

Students dance for recital




Dance instructor Elyshia Rennison and her 29 dance students pose after their winter recital, Friday, December 16, at Heppner High School. The students, ages three - 12 performed tap, ballet and jazz routines that they have been working on since October. The dancers will perform in another recital in April.

Brent Eckman raises money for Walk to Cure Diabetes



(L-R) Gwen Healy, Mary Ann Elguezabal, both of Heppner and Brent Eckman, Lexington, display quilt made by his grandmother Gwen, to raise money for the Brent's team.



Warmest holiday wishes and sincerest thanks for all your support and friendship throughout the year!

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Brent Eckman's Team consisting of 75 of his friends and family, walked in the annual Walk to Cure Diabetes at the Oaks Amusement Park in Portland, October 2. This walk was the fourth year that his team has participated.

Brent's team contributed \$7,591 of the \$327,000 raised for diabetes research. Members of the team held a dance, sold sneakers and "Find a Cure" awareness bracelets to raise money.

Mary Ann Elguezabal assisted with the raffle of the quilt.

Speech contest Jan. 8

Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will sponsor the annual United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Speak-Off, to be held Sunday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m. in the IOOF hall in Pendleton.

This is a speak-off held by the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges since 1951. The local groups have sent from one to three students each year on a two-week tour to the east coast. This year they plan to send four students from the local area thanks to a grant from Wildhorse Foundation for the expenses of two students.

This is an opportunity for high school students in the 10th and 11th grades in Umatilla and Morrow counties, to earn a two-week, all expense paid trip to the east coast in the summer of 2006.

Last year's local winners were Kyra Davis of Pendleton and Emily Holden of Milton-Freewater. They joined a group of 26 young people from Oregon who flew to New York, spent three days in Canada, visited Niagara Falls, Washington, DC, Arlington Cemetery, Gettysburg, and many more points of interest.

To receive an application contact Marguerite Maznaritz, state committee/district chairman, at 276-2853, or Gladys Biggerstaff, secretary at 276-4417.

To qualify, a student must be a sophomore or junior in high school, write a 750-word essay on "What is the United Nations" which is due Wednesday, Jan. 4, and give a speech on the subject at the speak-off Jan. 8.

We as an organization are non political and the material to be presented by the student is at their own discretion.

"It was absolutely the trip of a lifetime. Just as amazing as the sights and experiences were the people," said Kyra Davis, who made the trip last year. "I made several wonderful friends on this trip. Over a period of a couple of weeks we came to feel that we'd known each other our whole lives. I got to see sights I never knew I'd see and am so happy I got to go. Once again, thank you very much for my trip."

Emily Holdman of Milton-Freewater commented, "Thank you so much for sponsoring my trip this last summer. It was such an amazing experience that truly opened my eyes to the world. I really loved visiting Gettysburg, we had an incredible tour guide there. I almost felt guilty at the top of the Empire State building without my family. The best part about the trip was the amazing people that I've met. My two best friends and I talk on a weekly basis. Thank you again for my two best friends and the enjoyable trip that I received."

Anyone who knows a student who would appreciate an opportunity like this, let them know about the opportunity. Last year there were six applicants and two were sent. This year we have four spots open.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen has released the following report.

-Connie Joe Raphael, aka Connie Jo Macomber, 30, was convicted of Assault 4, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail, 170 hours suspended, 24 months' bench probation and ordered to complete a batterer's program, write a letter of apology to the victim, have no direct or indirect contact with the victim, complete 40 hours of community service, not use or possess alcoholic beverages, take Antabuse, if necessary, and pay \$1,126 in fines, fees and assessments. She was convicted of interfering with making a report and sentenced to 180 days in jail, 170 suspended, 24 months' bench probation, and ordered to complete 40 hours of community service and pay \$901 in fines, fees and assessments. She was also convicted of contempt of court and sentenced to 24 months' bench probation and ordered to write a letter of apology to the victim, complete a batterer's program and pay \$376 in fines, fees and assessments. She admitted violation of probation allegations and was further convicted of assaulting a public safety officer. Her probation was revoked and reinstated and she was sentenced to 12 days in jail, her probation was extended for one year and she will receive no credit for time served.

-Robert Loren Lester, II, 31, was convicted of contempt of court, an unclassified misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended, and six months bench probation and ordered to have no offensive physical contact with the victim, complete 10 hours of community service, and pay \$376 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Craig Dee Hibdon, 29, was convicted of possession of a controlled substance 2 and was ordered to complete 80 hours of community service, obtain substance abuse evaluation, have his driver's license suspended for six months, 18 months' probation, was subject to numerous general and special conditions of probation and ordered to pay \$916 in fines, fees and assessments.

Obituaries

Gordon Lewis Cecil

Gordon Lewis Cecil, 52, died Friday, December 16, 2005 due to injuries received from an accident at the Boise Cascade Plant in Umatilla.



Gordon Lewis Cecil

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. Burial will follow at Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner at 3 p.m.

Lewis was born in Prairie City on September 28, 1953 to Vernon and LaVelle Cecil. He lived in Spray and Kinzua before moving to Heppner in 1963 where he graduated from Heppner High School in 1971. Lewis had lived in Hermiston for the past 21 years.

He worked at Kinzua for a number of years and was currently with Boise Cascade for the past 15 years as an equipment operator.

Lewis married his wife Jennifer Cecil of Hermiston on June 22, 1987 in Challis, Idaho.

He enjoyed spending quality time with his family and friends, and loved to go hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Cecil of Hermiston; his parents, Vernon and LaVelle Jones Cecil of Milton-Freewater; four sons, Craig Cecil and Raymond Cecil, both of Boise, Idaho, and Jonathan Cecil and Matthew Cecil, both of Hermiston; two brothers, Ron Cecil of Arlington and Jerry Cecil of Wyoming; sister, Ruby Hodnefield of Milton-Freewater; and seven grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Gordon Cecil Memorial Fund in care of Banner Bank.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Death Notice

Eleanor Blevins

Eleanor Virginia "EZ" (Gonty) Blevins, 66, of Ukiah, formerly of Heppner, died Monday, December 19, 2005 in Ukiah. Funeral services will be held in Ukiah on Friday, December 23, 2005.

A complete obituary will be in next week's G-T.

Lowell L. Gribble

Lowell L. Gribble, 95, of Heppner died Sunday, December 18, 2005, at the Willow creek Terrace Assisted Living Home.

Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

G-T office closes for Christmas

The G-T office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23, for the Christmas holiday.

There will be no changes in deadlines for newspaper submissions.

Merry Christmas to all.

Correction

The Gazette-Times inadvertently placed a 2004 story concerning the Ione Site Council in the December 14, 2005, issue of the newspaper. The G-T staff apologizes for its error.



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



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