

MCGG, OSU partner to help kids



Morrow County Grain Growers and OSU Extension have partnered once again to help make farm work safer for area kids.

The two groups put on a two-day tractor/farm safety class for 22 kids aged 15-17 from the Heppner, Ione, Arlington and Condon areas. The students included 19 boys and three girls.

Dustin Padberg, who is with MCGG and organizes the field portion of the program, said "I think the kids enjoy the program. They are learning and it's fun. We have a lot of stuff to keep them interested. But it's all about safety."

The students learn how to run a combine, a swather, a quad track and operate four wheelers. To pass the class they must back a piece of equipment through a course.

In addition to Padberg, OSU Extension agent Larry Lutchter organizes the classwork portion and helps in the field, as does OSU Extension agent Bill Broderick, Ryan Munkers who is with MCGG, Ted Netter, a Condon High School vo-ag teacher, and Justin Heller, a Polaris representative who trains on the four-wheelers.

Sheriff's deputy finds pipe bomb

A pipe bomb was discovered in a vehicle in Irrigon by a Morrow County Sheriff's Department deputy during a routine traffic stop June 12.

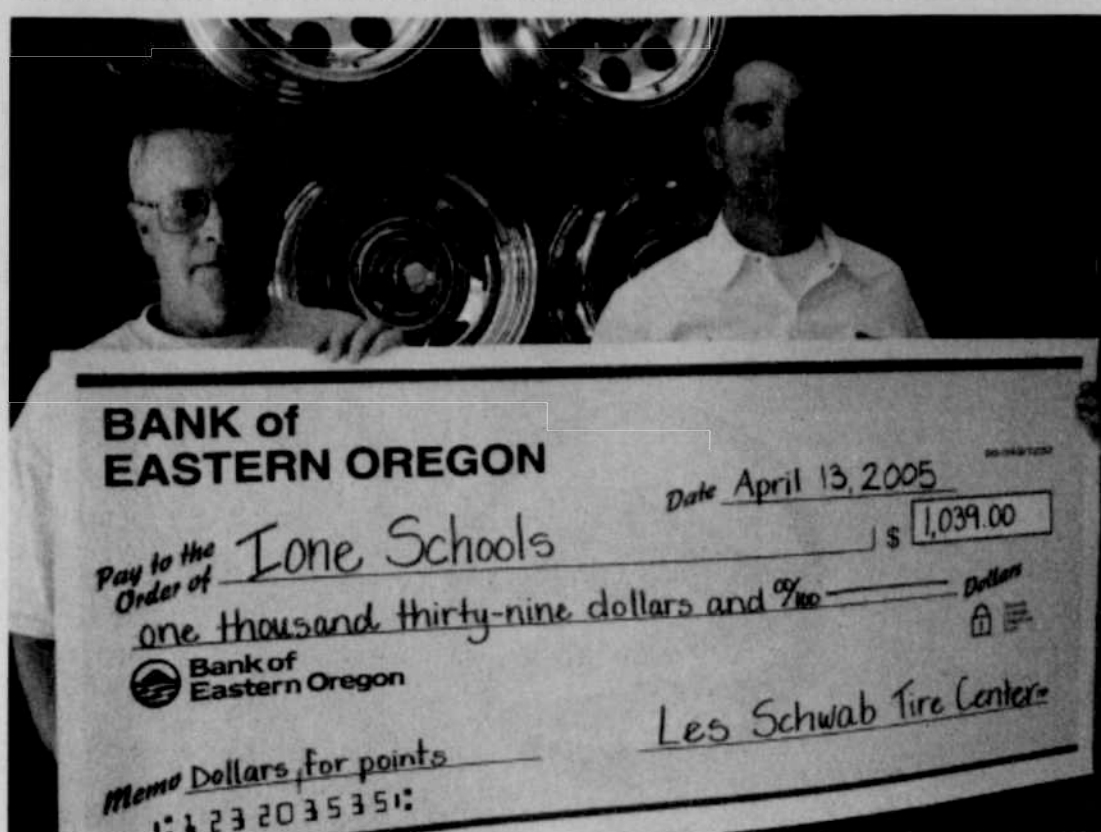
The deputy was conducting a routine traffic stop around 6:44 p.m. at northeast 2nd and Washington streets in Irrigon when he located a suspected pipe bomb inside the vehicle. The Oregon State Police bomb disposal unit was called and the device was detonated.

Donald Ray Wright 38, of Irrigon was arrested and lodged in the Umatilla County Jail on charges of Possession of a Destructive Device.

Correction

The Heppner Garden Club officers were incorrectly identified in last week's GT. The Garden Club officers are: president, JoAnne Bursleson; vice president, Chuck Bailey; secretary, Eve Ironhawk; and treasurer, Bebe Munkers.

Les Schwab store donates to Ione Schools



Dean Robinson, Ione Schools athletic director, receives a \$1039 check from Keith Herbison, manager of the Heppner Les Schwab store. The donation was for the number of points scored at Ione High School basketball games.

Horseshoe tournament results listed

Kenny Stookey won the double elimination singles' horseshoe tournament for the second year in a row.

Kelly Fox was second.

A horseshoe tournament will be held at the Elks annual picnic this Sunday, at Cutsforth Park. A tournament will also be held at the Ione Fourth of July celebration.

Bonneville installing devices to keep sea lions out of fishways

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began installing barriers at Bonneville Lock and Dam today designed to keep sea lions from entering the fishways while allowing fish to pass.

The barriers, which consist of metal racks or gates are being installed into the four adult fishway entrances at Bonneville's Second Powerhouse. Each barrier is 12-foot wide and 18-foot long; connected end-to-end the two pieces form a 36-foot high barrier in front of the fishway entrances. The gap between the bars is 15-3/4 inches, too small for sea lions to squeeze through.

"The idea is to exclude the sea lions while not impeding passage for the fish migrating upriver," said Michael Chimp, the Corps structural engineer who designed the devices. "Once the barriers are in a place we will monitor the movement of the fish to make sure it doesn't hinder them."

The Corps wanted to install the barriers before the sea lions left far mating season, so staff could verify their success at keeping the pinnipeds out of the fishways, said John Kranda, the Corps' project manager. Even more important, the barriers will be tested throughout the summer fish migration, without sea lions present, to make sure there are no serious problems with fish passage. The test will include periods with the gates in and out to see if fish pass and behave differently under these two conditions. With the sea lions present this could have trapped one of the predators inside the ladder. The University of Idaho will radio tag about 400 salmon to see if fish behavior changes with the entrances installed and when they are removed.

"It was important to get as much information as we can so we can be ready to deploy next spring when the sea lions return," Kranda said. A decision will be made to provide additional barriers for the dam's First Powerhouse entrances following the test program and if any design modifications are needed.

Caledonian Games planned starting July 8 in Athena

Caledonian Games, a Scottish Heritage Festival held in Athena will have an opening ceilidh and concert on Friday night, July 8 in Athena City Park. The benefit dinner will be catered by Murphy's Corner of Spokane. The dinner will be have a Scottish flair of Guinness beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable, drink and short bread for dessert. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and the concert, featuring Scottish entertainer, "America's Celt," Red McWilliams, will be at 7:30 p.m. The dinner

and concert are \$10 per person.

Red McWilliams, entertainer at Athena's Ceilidh, entertainer in the park and master of ceremonies at the Saturday Tattoo, was voted "America's Celt" by Texas clans and Heritage Society in 1997. McWilliams grew up with music and performance as second nature and, since 1989, turned to his Celtic roots to hone his craft, learning the music of his ancestors in Scotland and Ireland. His performances

come alive with a rich baritone voice, a guitar, witty repartee and some fun, said an organizer.

McWilliams calls Washington State home now, although he had his beginnings in music performance in Texas and Pennsylvania. He has performed at countless highland games and festivals across the country from the oldest highland games at St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, Michigan, to festivals in Missouri, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Alabama, North

Carolina, Washington, Oregon, Kentucky, Mississippi and others...more than 275 performances annually. In response to his outgoing personality and musicianship, he has gathered friends, fans and headlines around the USA and internationally. He has been penned as "America's Celt," "All-American Celt," "America's Scot" and "Untiring" in reviews of mastery and acclaim. He points with pride and honor at being only the second person ever invited from the USA to perform at the Celtic Festival Japan (Tokyo, 1998). There he debuted his second solo recording called "Irish Stew, Scots Broth" to instant success.

McWilliams is an active advocate for the arts, performer, teacher and mentor. He is media and entertainment director for Project Children. Based in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas, Project Children is an international organization which brought Protestant and Catholic children from Northern Ireland to the US for six weeks to live and interact with families far away from the "war zone" in Northern Ireland. He has performed at libraries, renaissance fairs and schools to proudly proclaim his own heritage and to teach youngsters about their Scottish and Irish heritage. He is a member of the McLeod Clan and wears the McLeod of Harris tartan. Sometimes he wears the ancient tartan of the Clan MacMillans as he was named "Chief Musician" for the 1999 International Gathering of the Clan MacMillan in Mississippi. In association with Dunvegan Foundation, the Clan MacLeod is working to build a genealogical center at Dunvegan on the Isle of Skye in Scotland.

To claims of "Smashing" and "A Labor of Love," "Irish Stew, Scots Broth" has now been released on CD. Also available on CD is "Red McWilliams, Just Me!" and "MacMillan"—A Journey to Mississippi 1799-1999. McWilliams is now working in studios to create a new Celtic CD. Between 1/3 and

1/2 of the profits realized with sales of his CD's go to charitable organizations or needy causes.

McWilliams is featured on the album "Irish Rogues Tenth Anniversary" while with the group, as a guest on the recording "Fiona" by the Conlys of Shreveport, LA, the recording "Fresh, Hot and Tasty: by Eammon's Kitchen of Grand Prairie, TX and "Crossroads" by the Dram Beauties of San Antonio, TX. Due to popular demand, Red is in the process of recording a comedy music album along with a children's album scheduled to be released sometime in 2004. McWilliams website is www.flash.net/~celtsong.

The Caledonian Games, a two-day festival featuring bag piping, dancing, Scottish athletic events, sheep dog trials, Celtic harp, fiddling, entertainment and vendors continues on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10. "It will be an honor to introduce Red McWilliams to Athena's audiences", said Caledonian chairman, Sue Friese. Red McWilliams will perform at the Caledonian ceilidh/concert on Friday night at 7:30 July 8. Full schedule will be released in the Caledonian printed program and on-line at www.athenacaledoniangames.org.

Katie Bacon UM grad



Ione High School 2001 graduate, Katie Bacon, graduated from the University of Montana-Western on May 7, with a bachelor of arts degree in literature and writing with a minor in creative writing.

Currently, Bacon is the traffic manager/media coordinator for Les Schwab Tire Center in Prineville. Bacon also made the Dean's List for the Spring Semester 2005.

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