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**Anniversary
Sam and Jessie Scott**



Sam and Jessie Scott

Sam and Jessie Scott will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. All of their friends are invited to a party in their honor at 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Elks' Lodge in Heppner.

Harry Willis "Sam" Scott and Jessie Ellen Matteson were married on Feb. 12, 1956, in Winnemucca, NV. They have lived in Heppner for the last 29 years.

Jessie was born and raised in Monument and Sam was born and raised in Vale.

Sam was a log truck driver before he retired in 2004. He is a member of the Eagles and Elks. His hobbies are taking walks with his dog Chico and having afternoon coffee with his Heppner friends at Bucknums.

Jessie is a semi-retired care giver. She enjoys crocheting and other craft work.

The couple raised two sons. Robert Dale Scott and his wife, Terri, live in Turner. Robin Don Scott, whose partner is Cindy Marker, passed away Oct. 29, 2005, at the age of 42. The Scotts also have three grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Local students win at Tri-Cities Bible Quiz competition



Awana Bible Quiz Contestants: (Back Row L-R): Jesse Boyd, Skylar Hawks, Cade Arbogast, Daniel Van Cleave; (Front Row L-R): Shadow Kendrick, Faith Owen, Julianne Carlson, Stacey Halvorsen, Lacey Thompson

Nine local Awana Bible Club members competed this past weekend in the annual Awana Bible Quiz Competition in Richland, WA. This year's contest included some 40 teams from Richland, Kennewick, Pasco, Yakima, Walla Walla and Wenatchee, as well as five local teams sponsored by Lexington Baptist Church. A team consisted of one or two club members. There were ten contests covering four Awana handbooks for boys and girls in grades 3-6. The contestants started out with multiple-choice questions about the Bible and their Awana handbooks. Then, the more difficult speed quizzing section included reciting passages of Scripture from memory, word perfect, and knowing other Bible facts. Individual team members could earn extra points and

a special award if they "quizzed out" of the speed competition. The girls' Book One contest had so many teams that organizers divided that group into two separate flights and awarded prizes for each group.

Shadow Kendrick and Julianne Carlson, both fifth graders from Ione claimed a first place team plaque and individual gold medallions in the girls' 3-5th grade competition in Flight B of Book One. In Flight A of Book One, Stacey Halvorsen and Lacey Thompson, also fifth graders from Ione, finished in second place and were awarded ribbons. Faith Owen, of Lexington, also a fifth grade Ione student, did very well as a solo team member in the second flight, but didn't get enough points to place.

In the boys' competition, there were also

three teams. In Book One for grades 3-5, Cade Arbogast and Jesse Boyd of Heppner, third graders from Heppner, won 3rd place ribbons. Third grader Skylar Hawks, also of Heppner did well, but as a single contestant team didn't place.

In Book Two for 4-6th grade boys, fifth grader Daniel Van Cleave of Heppner received a 4th place ribbon. This was excellent - considering that Daniel didn't have a partner to contribute any points.

Awana Bible Club meets every Wednesday night at 6:30 at the Lexington Baptist Church. The "Sparks" Club division is for kindergarten to second grade. Kids in grades 3-6 are in the "T & T" (Truth and Training) group. Six local churches have leaders helping with the program this year.

**Justice Court reports
December activity**

In the month of December, the Justice Court for Heppner and Irrigon had 169 cases filed. One hundred forty seven of those cases were traffic citations, five were game citations, seven were from other violations, five were misdemeanors, three were civil claims and FEDS, one was a small claim and one was for DUII.

In other activity, the court handled eight pre-trials, issued 33 warrants, ordered 75 suspensions, had 65 warrants returned from the sheriff's office and sent 306 accounts to a collection agency.

The court also held 10 minor hearings.

The court received \$27,962.79. Of that total, \$7491 was turned over to the state, \$20,321.79 was turned over to the country and \$150 was paid in restitution.

Obituaries

Lester S. Grasser

Lester S. Grasser, 91, of Heppner, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at the Hermiston Good Samaritan Center.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., on Feb. 18 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Heppner.

Grasser was born Nov. 13, 1914 at Epping, ND, to Charles and Eliza Farral Grasser. He was raised and attended school near Williston, ND. During the 1930s the family moved to Centralia, WA. He and his older brother had a wood hauling business until 1940.

Grasser served with the US Army in World War II. After the war, he and his brother worked as partners managing grocery stores, first in Looking Glass, a small town near Roseburg, and later in Grand Ronde, a small town on the Coast Highway. Eventually the brothers purchased a logging truck, which became Grasser's responsibility, while his brother managed the store. Later, he bought his own truck and his brother stayed with the store.

On March 11, 1965, he married Joyce Peterson at Glendale, CA and the couple moved to Heppner. He retired from log truck driving in 1981.

The couple enjoyed traveling to visit relatives across the US. Included in their travels was a European trip with a tour group in honor of the 500th birthday of the reformer, Martin Luther. The couple also did volunteer driving as a husband and wife team for the Department of Human Resources out of Pendleton for several years, taking people who needed rides for medical appointments.

Until his health failed, Grasser was an active member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Grasser, of Heppner. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Harvey, Charles Jr., Clifford, Melvin, Daniel, Hazel, Violet, Gladys and Birdie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donors charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Chapa to participate in National American Miss Oregon pageant

Kolleen Kaye Chapa, 12, of Heppner, has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss Oregon Pageant to be held Aug. 17-19 at the Hilton Hotel in Eugene. The pageant is held for girls, ages 10 through 12.

Chapa's activities include singing, dancing, basketball and youth group at her church. She also enjoys fashion, hanging out with her friends and playing with her Yorkie, Pepper.

Chapa is being sponsored by The Victorian Rose, Central Red Apple (Heppner Family Foods), Sherrell (Farmer's) Insurance, Petersons Jewelry, family and friends. She is still seeking additional sponsorship for her pageant attendance.

Chapa's mother, Jodi, participated in the pageant 22 years ago.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California. Pageants are held for girls, ages four to 18, in five age groups.

The National American Miss pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and



Kolleen Chapa

encouraging its future leader.

Each year, the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assist in the development of young women nationwide. All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

Families interested in learning more about this unique and outstanding youth program may visit www.namiss.com.

The National American Miss pageants are for "Today's Girl" and "Tomorrow's Leaders." The pageant program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise and presentation and offers an "All-American spirit of fun for family and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition

and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Central Market will be getting a new look

Central Market Red Apple will be getting a new name and a new look. In the next couple weeks, the market will be in the process of changing suppliers and changing the name to Heppner Family Foods.

Changing suppliers will allow Heppner Family Foods to maintain higher quality standards and more dependable delivery of groceries. By changing the name to Heppner Family Foods, the owners hope to promote the Town of Heppner and its surrounding communities.

Lexington Neighborhood Watch to meet

A meeting of the Lexington Neighborhood Watch program will be held Thursday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m., at Lexington City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

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