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**Sign up for the 2005
Environmental Quality Incentive
Program**

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced today that the first sign up period for the 2005 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in Morrow County is open now and will close December 30.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program is a voluntary conservation cost share program. Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers may receive financial and technical help to install structural and management conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. Agricultural land may include cropland, grazed land and forest land.

EQIP activities are carried out according to an EQIP plan of operations developed with the producer. Incentive payments may also be made to encourage a producer to adopt land management practices such as residue management, direct seeding, conservation crop rotations and irrigation water management. People with a Conservation Security

Program contract must be making a significant improvement to their system to be eligible for EQIP incentives.

EQIP applications are accepted throughout the year but cut off dates apply for each funding period. People who applied and were not funded in 2005 should contact NRCS if they are still interested in participating. NRCS evaluates each application using a state and locally developed ranking process to select priority proposals for funding.

For more information, visit NRCS at the USDA Ag Service Center at 430 Heppner/Lexington Highway or call them at 676-5021.

Justice Court

Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse has released the following report:

James Ruz, 36, Arlington, Violation of the Basic Rule, fine \$180.

Vernon Jeffreys, 37, Heppner, Failure to use Seatbelt and Driving Uninsured, fine \$73.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Businesses help stranded family

Letter to the editor:

We would really like to acknowledge and thank five of your local businesses. We recently were up in the woods for second season elk hunting and had some mechanical trouble with our suburban. We haul a 23 ft. travel trailer, three kids and a dog with us. Our trouble began with the trucks wheels locking up which broke the front hubs on Saturday (Opening Day). After getting the truck back to camp, we drove down to where we could get cell service and called Les Schwab. They had the hubs we needed and were getting ready to close. Special arrangements were made if we didn't make it into town before they closed. My husband got the hubs back together (up in the woods in a foot of snow), and we thought we fixed the problem. Then on Monday the wheels locked up again. After putting it into reverse, and backing up a little, we were good to go again. Puzzling?

So after making a few more calls we were sure the transfer case was going out. So we called Hermiston Transmission and were prepared to spend \$1200.00 for a new transfer case. After talking with the gentlemen there he was pretty certain it was the rear-end. So my husband took the plate off and checked it out (again in a foot of snow). It turned out that the guy in Hermiston was right. He could have easily sold us the transfer case, but didn't. My husband made a trip to Heppner for parts to put the rear-end

back together. The parts store didn't have everything he needed, so he was referred to Looslie Auto Body. Mr. Looslie had a suburban there, pulled the part, but it wasn't a match. He then called his brother in Lexington, who had a suburban he was getting ready to haul off. My husband drove out to Lexington Auto Body, Mr. Looslie gave him the tools to pull the part from his suburban, and it was a perfect match. He let us have the part. My husband was amazed. He brought the parts back up to camp, put the rear-end back together. That fixed the problem.

So what I really wanted to do (especially with Thanksgiving just around the corner) is to acknowledge these businesses and individuals for going out of their way to help us. We live in a small town like Heppner, and we were so appreciative of the help we received. We were so worried about how we were going to get the kids and the trailer home safely, and you helped to make our trip home a safe one. We want to acknowledge the owners and employees of Hermiston Transmission, Looslie Auto Body, Lexington Auto Body, Heppner Napa, and Heppner Les Schwab to let them know that good deeds such as theirs should not go unnoticed. May god bless you and watch over you. Happy Thanksgiving.

(s) Dan and Kari Patterson
Molalla

Greens Workshop scheduled

Garden Club will be hosting their annual Greens Workshop on Dec. 3 at the fair grounds. During the week, the Garden Club will be making wreaths, candy canes and swags for \$20. Holiday arrangements will be made to sell.

Orders should be made to Ida Farra 676-9446 by Nov. 27. They can be picked up at the fair grounds beginning Wednesday, Nov. 30. The wreaths will be made Monday, Nov. 28 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Greens Workshop will be held Saturday, Dec. 3. At this time the public can make their own wreaths with the expert

help of the Heppner Garden Club members.

Proceeds from this event allow the Heppner Garden Club to complete various projects for the community of Heppner.

The next meeting of the Heppner Garden Club will be a Christmas party held at the Senior Center, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. At this event, food items will be collected for the Neighborhood Center. Joe and Leanne Lindsey will provide the musical entertainment. Hostesses will be Chuck and Betty Bailey, Joe and JoAnne Burleson.

The public is invited.

Aerobics and stretching class begins

Beginning aerobics and stretching class begins Tuesday, Nov. 29 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The class will be meet Tuesday and

Thursday evening from 5:30-6 p.m. They will meet for 5 weeks and the cost will be \$25. Call Cindy Sumner at 989-8514 for more information or to register.

**Favoritism in
Fair & Rodeo
Court selection?**

To the editor:

Does the Morrow County Fair Board, Fair and Rodeo Court selection committee deal in favoritism or discrimination?

Yes, we have been witnesses to these atrocities for the past two years and we are tired of it. It is time to clean up your act. You are representing the people of Morrow County and are supposed to be doing what is best for the county and its children.

When a child goes to the fair office to get an application to try out for the fair and rodeo court, among other paperwork that is handed out is a set of rules that are to be followed by the board, chosen court members and the court chaperone. These rules are to be read and signed by the chosen court member, parent and court chaperone. Apparently the fair board or selection committee does not have to follow these rules, or even read them.

Last year at tryouts a mother and an aunt of the chosen court members, who are also fair board members, were in with the selection committee during the whole selection process, even though stated in their rules: Section 1-A "Any member of the committee having a relative in competition will be exempt from the selection committee." And Section 4-F states "No relative of any applicant will be involved in the selection process." Was that fair?

This year the princess is under age. According to the rules: Section 3B "Candidates must be at least 16 years of age, or at least a junior in high school. Pennant Bearers must be at least 13 years of age or at least a 7th grader." The chosen princess is a sophomore. This was printed in the Gazette Times on October 5, 2005 when the chosen court members were announced. She told us the day of tryouts when we were all sitting around talking that she doesn't turn 16 until the spring of 2006. The worst part of this is another girl of the same age and grade was denied an application because she was too young. Is this discrimination?

How can you explain that to a child who wants to try out and represent our county, but is denied because of age and grade in school, then find out the one chosen is of the same age and grade in school?

Morrow County Fair Board and Selection Committee, how are you going to explain this to the girl, her parents, and the county you represent? We are taught to learn by example and the example you are setting is not a very good one to follow or learn from. (s) Hal and Rita Bergstrom Heppner

Obituaries

**Ruby Padberg
Miller**

Mrs. Miller, 93, of The Dalles, formerly of Ione, died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005 at Columbia Basin Care Center in The Dalles.

Funeral service for Ruby Miller will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Ione Community Church. Concluding service and burial will follow at the Lexington Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 16, 1912, ten miles east of Ione to Lewis and Letha Woods Padberg. She was raised and attended school in South Morrow County. After High School she attended beauty school then operated a beauty parlor in Ione. On Feb. 20, 1933 she married Harold O. Kincaid at Ione. Mr. Kincaid died in 1942.

On Aug. 18, 1960 she married George E. Miller at Athena, Oregon. The couple later moved to The Dalles. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in The Dalles and was also a supporter of the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Wasco County Museum. She had been a resident of The Dalles for over 25 years. Mr. Miller preceded her in death in 1992.

Mrs. Miller enjoyed traveling and rock hounding.

She is survived by sons; Ralph Kincaid of Silverton, and Lindsay Kincaid of Ione; 10 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, 1 step great grandchild, and 2 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by sons Roger Kincaid and Lyle Kincaid; stepson Paul Miller; brothers Earl and Cecil and sisters Emerald and Violet.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione Community Church Memorial Fund, PO Box 346, Ione, Oregon 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, in charge of arrangements.

**Memorial
Service
P. W. Kenneth
Wenberg**

A memorial service is planned for P. W. Kenneth Wenberg, 96, this Saturday, Nov. 26, at 5 p.m. The service will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Minor St. in Heppner. A complete obituary will follow.

**Slottee Memorial
Scholarship
awarded**

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2005 Slottee Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00. Sarah Jean Eckman, a graduate of Heppner High School.

Sarah is currently enrolled at Eastern Oregon University and will be graduating in June of 2006 with a degree in education. Sarah is the daughter of Judy Eckman of Lexington and Kenneth Eckman of Bend.

The Slottee Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a junior, senior or graduate student at an accredited four-year college or university. It is given in order of priority to: first a student majoring or minoring in music, second a student who has been accepted into a school of education.

40! 40! 40! 40! 40! 40! 40! 40! 40!

It's hard to believe but

**DARRIN PADBERG
is turning 40!**

Who thought he would ever make it?

Please join the celebration!
December 3, 2005
8:00 p.m. to ????
Ione Legion Hall
Appetizers, No Host Bar,
and Live Music
featuring Baseline



Wedding Tables

Jodi Johnston and Mike Hand
Wedding - Saturday, November 26th

Diane McFetridge and Kelly Morgan
Wedding - Saturday, November 26th

Christine Watt and Trent Hughes
Wedding - January, 2006

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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Stop in at the Heppner Branch for Cookies, Coffee, and Punch from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2005, and Celebrate the Spirit of Your Hometown!

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Make our drawing for a beautiful Christmas centerpiece!