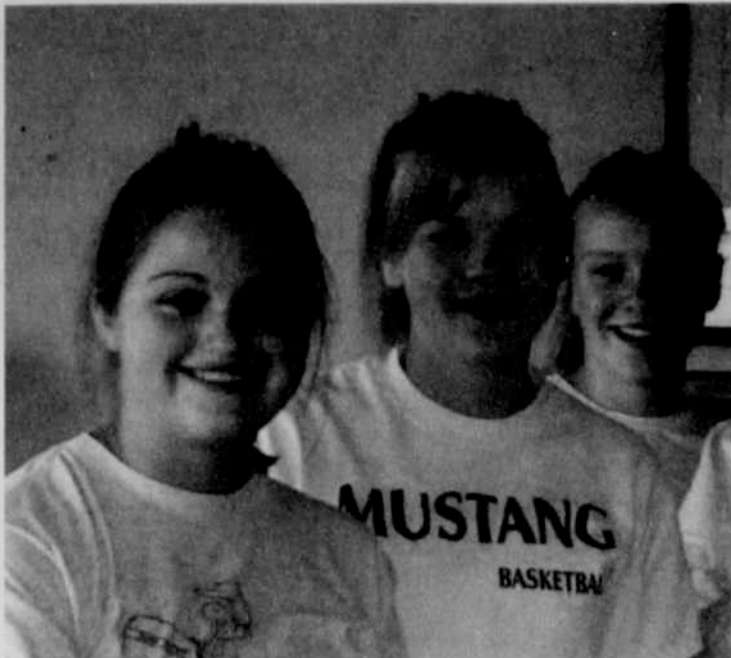


Local 4-H members to represent county at state fair



Members of the Sew Happy 4-H Club were selected to represent Morrow County at the Oregon State Fair. These 4-H members were the winners of their divisions of the food prep contests held at the Morrow County Fair. Maggie Armato, Sherilyn Peck, Emily Thompson and Catherine McElligott will participate in cooking demonstrations held during the state fair.



Maggie Armato, Sherilyn Peck, Emily Thompson, and Catherine McElligott (left).

Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board meeting to be held

The Morrow SWCD Weed Advisory Board has a regular/weed meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 6, at 5 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office Building in Heppner. Agenda items include weed supervisor's report, minutes of the June meeting, treasurer's report, written staff report, building update, weed grant application review, OWEB review, Navy weed contract and partner agency reports. There is the prospect of an executive session according to ORS 192.640(2)

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

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St. Patrick's Senior Center news

United Methodist volunteers are hosts for the Wednesday, Sept. 7, noon meal at the senior center. The menu is not available at this writing.

Seniors and others are reminded that blood pressure readings are available on meal days; and in addition, tours of the apartments are offered at the same time.

Representatives from the Heppner center will travel to Stanfield on Sept. 7 to attend the quarterly meeting of the Umatilla-Morrow AAA advisory committee meeting. Members will hear reports on the status of funding resources, budget expenditures, and news from the other senior centers of the region. Ed Baker will make a transportation report for the Heppner, Lexington and Ione area of the region.

Meetings are held alternately at each of the seven centers. Committee members eat lunch with the host center before the meeting time, 1 p.m. Guests are welcome to attend these public meetings.

Ben Ewing receives degree, takes teaching position

Former Heppner resident Ben Ewing graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor of science degree in biology and recently gained his teaching certificate from Washington State University. He will begin teaching this fall at Hockinson High

School, located 15 miles northeast of Vancouver, Washington. His classes will include biology, physical science and advanced placement physics.

Ewing, who graduated from Heppner High School in 1996, is the son of Bill and Sherry Ewing of Heppner.

Morrow County Fair Open Class winners announced

The results of Morrow County Fair Open Class contests have been released. Following are contest winners:

Oregon Best Contests: Bob's Best Home Baked Bread - Jane Dean, Boardman; Fruits of Summer Low-Fat Recipe Contest - Jane Dean, Boardman; Watermelon Seed Spitting: seven years and under - Kai Arbogast, 13'5", 8-15 - Justin Yocom, 15', Women's - Stacey Wainwright - 14'5", Men's - Dale Bates, 14'.

Sweepstakes Winners: Flowers - Kathy Tellechea; Fruits - Paul Beagle; Vegetables - Kathy Tellechea; Crafts - Shane Laughlin; Canning - Ella McCormack; Food - Larry Palmer; Art - Melba Quackenbush; Photography - Clint Carlson; Needlework - Mary Ann Smith; Clothing - Babette Wall; Quilts - Phyllis Piper; Kids 3-6 - Logan Grieb; Superkids 7-9 - Rachel Holland; Junior 10-13 - Lacey Thompson; Booths - Fair and OPR Court.

People's Choice Art: Jamie McCormack.

Viewer's Choice Photography: Erin Anderson.

Morrow County Creative Arts Award: Art - Judy Laughlin; Crafts - Cindy (Mary) Briedenbach.

Flowers: Best Horticulture, presented by the Heppner Garden Club - Kathy Tellechea; Most Blue Ribbons, presented by the Heppner Garden Club - Kathy Tellechea; Best Arrangement, presented by the Heppner Garden Club - Pam Renfro; Jane Rawlins Memorial, presented by the MC Fair Board - Pam Renfro.

Beef (all won blue ribbons): Tate Gentry - yearling heifer calf; Logan Grieb - heifer calf; Paige Grieb - heifer calf; MaKenzi Hughes - cow/calf pair, steer calf.

Sheep (all won blue ribbons): Jaycee Barron - yearling ewe; Courtney Case - crossbred ewe lamb; Lexi Riddle - ewe lamb; Mark Wilkerson - ewe lamb.

Small Animals (all won blue ribbons): Most Unique, sponsored by Barbara VanArsdale - Josie Miller; Most Attentive, sponsored by Barbara VanArsdale - Jarreid Miller; Youngest, sponsored by Barbara VanArsdale - Macy Gibbs; Youngest, sponsored by Kathy Tellechea - MaKenzi Hughes.

Talent Show: 7-15 - Maggie Collins, Connor Pappas, Dancing Queens; 16 and over - Samara VanDoorn, Colby Fite, Sara Russell.

Justice Court

Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner has released the following information:

Kyle Lee Getsinger, 20, Driving while suspended-violation, \$239 fine.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Executive Director

It seems to me that fall comes around every three or four months rather than once a year. The calendar pages float off the wall like the leaves that will soon be falling off our trees, but seasons are wonderful and I'm grateful to live in Oregon where we experience them. I just wish they wouldn't go by quite so fast.

Many of you were here for Fair and Rodeo, while others exited. The Fair Board, Rodeo Committee, families, and so many others put their heart and soul into this annual event. Each year brings change and the ability to look at the week in different ways, to be present in the moment or to be in such a rush that it's gone with the flash of an eye.

Through my eyes, this year was watching an empty pavilion on Monday morning transformed to an amazing fair by Tuesday. Volunteers did this, from all the superintendents, parents, kids, Extension staff, fair office folks, to an eight-year-old who wanted to make sure all the community booths were filled and thus spent five hours and many more at home drawing and planning to show the River to the Mountains theme in her very own booth. It was the Queen, Princess and their families with cheerfulness and enthusiasm hosting the Queen's luncheon in the old beef barn and helping, with little sleep, throughout the weekend. It was a chicken laying an egg in a child's hand. It was the grace of winning and losing for the 4-Hers with their projects and livestock, and the tears as they bid farewell to many months of hard work.

Watching the bucking stock at this year's rodeo was a thrill. High quality. The committee was brave enough to make some changes, which appeared to be successful. With change come new problems to solve, such as space for the expanded number of horses and horse trailers, and how to handle slack. Nothing is unsolvable. It's exciting that change brought more people to Heppner to stay longer. Share your thoughts with the Rodeo Committee before they convene on Monday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. to plan for 2006. If we all work together, all of the main events throughout the year will continue to enhance Heppner and provide a variety of opportunities for visitors.

Hats off to all of the people who worked so hard during and leading up to Fair and Rodeo week. Our Chamber Parade Committee: Cliff Green, Barb and Jim Hayes, Bill and Ann Spicer, Joann Burleson, Dale Bates, Larry Mills, and others made the parade happen, as did participants from near and far. It was great to have the music of the mounted band. The committee is hoping that the school/community band will participate next year as well.

And now, onward and upward... football, volleyball, music, art, marketing our community, supporting local events so we can be well-rounded, welcoming newcomers, planning for 2006, caring for each other and just being plain thankful for life in the Willow Creek Valley. We're all so lucky to be able to call this home. Support your community, care for it, keep it vital and alive and live life to it's fullest. Every day counts.

Willow Creek Symphony and Singers to begin rehearsals

Rehearsals for the Willow Creek Symphony and Singers will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the Heppner Elementary School band room. The symphony will rehearse each Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and the singers will rehearse from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The symphony and singers are comprised of both youth and adults from throughout Umatilla and Morrow counties. Interested persons are welcome to join one or both groups. No auditions are required. The only requirement for the

Arlington Saddle Club Queen tryouts slated

The 2005-06 Arlington Saddle Club Rodeo Queen tryouts will be held Sunday, September 25, at 10 a.m. at the Arlington Saddle Club arena, south of Arlington on Hwy. 19.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old by May 1, 2006, have their own horse and transportation and be willing to attend required events.

A potluck and poker ride will be held after the tryouts.

Contact Marilyn McCall at 541-384-6408 for more information.

symphony is basic instrumental proficiency. Some members are advanced players, while others are beginners still improving their skills. Several members are adults who picked up instruments which they hadn't played in many years.

Both groups are conducted by R. Lee Friese of Athena, and are associated with the Inland Northwest Musicians. For more information, contact Inland Northwest Musicians at (541) 966-6649 or Myrna Van Cleave at (541) 676-5448.

Benefit Mexican dinner planned

A benefit Mexican "banquet feast" has been planned for Thursday, September 8, beginning at 5 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center for Heppner resident Daniel Picard.

Picard, who is employed as a courtesy box boy at Central Red Apple Market in Heppner, had hip replacement surgery August 8. He had an accident as a teenager and his hip had deteriorated to the point that he needed surgery.

For more information call Maryann Elgueza-bal, 676-5774, or Kathy Jones, 676-5529. The dinner is sponsored by the Christian Life Center and the Church of the Nazarene.



Daniel 'Danny' Picard

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