

## HES goes Hawaiian



Cara Osmin's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Class: (Back row L-R): Cara Osmin, C.J Peck, Jesse Corbin, Ruben Finn, Joe Schmidt, Jason Kendrick, Jessy Wolford, Skyler Hawks, Alexis Victorio, and Jesse Boyd; (Third Row L-R): Makenzi Hughes, Macy Gibbs, Maddie Lindsay, and Paige Grieb; (Second Row L-R): Seth Taylor, Allie Allen, Ross Cutsforth, Cade Arbogast, and Ella McCormack; (Front Row L-R): Kelly Wilson and Mariela Sanchez. Not pictured: Teddy Denarski.

By Mahaley Huddleston  
Heppner Elementary School held its first Freaky Friday dress up day this last Friday, because of Labor

Day. For the last couple of years the elementary students and staff have made the Friday school days more enjoyable by dressing up.

This Freaky Friday was Hawaiian Day. Leis and grass skirts and flowered shirts could be seen in the halls of Heppner Elementary.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Heppner Christian Church volunteers are host for the Sept. 21 noon meal at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu for the day is tuna noodle casserole, broccoli with cheese sauce,

carrot and raisin salad, French bread and crispy rice treats.

The senior bus is scheduled for the Westward Ho Parade on Friday, Sept. 16 in Pendleton. The bus will

leave the senior center at 8 a.m., Friday morning, according to Ed Baker, bus director. He reminds passengers to bring a folding lawn chair, if they have one available. The return trip will be through Stanfield with a stop for lunch at Denny's Restaurant.

Another excursion on the schedule is set for Saturday, Oct. 1. The bus ride will be provided for the seniors who wish to attend the Hardman Oyster Bake. The bus will leave from the senior center at 3 p.m. This annual event is a popular one with seniors. It is held annually by the Hardman community to improve their historic community center building.

Senior Center board members are reminded of their regular meeting on Sept. 21, 12:30 p.m., in the center office.

Volunteer bus drivers' slots need to be filled. To learn about training, times and slots, Ed Baker is the one to contact at 989-8347.

## Souvenir rocks commemorate Cycle Oregon stop in Ione



Heppner Elementary School teachers (left to right) Karen Smith-Griffith, Jannie Allen and Karen Clough sell a souvenir rock to a bicyclist during the Cycle Oregon 2005 lunch stop in Ione Sunday. The 'Teachers Three' sold small commemorative rocks painted with a stalk of wheat and Cycle Oregon. They also have a variety of painted rocks available for purchase on line at [www.rockthoughts.com](http://www.rockthoughts.com).

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## DA's report Chamber Chatter

Owen B. McLaughlin pled no contest to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class C felony. He was sentenced to 18 months formal probation, 80 hours community service, completion of a drug package and payment of \$1171 in fines and fees.

Clinton Andrew Shepardson was convicted of Attempting to Elude Police/Vehicle, a Class C felony. Shepardson's driver's license was suspended for 90 days and he was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours community service and payment of \$1416 in fines and fees.

Leobardo Jacquez was convicted of Contempt of Court/Punitive, an unclassified misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 90 suspended days in jail, one year bench probation, 10 hours community service and payment of \$376 in fines and fees.

Belinda Sue Bradford was convicted of Harassment Physical +, a Class B misdemeanor. She was sentenced to 90 suspended days in jail, one year bench probation, 20 hours community service, completion of an anger management program and payment of \$526 in fines and fees.

Jason John Trickel admitted to violation of a probation allegation for Assault IV. His probation was continued and extended for six months and he was sentenced to complete a Batterer's Intervention program.

Bobbie Leslie Wade admitted to violation of probation allegations for Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle. Wade's probation was revoked and reinstated and the defendant was sentenced to 10 days in jail.

Matthew Townsend admitted to violation of probation allegations for Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle. Townsend's probation was revoked and he was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

### Grange to dedicate wheelchair ramp

The Lexington Grange wheelchair ramp is finally finished and a dedication ceremony and potluck will be held Monday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a discussion on dairies being about more than just milk. Everyone is invited to attend the gathering.

The past week emails have come from Chambers, business associations and individuals trying to get a handle on how help can be provided for the people of the gulf area. I can't help but feel guilty that I have a roof over my head, food, water, family, blue skies, friends, a community where I can get the basics for survival and much more. All kinds of ideas are being discussed, from bringing people here, to going there, to giving what we can. We care, yet feel helpless; want to help, yet don't have answers. Many are assisting through the Red Cross, churches, and in their own private way. Would people wish to come this far to begin a new life, to start over in a totally different environment and climate?

"Blame." Does it solve anything? Does it help the current situation? Do we take time to think about how we might react on every level, given the same scenario? We go along doing nothing except complain about the out-of-hand liability lawsuits, tort claims, health insurance and security issues. Too many don't choose to take responsibility for their lives. When a crisis arrives the very issues not dealt with come back to haunt us and "someone else is responsible."

How could a hurricane disaster run smoothly? Repetition is what makes a process or plan function well. Each time we repeat over and over we learn something new to assist with its success. There was no opportunity for a run through with New Orleans. No matter how many reams of paper were written on it, we're all guilty of putting things on the back burner. We have other things to do, things at the top of the pile. Panic arrives when the worst happens. There is no experience on which to fall back. It's easy for sideline observers to find fault and focus on mistakes, while others bury themselves in trial, error and improvement. It's much harder to pull something off smoothly, especially if it follows a devastating storm, the likes of which no one has ever experienced in the United States.

How wonderful if the media would focus on helping rather than blaming. People cannot choose where they're born, what family they're born into, or skin color, nor can anyone control Mother Nature. This disaster should not be about politics, Hollywood, or getting ones face in front of the camera. Let's choose to click off air time given to criticism, disrespect and blaming and turn to those programs which show people helping people without hidden agendas; programs that constructively give ideas to assist, programs that show true humanity. Focus on what is good, kind, from the heart, unrelated to greed; focus on what we can do at home, focus on honesty.

So, I guess this might be "a bit" of editorializing. If chambers and small towns are to continue "to work at creating an environment where business, community and people thrive," maybe including more outreach and opening our doors a little wider would make a difference. And, I know that given greater proximity, i.e., Washington or Idaho, we would be there helping and they would be ready to come here. I also know that, in the event some New Orleans families come here, this community would give them the opportunity to get back on their feet.

Thought for the Week: "Unity is part of Community."

### Plans for HHS Booster Club auction & steak feed underway

The annual Heppner High School Booster Club auction and steak feed is again in the planning stages. Mark your calendar for Oct. 15 to join in the fun at the Heppner Elk's Lodge and support students in all extra-curricular activities. If you would like to donate to the auction you may call Angie Hanson at 676-9041.

### Mustangs fight hard in season opener

By Mahaley Huddleston

The Heppner Mustang Volleyball team fought hard in their Sept. 6 season opener against Grant Union, but ended up losing to the Prospectors.

The C-team, coached by Petra Payne, started the games off. Watching the first game, the C-team shows a lot of promise for the rest of the season. They had good aggressive rallies, but a few missed serves and missed serve receives landed the C-team a loss.

The JV team, coached by Dieter Waite, showed some nervousness in their first game as they lost, 25-9. Heppner JV lost in two games, but showed improvement with the second game being 25-17. Everyone got playing time on the JV.

By watching the varsity volleyball players, you can tell that they have been conditioning. They hustled in all five games, not losing steam. Even though they hustled and had some great serves, varsity lost to Grant Union also. All five games were close though with scores of: first game: 25-23 GU; second game: 25-17 GU; third game: 25-21 HHS; fourth game: 25-20 HHS; game/final: 15-9 GU

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