

Wranglers winners and participants



(L-R): 8 and 9 year old winners and participants: Tied for 1st- Blake Greenup, Bobbie Correa, 2nd- Garrett Robinson, 4th- Ryan Dougherty, Meeka Boyd and Maggie Collins. Not pictured: 3rd- place Tate Gentry and participant Steven Thompson. Photo by Nancy Jepsen.



Bobbie Correa- Most Improved. Photo by Angie Hughes.

[Editor's note: The pictures of the 8 and 9 year old winners and participants and Most Improved were missing from last week's Wrangler's article.]

Overall winners in the 8 and 9 year old category for the Wrangler's Riding Club included: tied for 1st-Bobbie Correa and Blake Greenup, 2nd- Garrett Robinson, 3rd- Tate Gentry and 4th- Ryan Dougherty.

Bobbie Correa of Echo received the award for Most Improved.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

United Methodist volunteers will be on hand May 25 to serve at the senior meal. The menu is country style pork ribs, scalloped potatoes, green beans, Jell-O with pineapple, corn bread and birthday cake to celebrate May birthdays.

At the current meeting, the new brochures will be reviewed for final approval and arrangements for new pictures to be taken, which illustrate the various activities at the Center.

Merchants to plan Celebrate Historic Heppner

All interested Heppner merchants are welcome to attend the Heppner Chamber Merchants Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at 8 a.m. at the Cornerstone Gallery across from Northwestern Motel. Plans are underway for the July 29-31 "Celebrate Historic Heppner."

The committee meets the fourth Wednesday of every month to plan marketing strategies and upcoming events for Heppner. During these

Some new kitchen utensils and coffee pots have been purchased. Others had been burned out beyond repair. Included in the purchases is a 100-cup urn. Plans are still underway for purchase of round tables for the dining room.

Eve Ironhawk is a new office volunteer on duty each Tuesday morning. You are invited to stop in to welcome her to the staff of persons who keep the center operating.

meetings, those present are introduced to seminar opportunities, employee tips, ideas for building Heppner and other marketing information.

"Alvin Liu, chair of the Merchants Committee, is full of energy and new ideas for growing Heppner," said Claudia Hughes, executive director of the Heppner Chamber. Hughes also believes that it's the networking and sharing of ideas by all of Heppner businesses that nets the most successful results.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

It's truly weather for ducks (and beavers). Even so, visitors are starting to take the opportunity to travel the back roads. Many want to leave the beaten path, as did the couple from Grants Pass who passed through the Chamber office today. Now we can say, "Yes, the Blue Mountain Scenic Byway is open." Then we tell them about the museum, historic courthouse, the stores, flood memorial, hunting, fishing, golf course, water park and ATVing. If that doesn't convince them to spend a while in Heppner, then they are invited back for one of our Heppner Happenings.

Visitors, marketing, events and positive energy are all a part of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce goals for 2005. In addition, the Board puts a strong emphasis on pro-active legislation, relocation, promotion, events and youth. Whatever can be done to diversify Heppner's economy to assist in keeping and bringing in people and jobs is on the Chamber target list.

Youth is identified as being an important part of Chamber President Nancy Gochbauer's 2005 agenda. She has done some interviews to learn what youth would like to see happen in this community and continues to research activities available here for young people. One wish

expressed was for a movie theater. The Chamber is looking into some ideas. We have appreciated having input from the student council during our First Thursday All Entities Report meetings. The youth of Heppner are our future and are one of the many reasons numerous people are working to create jobs in this community.

On legislative and community: Congressman Greg Walden has been visiting Eastern Oregon communities and working on solutions for the growing meth addiction. As more and more is learned about meth, one begins to see the ongoing problems it causes communities, businesses, families and individuals. One wonders how we can make a difference? We need to set examples to prove that nature, laughing, caring, kindness, friendship and doing things for others is the best kind of high. We need to help people to feel good about themselves and to not give up. We need to find more activities to encourage individual talents. It's about knowing and liking who you are, putting your priorities in the right places and then giving life your best shot.

Thought for the Week: The following was a quote from an article about the dangers of meth, "Try me once, I may let go; try me twice, I own your soul." Pass it on.

Morrow County TSP update meeting to be held in Irrigon

Local citizens and interested parties are invited to attend a Morrow County Planning Commission Public Hearing regarding the Morrow County Transportation System Plan (TSP) update, the co-adoption of city TSPs, and the supporting proposed changes to the county zoning documents. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. on May 25 at the Stokes Landing Community Center located at 195 NW Opal Place, Irrigon.

The county will consider the adoption of the Morrow County TSP as well as code revisions required to implement the plan. The updated TSP insures that the county's transportation network will be able to serve the entire county over the next 20 years. The proposed code revisions include clarifications for private road standards, sight distance requirements, site plan review requirements, gravel road design standards, updated access management standards for county roads, and applicable access management descriptions for state highways. The updated TSP will also insure that the county is consistent with the requirements of the State of

Oregon Transportation Planning Rule.

The hearing will also consider the co-adoption of the TSP for the cities of Irrigon, Boardman, Lexington, Ione and Heppner.

The community is invited to attend and comment about the current and long-term transportation needs, plans, and code revisions for enhancing the road system for everyone who uses it.

If you are unable to attend but want to share your thoughts, please contact Howard Roll at CTS Engineers by telephone at (503) 597-2903 or email at hroll@ctsengineers.com. Another contact is Joyce Jackson at Mitchell Nelson Group by mail, telephone, or email. Her address is 2116 NW Wilson Street, Portland, Oregon, 97210. Her direct phone line is (503) 225-0822, ext. 5 and her email address is jlj@mngi.com.

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Heppner teacher awarded Crystal Apple



Cara Osmin

Cara Osmin, third grade teacher at Heppner Elementary School, was honored with the Crystal Apple award. The Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District presents the Crystal Apple award for excellence in education.

Osmin, along with 35 other education professionals were honored May 11 at the Pendleton Red Lion.

Van Liew to graduate with honors

Local student Matthew Van Liew will be graduating from Stevens Institute of Technology on May 26. Van Liew graduated from Heppner High School in the class of 2000 and left for school at Stevens in Hoboken, NJ.



Matthew Van Liew

Stevens is well known amongst engineering colleges and is located directly across the Hudson River from New York City.

Interested in civil engineering and specifically structural design, Van Liew enrolled in the co-operative education program. This is a five-year program in which students take classes and work at internships alternating semesters. Through this program Van Liew had many interesting internships, including one where he worked on the Empire State Building. He will graduate magna cum laude with a 3.9 gpa and will be receiving both a bachelor's and master's degree. In recognition of his accomplishments, he has been inducted in to the engineering honor fraternities of Tau Beta Pi and Chi Epsilon.

Beyond his studies, Van Liew has found time to give back to his community. During his freshman year, he joined a co-ed community service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega. The fraternity is committed to community service both on the campus and in the local community. Through the fraternity, Van Liew volunteered in many

activities such as Habitat for Humanity and the National Kidney Foundation's Walk in Central Park. Van Liew served as president and has been recognized on the national level by the fraternity.

Van Liew is also active in several other organizations. He is a brother of the Sigma Nu fraternity and active in the Christian Fellowship and American Culture Club. One of his latest projects was a steel bridge competition for the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) where he was one of the designers. Student teams must design and construct a 20 foot long steel bridge capable of carrying over one ton of weight. Bridges are judged on several criteria including assembly time and deflection. Even though Stevens has not competed in recent years, they placed first overall in the regional competition and first in assembly time, load and cost. They will be competing nationally over Memorial Day weekend in Orlando, FL.

Van Liew was also a recognized student leader on campus. He was elected as president of the student body government his junior year and inducted onto the Gear and Triangle and Khoda senior honor societies. Through these groups he worked with administration and faculty to improve the Stevens' campus.

After graduation, Van Liew will be staying on the east coast. He has accepted a position with Washington Group International and will be residing in the Princeton, NJ area. There he will be a structural engineer for their power plant division.

Heppner resident graduates from Boise State University

Boise State University, the largest university in Idaho, granted degrees or certificates to 1608 students during its 75th commencement ceremonies on May 14 in Taco Bell Arena, with President Bob Kustra officiating.

Krista L. Adams, of Heppner, was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in mass communication/journalism.

Boise State

University is a four-year public institution located in Boise, ID. Boise State is Idaho's metropolitan research university, located in the state's population center and capitol city. The 18,456-student university offers undergraduate, graduate and technical programs with more than 180 fields of interest in eight colleges. For more information, visit www.boisestate.edu.

Al-Anon meetings to be held in Heppner

Weekly Al-Anon meetings will be held in Heppner on Thursdays at Heppner Christian Church. The meetings will begin this Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Heppner Christian Church is located at 293 N. Gale Street in Heppner.

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