

Adopt-A-Teacher announces current achievements

Heppner Schools Adopt-A-Teacher is an Oregon non-profit corporation organized to enhance and supplement public school education opportunities for students attending Heppner Elementary School and Heppner Junior/Senior High School. The members and board of directors recognize that education funding in the State of Oregon has severely diminished creating a near crisis loss of educational programs.

Adopt-A-Teacher was created to help stem the loss of programs in the Heppner community by raising funds and targeting staff and programs at Heppner schools most in need of funding assistance. The board is currently made up of three teachers, (Jean Collins, Mary Ann Elguezabal and Cara Osmín), one school district board member (Bill Kuhn) and one parent (Kirsten Harrison). Attending board meetings regularly are Heppner school administrators Wade Smith and Daye Stone. With input from members, this group has been very successful in raising funds and identifying and being instrumental in funding staff and programs to keep quality education in our schools.

Heppner Schools Adopt-A-Teacher is completing its second school year of existence and this report is to inform the members, and potential members, of what we together have achieved.

So, what has the combined efforts of the membership and the board of directors been able to achieve? The board is excited to report that every goal set has been achieved. The organization's goals have been modest, but have served as a focus for Morrow County School District and the significant needs of Heppner students. This focus coupled with the community support and community funding have achieved the following:

- Retention of a full-time kindergarten with a teacher and aide at HES. Kindergarten was slated to be cut to half time by the school district.

- Keeping a full-time third/fourth grade teacher that was to be a half-time position.

- Adding an extra time to art teacher Tom Shear's contract to allow the reinstatement of an art program with an art teacher at HES.

- Providing the impetus to gain funding for Tracie Bunch to head the SMART program at HES. SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) is a program that works to get volunteers into elementary schools so students with reading deficiencies can get one-on-one attention to improve their reading skills.

- Expanding the foreign language program into the 7th and 8th grades at Heppner Junior/Senior High School.

- Increase of aide time on recess duty for supervision and to increase teaching time for the Booster Reading Program at HES.

It has been reported that the Adopt-A-Teacher Foundation will receive their 501(c)3 status sometime during May of this year. This will assist the organization in obtaining grants and other funding possibilities for education in our Heppner schools. The board is very excited about this aspect of our program.

None of the programs would exist without the Adopt-A-Teacher organization and the efforts of all members. The board meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at the offices of Kuhn and Spicer on Main Street at 5 p.m. and you are invited to attend. You are also invited to ask any questions you have of any board member.

The Adopt-A-Teacher Foundation can, has and will help the Heppner schools become even better than they already are. If you would like to become a contributing member, please contact one of the officers listed above.

Morrow County students to participate in math contest

Ninety students in grades 4 through 8 have qualified to participate in the Morrow County School District Math Contest to be held Thursday, April 21. The contest will be held at Heppner Elementary School, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Students are from the MCSD schools in Boardman, Irrigon and Heppner.

Everyone is invited to attend this event and support the students of Morrow County.

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Friday, May 6th at the Heppner Elks Club
Semi-Formal - Two seatings available

Two Ticket Options:

- 1) Dinner, Dessert & Entertainment at 5:30 p.m. ~ or ~
- 2) Dinner, Dessert & Entertainment at 7:30 p.m. (Dinner is Tuscan-style pork chops with a penne pasta in a putenesca sauce, Italian-style vegetables, mixed green salad, and herb and garlic bread) \$25 for adults / \$15 for children 12 and under
- 3) Dessert & Entertainment Only at 7 p.m. \$10 per ticket

*Purchase tickets at Murray Drugs or Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner
Limited Seating Available
Inquiries - contact Marianne Smith, Carri Grieb, Ann Murray or Missy Lindsay*

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Volunteers are in season year round even though this week, April 17-23 is designated as National Volunteer Week. There are so many, many volunteers in our community taking time to care. These folks make the difference in the success of just about everything that happens in Heppner and the Willow Creek Valley. For that matter, their time they so willingly give means wonderful things happen for everyone. All one needs to do each day is look around to see the results of both visible and invisible volunteers.

Some volunteers are helping those in needs. Some are organizing events for the community, for organizations, for children, for fundraisers, for fun. Others are planting flowers, painting signs and cleaning up neighborhoods. Still others are active in their churches, at the assisted living, reading in school, leading 4-H, repairing cemeteries, serving dinners and yes, even putting together script packets. One could fill the entire Heppner Gazette with stories of wonderful community volunteers.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce has many committees volunteering to make a difference. Our ambassador group meets on a regular basis to fill newcomer baskets and deliver them to

new people. Without our parade committees, there would be no parades. The annual awards Town and Country dinner, Wee Bit O' Ireland, Celebrate Historic Heppner, Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, Harvestfest and all of the Christmas festivities require the time and talent of volunteers. Marketing, merchants, legislative, youth, membership, non-dues and other committees keep one and all working "to create a positive environment where business, community and people thrive."

Where would this country be without volunteers? You've heard versions of the story of the little child walking along the beach throwing starfish back into the water. A man stopped her to ask what she was doing and she told him, "They will die if I don't put them back." When he informed her that there were too many on the beach to make a difference, she threw another back with all her might and replied, "It will make a difference to that one."

We appreciate all who make a difference. Caring is always in season.

Thought for the Week: "Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light." - Albert Schweitzer

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Christian Life Center volunteers are hosts for the noon meal at the Senior Center on April 27. The menu consists of beef stroganoff, peas and carrots, applesauce, wheat rolls and birthday cake- in honor of those with April birthdays.

The Spray lunch excursion is planned for Thursday, April 28. Departure time for the bus is 10:30 a.m., from the senior center. Ed Baker reminds everyone that several mountain places of interest will be a part of the return

itinerary, including Winlock. New brochures, which describe the various facets of the senior center, are at the printers. They will be ready for distribution as soon as they arrive.

Ruby Steers has been hosting tours of the apartments, immediately after the noon meal. For anyone who may be interested in between times, she may be contacted through the center office. Three apartments are now available for rent.

Blue Mountain Community announces honor students

Blue Mountain Community College has announced its honor roll, dean's list and president's list for winter term 2005. Local students honored include:

Honor Roll: Heppner- Bradly Adams, 3.0; Jennifer Hammons, 3.0; and Ashley Ward, 3.14; Boardman- Tatyana Lieurance, 3.0; Savannah Nelson, 3.0; Matthew Weseman, 3.0; Jade Marston, 3.08; and Jose Aguiar, 3.31; and Irrigon- Amy Baumgart, 3.0; Theresa Morley, 3.0; Marilyn Griffin,

3.15; Elizabeth Richardson, 3.17; and Andrea Marlow, 3.21.

Dean's List: Heppner- Rebecca Cherry, 3.77; Boardman- Brandi Purcell, 3.40; Citlali Pacheco, 3.50; Alyssa Schaible, 3.79; and Angela Hughes, 3.81; and Irrigon- Faviola Macias, 3.60; Carol McCurdy, 3.71; and Laurence Rill, 3.77.

President's List: Ione- Jennifer Thompson, 4.0; and Irrigon- Christi Gettmann, 4.0; Jeanne Lee, 4.0; Crystal Munoz, 4.0.

\$2,500 REWARD OFFERED

THIS REWARD IS IN ADDITION TO THE REWARD PREVIOUSLY POSTED BY THE OREGON CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND THE MORROW COUNTY LIVESTOCK GROWERS FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON OR PESONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT SHOOTING OF A BLACK ANGUS BULL OWNED BY THE WILKINSON RANCH. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT OREGON STATE POLICE TROOPER DANE GARDNER AT (541) 567-3215.

Wrangler's Play Day results announced



Makenzie Hughes, 7, running the barrels.



Mary Rietmann, 11, making a great pole bending turn on her horse, Rickashay.



Torri Lovgren running the barrels on her horse, Roper.



Macy Gibbs coming home on the poles.

The Wrangler's Riding Club held their first play day on Sunday April 17 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds rodeo arena. The next play day will be held Sunday, April 24. The play day ended with the following results:

Stick Horse Race: 1st- Kolby Currin, 2nd- Jacee Currin, 3rd- Coby Dougherty and 4th- Keegan Gibbs.

Lead Line- Barrels: 1st- Kolby Currin, 2nd- Jaiden Mahoney, 3rd- Jacee Currin and 4th- Heather Greenup.

Lead Line- Poles: 1st- Coby Dougherty, 2nd- Kolby Currin, 3rd- Jaiden Mahoney and 4th- Jacee Currin.

Lead Line- Figure 8: 1st- Kolby Currin, 2nd- Jaiden Mahoney, 3rd- Coby Dougherty and 4th- Jacee Currin.

Barrels- 7 and under: 1st- Makenzie Hughes, 2nd- Paige Grieb, 3rd- Rylee Kollman and 4th- Macy Gibbs.

Poles- 7 and under: 1st- Makenzie Hughes, 2nd- Paige Grieb, 3rd- Rylee Kollman and 4th- Macy Gibbs.

Figure 8- 7 and under: 1st- Makenzie Hughes, 2nd- Patrick Collins, 3rd- Rylee Kollman and 4th- Macy Gibbs.

Barrels- 8 and 9 year olds: 1st- Blake Greenup, 2nd- Bobbie Correa, 3rd- Garrett Robinson and 4th- Stephen Thompson.

Poles- 8 and 9 year olds: 1st- Blake Greenup, 2nd- Bobbie Correa, 3rd- Stephen Thompson and 4th- Tate Gentry.

Figure 8- 8 and 9 year olds: 1st- Bobbie Correa, 2nd- Blake Greenup, 3rd- Garrett Robinson and 4th- Stephen Thompson.

Barrels- 10 to 13 year olds: 1st- Taighler Dougherty, 2nd- Jessica Hughes, 3rd- Rebecca Jepsen and 4th- Mary Rietmann.

Poles- 10 to 13 year olds: 1st- Taighler Dougherty, 2nd- Mary Rietmann, 3rd- Rebecca Jepsen and 4th- Devin Robinson.

Figure 8- 10 to 13 year olds: 1st- Rebecca Jepsen, 2nd- Taighler Dougherty, 3rd- Mary Rietmann and 4th- Devin Robinson.

Barrels- 14 to 17 year olds: 1st- Emily Rietmann and 2nd- Amy Jepsen.

Poles- 14 to 17 year olds: 1st- Amy Jepsen and 2nd- Emily Rietmann.

Figure 8- 14 to 17 year olds: 1st- Amy Jepsen.