

Tolar joins the National Association of Charitable Photographers

It is our pleasure to announce the acceptance of Amy Tolar, owner of Shooting Star Photography, into our organization, the National Association of Charitable Photographers. Tolar is joining the ranks of fellow NAOCP Professionals in offering her service to community hospitals, hospices and other organizations with families of terminal patients, as well as families affected by military deployments and adoptions.

We invite you to visit Tolar's website at www.shootingstarphoto.info.

Tolar has used photography as a creative outlet most of her life and established Shooting Star Photography in 2004. The transition to becoming a professional photographer was a natural choice. Tolar's photography style revolves around life—real life. It is non-traditional and relaxed and she strives to create images that are unique and evoke emotion.

"For me, being a photographer is more than perfecting my craft, it is providing beautiful, heartfelt images that capture the true spirit of my subject. With my camera, I take pictures, but with my creativity, heart and soul, I feel them."

The decision to become a member of NAOCP was an instinctive one for Tolar. "At some point, every person's life is touched and affected by a tragedy. For me, the death of my grandfather, when I was 16 affected me deeply. It was only as an adult, when I had my own children that I realized the importance of the few photographs I had of my grandfather and I together. By joining the NAOCP, I hope to provide a service that will be treasured for generations."

Tolar's NAOCP sessions are conducted with integrity, compassion and empathy.

Tolar works on location only with natural light and provides a variety of photographic services from documenting a pregnancy/newborn to children, families and weddings. She resides in Irrigon with her husband, Aaron, and their four daughters. When she is not busy with photography, she enjoys being outdoors hunting, fishing and camping with her family.

For more information about National Association of Charitable Photographers and what this entails, please visit www.NAOCP.com.

HES students meet AR goals



115 Heppner Elementary students in grades K-6 recently met their Accelerated Reader goals for the third nine weeks. They celebrated by playing Bingo, eating ice cream bars and becoming better readers.

Scotland the Brave at HES



Bagpiper Steve Pyle with HES teacher Jannie Allen

The bulletin board in Mrs. Allen's classroom is covered with pictures of Scotland, Scottish flags, and the words "Scotland the Brave." The students were curious about those words, but certainly understood their importance on March 22 when Steve Pyle of Athena came to visit.

Pyle, retired from teaching music at Weston-McEwen High School for 30 years, is an accomplished bagpiper and anxious to share his knowledge of the instrument and Scotland, with others. He was invited

to Heppner Elementary to Jannie Allen's 5/6 reading class, to add another piece to lessons about Scotland which accompany the class's novel, "The Boggart." The story starts in Scotland and class members have watched a video, eaten shortbread and looked at many Scottish landscape books to broaden their knowledge about Scotland. It is no longer just home to the Loch Ness Monster and Pyle's visit certainly enlightened the class with history of the pipes, their importance to the Scottish people and the magnificent sound the instrument makes inside a classroom. Pyle also talked about the trip taken to Scotland in 2005 by members of the Weston-McEwen bands, including both the pipe band and the concert band.

The highlight of the visit was the playing of "Scotland the Brave" on the pipes, which echoed down the halls of HES. Pyle invited the students to attend the Caledonian Games in Athena on July 7-9.

HES to host writing program

Heppner Elementary is hosting a program, Sonnets in Spring, on Friday, April 14. Students in grade 3-6 are welcome to come and learn some fun writing techniques. Classes will be taught by advanced Heppner High School students. Morrow County schools along with Condon, Fossil, Spray, Ione and Echo schools have been invited to attend.

Condon FFA members earned state's highest award



Rachel Nelson and Erica Harrison

Two members of the Condon FFA chapter will be earning their Oregon State FFA Degree at the state FFA convention March 27 at Mt. View High School in Bend. Rachel Nelson and Erica Harrison both earned this prestigious award and will join only 19 other recipients from Condon since 1938 and the inception on the Condon FFA Chapter.

In order to be eligible for the honor, Nelson and Harrison had to complete the following: be enrolled in an agricultural program for two or more years, provide two years of record book documentation, complete a 12-page application, earned and or invest \$1500 or work 500

hours in a supervised agricultural experience project, complete a 50-question test on general Oregon agriculture and FFA, prepare a PowerPoint presentation and complete an interview by two Oregon State FFA officers and a panel of community members designated by the host interview school.

This is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a FFA member in the state of Oregon. If you would like more information about FFA and the opportunities it provides students, log on to www.oregonffa.com or contact the Condon FFA chapter at 384-2441 or email heideman@condon.k12.or.us.

Condon FFA sweeps 10 of 17 banners



(L-R): Katie Re, Erica Harrison, Rachel Nelson, Kelli Kayser and Brook Griffith

The Condon FFA Chapter took 10 of 17 banners available at the District FFA Proficiency Career Development Event, March 6, at Pendleton High School.

"It was phenomenal," said FFA advisor Erin Heideman. "We competed with the big boys and came home with the majority of awards. I am very proud of these kids."

Brook Griffith earned first in beginning portfolio, followed by Kelli Kayser and Katie Re. Erica Harrison earned first in advanced portfolio, followed by Rachel Nelson. Melissa Kamerrer earned second in treasurer's book, Re earned second in secretary's book, Amber Heidy earned second in technology scrapbook and Shelby Coy earned second in scrapbook. Additionally, Nelson and Jamie Schell tied for third in the agricultural cooperative quiz and will represent Condon at the state level over spring break.

Representing Condon FFA at state in the

diversified livestock and the equine science proficiency area will be Harrison and in grain production, Nelson. Proficiencies consist of a 15-page application with two years of record book documentation to substantiate the application. The application includes things like hours worked, money earned, depreciation/appreciation, budgets, inventory, net-worth statements and a record of skills achieved.

FFA is the largest youth organization in the world, whose mission is to provide students with premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. For more information log onto www.ffa.org or contact the Condon FFA chapter at 384-2441 or by email at heideman@condon.k12.or.us.

Garden Club to meet

The Heppner Garden Club will meet on Monday, April 3 at 12 noon at John's Place. Special guest for the meeting will be the district president.

HHS booster club to meet

The Heppner Junior/Senior High School booster club meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on April 12 in the home-ec room. Booster club class representatives and anyone interested are encouraged to attend.

Morrow SWCD board meeting to be held

The Morrow SWCD Board has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 5 p.m., at the Pettyjohn Office Building in Heppner. Agenda items include, minutes of the March meeting, treasurer's report, written staff report, Tom Butcher DEQ-Willow Creek TMDL report and partner agency reports. There is prospect of an executive session according to ORS 192.660(1)(f).

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

YOU ARE INVITED BOARDMAN SPEEDWAY PUBLIC MEETING Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall, Heppner

Get Your Questions Answered
By The Experts



STEVE BRUCKER
OR International
Speedway

Will explain the
speedway and
answer your
questions



TERRY TALLMAN
Morrow County
Judge

Will discuss the
excise tax vot-
ers will decide
on May 16



GARY NEAL
Port of Morrow
General Manager

Will speak on
the economic
impact of the
race track

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED
TO THIS PROGRAM AND
QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
BE INFORMED ON THIS PROJECT!**

Refreshments will be served

Meeting sponsored by the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group

SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE

City of Lexington

Saturday, April 1, 2006
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(Power may be restored sooner than 2:00 p.m.)

If you have any questions or concerns, please
call Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op at 676-9146