the flu keep people indoors, reducing donor turnout at blood drives.

Donors may call (541) 481-2525, ext. 2132 to schedule a blood donation appointment. For questions about donor eligibility, please call (800) GIVE LIFE or email CanIDonate@usa.redcross.org.

Make a difference with World Heritage

World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is currently seeking a volunteer local community representative to provide high school exchange students with program support. The ideal candidate should enjoy fostering international friendships, be community minded and enjoy working with teenagers. Community representatives screen potential host families, meet with local high schools and provide support counseling for host families and students.

World Heritage also provides international opportunities for families to host a student and for an American teen to become an exchange student. If you are interested in one of these rewarding experiences, please call Diana at (800) 888-9040 or visit our website at www.world-heritage.org.

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Oregon Wheat Industry Conference to be held in Portland

The deadline fast approaches to register for the 2004 Oregon Wheat Industry Conference, to be held in Portland. The Officers, Board Members and Staff of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) welcome wheat producers to attend Dec. 5-7 at the Embassy Suites Hotel at Washington Square, Tigard.

The theme for the conference is "You make the difference," emphasizing the importance of each individual involved in agriculture, from the farm gate to the elevator to the international marketplace and finally, the consumer.

Patrick McGaughey, a "city-boy" speaker who was raised on a dry-land wheat farm in Sherman County, will offer the keynote address for the event. His message, "The next generation of farmers- changing the message at the dinner table," will address the challenge of keeping kids involved on the farm.

Breakout Workshop Sessions will cover critical issues and innovative programs, including: How Does Delisting of Salmon Impact Agriculture; Water Supply and Storage- What is the Future for Agriculture; Understanding Your Worker's Comp Insurance Coverage; Understanding the Sun Grant Initiative, Alternative Energy Projects Underway; OSU Seeks Input on Possible Exclusive Release of a High Quality Wheat Variety; Renewable Energy Action Plan for Oregon; Managing Spray Drift Issues in your Operation; Ensuring Compliance with Senate Bill 1010; Winning in Today's Economic Climate; and Wheat Quality-Building Relationships with the Marketplace.

The Oregon Wheat Growers League will hold its annual membership meeting within the conference on the afternoon of Tuesday, Dec. 7. OWGL 2005 officers will be elected. Presentations by Oregon Wheat Commission; Oregon Wheat Foundation; and OWGL Committee Chairs will also highlight the meeting.

All agriculture producers and representatives of commodity organizations are invited and encouraged to attend this informative conference. Registration materials are available by contacting the OWGL staff at (541) 276-7330 or visiting the OWGL website at www.owgl.org.

North-central Oregon cougar season quota nearly reached

Hunters need to report any harvested cougar

The Columbia Basin cougar hunt zone in north-central Oregon is approaching the harvest quota and may close early to cougar hunting, announced the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Columbia Basin cougar hunt zone, also called Zone D, has a 2004 quota of 18 cougars. As of Nov. 12, 15 cougars from Zone D had been checked in at ODFW offices. Most cougars are harvested during deer or elk hunting seasons.

No other 2004 cougar hunt zones are near their harvest quota at this time. If the Columbia Basin cougar zone closes, hunters with an unfilled general season cougar tag may hunt in any of the other five cougar zones in the state.

The total statewide allowed cougar sport harvest for 2004 is 562 cougars. As of Nov. 12, hunters have taken 190 cougars statewide. The statewide quota for the 2005 cougar season has been set at 579.

The 2005 general cougar season begins in all six zones Jan. 1, 2005, for those hunters with a 2005 cougar tag and a 2005 hunting license. Cougars harvested after Jan. 1, 2005,

will apply to the new quotas for the respective zones.

The cougar quota system was adopted by ODFW to more evenly distribute cougar harvest throughout the state. Quota levels are set to manage cougar population levels and appropriately distribute hunters.

Hunters can find out whether the season is open in other zones by calling a local ODFW office, calling the general information line at (800) 720-6339 or (503) 947-6001, or visiting www.dfw.state.or.us/ODFWhtml/Regulations/2004_reg_changes.htm#biggame and scrolling down to the cougar quota information.

More information about Oregon's cougar season can be found on pages 46-48 in the 2004 Oregon Big Game Regulations.

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