

Local twirler competes in Oregon State competition



Jessica Hamilton

Jessica Hamilton, 15, who recently moved to Heppner from England, participated in the US Twirling Association's Oregon State Competition on April 30 at Reynolds Middle School in Portland.

Hamilton placed second in all around categories of presentation, military march and basic march, sponsored by Oregon Baton Council. She also took second in combined all around. She also placed fourth in junior novice solo, third in junior military march and second in novice basic strut, sponsored by the United State Twirling Association. She also placed first in novice presentation and first in a beginner solo routine. Competitors compete in their age group against their ability levels.

First place winners in each division and age group then competed for the Oregon State Title. Hamilton placed third in the junior division of Oregon State Championship Twirlers.

With the Oregon State competition behind her, Hamilton will go on to the regional competition in Hayward, CA this summer.

Hamilton began competing about five years ago in England studying the English standard of baton twirling. Since moving to the states, she has adopted the US standard of twirling with the help of Pendleton coach Luann McKenzie. Hamilton won several events during her twirling in England, including being named Championship Twirler in 2003. She also had the honor of participating in the London Parade.

Hamilton's parents, GeriAnn and Michael Hamilton, recently purchased the Blue Spruce Apartments in Heppner. Heppner was chosen as the place to move as the Hamiltons have family here including Jack and Jo Meligan, GeriAnn's aunt and uncle and Elmer Meligan, GeriAnn's grandfather. Due to the difference in education systems between England and the US, Hamilton is finishing her education in England through distance education.

Besides twirling, Hamilton is also active in the local 4-H. She is a member of the 4-H Basic Horse club and the 4-H Ranchers Horse club.

Open House to be held at Currin Ranch

Three artists and two quilters will be featured in an open house at the Currin Ranch, 62776 Little Buttercreek Road, Heppner, on May 21 and 22. The open house will begin at 10 a.m., on both days and all are invited to visit the ranch and see the artists' work. This collection of work primarily depicts the ranch and western lifestyle. Some works will be offered for sale.

The open house will feature Denise Smith, artist and ranch wife who moved to the Currin Ranch in 2003. Her western art reflects ranch life. She is accomplished in oils and digital enhanced photography.

Linda Whiting of Burns is bringing her western art pieces to the open house. Whiting paints life images on items such as pails, rocks and note boards.

Linda Phillips of Hermiston, who is a pencil artist with a western flavor, will add colored pencil originals, as well as graphite prints. She is this year's featured artists for the cover of the Hermiston Horse Sale catalogue.

Judy Robinson of Hermiston, former owner of Country Loveables quilt store, will show some of her pieced quilts and hand work. She designs many of her own pieces, using earth tones to bring out the designs.

Marlene Currin will also be showing her quilt designs and will display pieced quilts and quilts of various sizes. Currin enjoys working with western designed fabrics and her quilts reflect her love of animals. Ranch life is depicted and inspires her work.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Umbrellas don't look so strange in Heppner of late and no one is complaining. Great billowing clouds continue to grace the skies bringing more moisture. Our hills are finally turning green. Morrow County is not complaining nor is the rest of Eastern Oregon.

Speaking of Eastern Oregon, be sure to stop by the Chamber office to pick up the Eastern Oregon Visitor Guide Trip Planner. The Columbia River Plateau, comprised of Morrow and Umatilla counties, is the first region featured in "Make S'more Memories." We all have memorable stories to share relating to our community. Think about how it feels to sit around a campfire eating s'mores and telling stories. Please share your old and new stories with the Chamber and not just around a campfire. Do you have OHV experiences, fishing, historic events to relate or pictures? Travel Oregon is always on the lookout for unique and historic tales about places in Oregon. It would be beneficial to have an ongoing list on file about Heppner and south Morrow County.

In addition to brochures from all over the state, the Chamber office has a variety of phone books free for the asking. The office is not always occupied, but during the City of Heppner hours one can walk across the room to the inside door of the Chamber and help themselves to brochures. It's a cooperative effort to provide information for local citizens as well as visitors.

Do you know about the Chamber Ambassadors? They are a group of energetic folks who put together

baskets of "goodies" from local businesses and deliver them to new people in the community. If you would like to be an ambassador, call the Chamber.

As an aside to this column, the Friday Night Gala at the Elks, put on by the Diva's, with tremendous community donations and support for the Coil family, was a testimony to the greatness of living in Heppner. Attendees left with the knowledge that this community is caring, that is produces awesome musical talent and that there are many young 30/40-something volunteers out there who can accomplish just about anything they set their minds to. They will handle the future of south Morrow County.

Mark your calendars for Chamber programs ahead: May 19- HHS Presentation on GPS/GIS by Dave Fowler and Jon Cain; May 26- National Write Your Congressman informational presentation; June 2- all entities report. Remember as visitors arrive for Memorial Day weekend, let them know that there will be a Memorial Day Dinner at the Senior Center on Sunday, May 29 and invite them to enjoy Heppner's amenities while they are here.

Thought for the Week: "Nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm." -Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Soccer signup to be held

An A.Y.S.O. soccer signup will be held for children ages 4-11. Registration will be held at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, June 2 from 5-7 p.m. and June 3 from 4-6 p.m. For more information, contact Jessica Lehman at 989-8571.

Cardinal Booster Club news

The Cardinal Booster Club met on Monday, May 2 at the Ione School library, with 12 members present.

The club learned that Lynn Dee Ramos is looking into paint costs for the cafeteria and hallway. Superintendent Bryn Browning suggested that the mural on the hallway include academics as well as athletics. It was also suggested interested students help paint the mural.

The club ordered 50 Cardinal wraps. The waterproof wraps are similar to the ones the club sold in the past, but will have hoods and zippers. The wraps will be available at Sunflower Junction for \$40 each.

The club voted to contract Marlene Pointer to make the track donation recognition sign. The club voted to pay \$10/hour to Pointer for her work. The sign will be made with stenciled letters. It will hang on the track practice area fence.

Del LaRue reported on the Athletic Hall of Fame. He will have a list of nominees available at the next meeting. The first award dinner will honor individuals up to 1960.

Ramos had a sample 4th of July shirt created by Sew What. The blue shirts, with an embroidered logo, will sell for \$15 for adult sizes and \$12 for children's sizes. The club will also reserve rights on the logo.

Ramos and Arlynda Gates looked into the purchase of Cardinal wristbands. They haven't been able to find a company that

will make fewer than 1000 bands. The club agreed to not buy over 500 bands, in youth and adult sizes.

Members voted to help the school staff purchase lower case die-cut letters. The booster club will make up the difference between the money from box tops and the total cost of the letters, not to exceed \$505.

The club recently provided refreshments for the Inside Ione open house at the school. Penny Krebs and Becky Tullis fixed dinner for the faculty on conference day. The club donated a Cardinal wrap to the golf team to use at their golf scramble fund raiser. The club voted to provide water and Gatorade to the track, tennis, baseball and golf teams at district and state competitions.

Browning applied for and received a \$2000 grant from Box Tops for Education. The money will be used for parent/community involvement projects.

Jim Raible expressed appreciation to the club for support of the Small Business Club's concessions throughout basketball season. Club members provided pies to sell at home games.

There will be a summer league varsity boys' basketball tournament in Ione on Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19. Approximately 10 teams will be participating. The club will provide meals and concessions.

The next meeting of the Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, June 6 at the school library.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

St. Patrick's Catholic Church volunteers are hosts for the May 18 noon meal at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu for the day is hot diggety dogs, sauerkraut, Jell-O salad with fruit, carrot and celery sticks and ice cream.

Ed Baker, transportation coordinator, is recovering from knee surgery and he will be away from his

driving duties for a few days, he announced. All participants will have an opportunity to sign a card and express wishes for an uncomplicated recovery. The card will be on the table during the lunch hour.

The regular meeting of the senior board of directors is May 18 at 12:30 p.m., in the center office.

HHS to hold Community Celebration of Excellence

Heppner High School will be holding its "Community Celebration of Excellence" on Monday, May 23. Parents, children and the community are invited to attend a day of activities.

A competition and recognition awards assembly will be held at 2:30 p.m., at the HHS gym. A free barbeque will be held at 6 p.m., with dessert following at 6:45 p.m.

The junior high and high school academic awards presentation will be held at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact HHS at 676-9138.

Men's Breakfast to be held at Nazarene Church

Men's Breakfast for residence and visitors of Heppner, Ione, Lexington, Hardman and surrounding areas will be held Sunday, May 15 at the Heppner Nazarene Church.

All men are invited and encouraged to bring their sons and/or daughters.

The purpose of the meeting is to encourage men to be better husbands, fathers and role models within their communities. The group uses Biblical principles for its foundation of guidelines. Breakfast is also served.

Men's Breakfast is sponsored monthly by First Christian Church, Assemblies of God Church and the Church of the Nazarene.

GT News Deadline: Mondays at 5 p.m.

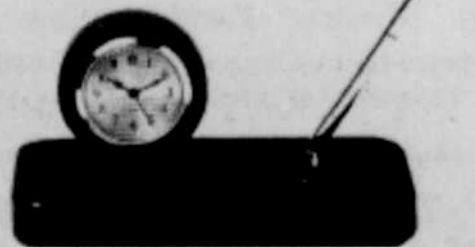
The Willow Creek Water Park THERAPY POOL in Heppner is OPEN!

Thursdays: 10 - 2 by appointment only
Thursday fee is \$5 an hour
3 or more people is \$12.50 an hour

Fridays: 10 - 4:30 for the public
Friday fee is \$1.50 per person
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• Investment in the County: Business Owner

• Civic Minded:
- Past President, Boardman Chamber of Commerce
- Current President of Boardman City Council
- Member of Latino Commission
- Church Board Member

• Engineering Background: Heavy Construction

• Stability: 35 years of Marriage
All 3 children are College Grads

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