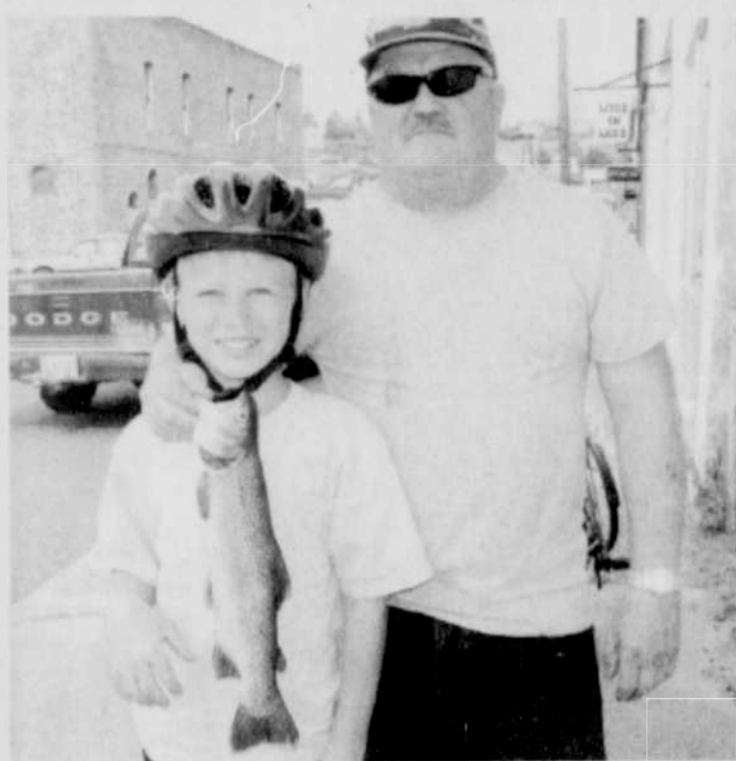


Large trout coming out of Willow Creek



Jimmy Bowles caught a 17-inch trout in Willow Creek on May 5 behind his house on Riverside. With him was grandson Jesse Corbin.



Billy Williams took two tries and finally landed a 21-inch trout in Willow Creek near the swimming pool on Riverside in Heppner.

SMCST awards five scholarships

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2006 scholarships in the amount of \$750 each. They are Laurie Murray, Amy Jepsen, Heather Yocom, Ashly Grams and Heather Rill. The five students were selected out of 13 applicants on the basis of academic achievement, chosen field of study, financial need, school participation, degree of effort the student has made in seeking sources for college and personal characteristics for success and school citizenship.

Laurie Murray is the daughter of Ann and John Murray of Heppner. She is interested in the healthcare field. Laurie served as sophomore class president, student body secretary and student body president. She is a member of National Honor Society, Wild Horse Club and youth advisor for Heppner Chamber. Laurie is active in sports, playing varsity volleyball and varsity basketball. She is very active in her church and community.

Amy Jepsen attends Ione High School and will be attending Central Washington University in

Ellensburg, WA next year. She will be working toward a bachelor's degree in music and also prerequisites for a dental hygiene program. She already has 33 college credits. Amy is the daughter of William and Nancy Jepsen. She is a member of All-Northwest Honors Orchestra and National Honor Society. Amy is active in 4-H, church, Wranglers and volunteers in the community.

Heather Yocom of Heppner is the daughter of Jack and Renee Yocom. She is planning on attending Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. Heather is a member of National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students and is active in 4-H. She is the 2006 Pro-Rodeo Court Queen. Heather is active in sports, playing varsity volleyball, basketball and softball.

Ashly Grams, from Ione, is the daughter of Dustin and Karen Padberg. She is going to be attending Western Oregon University, working toward a career in Law Enforcement. Ashly is an active volunteer in her community and is a Big Sky Scholar Athlete. She is a member of National Honor

Society, International Club, and served on student council.

Heather Rill, from Heppner, is the daughter of Patty and Dean Rill. She is considering attending Oregon Institute of Technology or Blue Mountain Community College. She is interested in becoming a dental hygienist. Heather is active in 4-H, volleyball and a member of National Honor Society. She served on student council and received the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Student of the Year in 2006.

The board of directors of the scholarship trust include Bill Rietmann, president; Barb Hayes, vice-president; Del LaRue, treasurer; Sharon Harrison, secretary; Missy Cutsforth, Martha Munkers and Carri Grieb. The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust was established several years ago with the mission to grow funds to provide scholarships to graduating senior from Heppner and Ione High schools and to eventually take the place of the Troedson Scholarship fund, which will be discontinued in the year 2023.

BEO names chairman, vice chairman

Joel Peterson was elected Chairman of the Board for Bank of Eastern Oregon and BEO Bancorp at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the bank and the holding company. Peterson, an Ione native, was first elected to the Board in 1993.

Peterson owns and operates Daily Bread Farms, Inc., near Ione. He and his wife, Lea Mathieu Peterson, a teacher, are raising two sons and a daughter on their family farm.

Brad Anderson was elected Vice Chairman of the

Board. Anderson operates a family farm with his sister and brother-in-law called Triangle Ranches, a diversified wheat and cattle operation in Morrow and Gilliam counties. Anderson joined the Board in 2004.

"We are very pleased these two gentlemen have agreed to lead the Board this year. They are both community leaders and industry leaders. They are both committed to increasing shareholder value through profitable operations," said President and CEO, E. George Koffler.

BEO Bancorp is the holding company for Bank of Eastern Oregon, which operates 11 branches in six eastern Oregon counties. Branches are located in Arlington, Ione, Heppner, Condon, Irrigon, Boardman, Burns, John Day, Prairie City, Fossil and Moro. Bank of Eastern Oregon also operates a mortgage division, has loan production offices in Hermiston and Ontario, and offers brokerage services through BEO Financial Services. The bank's web site is www.beobank.com.

Morrow County Weed Control offers tips on identifying poison hemlock

Most people know what poison hemlock looks like when it matures. It grows about 6-8 feet tall and looks like a giant carrot plant with fern like leaves. The best distinguishing characteristic of poison hemlock is the purple spots it gets on its stems. All parts of poison hemlock are poisonous and people should avoid contact. People may develop rashes or worse especially if people with open wounds come into contact with it.

Another plant that looks like poison hemlock is called bur chervil but it only grows to 3 feet in height. The leaves of bur chervil look like poison hemlock but the stems do not have the purple spots on them. Bur chervil can have purple coloring on the stems but it will not have the purple spots like hemlock has. Bur chervil is not poisonous and was introduced from Europe where it was cultivated as a garden herb. It is often found along stream banks and in moist areas around buildings and in farmyards. If you find a plant growing in your yard and you are not sure what it is please contact Morrow County Weed Control at 989-9502.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Once in awhile, it doesn't pay to go to work. Such was the case one day this past week. Why?

Well, the entrance to a Chamber of Commerce should be inviting to visitors, as should the entire community. That day, starlings had again decided that the best place to put their nest was in the molding directly above the Chamber door, not three feet one way or another, mind you, but where they can decorate the sidewalk, the Chamber windows, the glass door and anyone standing at the Chamber door with what appears to be a six-inch long drip of "paint." It isn't. Birds above do not create a memorable welcome.

To top it off, hornets had started a hive in the corner of the window right beside the door, diving toward the door whenever it opened. Sometime later, after window cleaner, foam insecticide, weed pulling and some time on the end of the broom, things looked better. Now the paint on the leprechaun needs reviving. Just have to find out what sort of waterproof/bird proof paint to use and he will be looking perkier. Guess I'd call this spring cleaning. On warm days, it's sometimes more fun outside than in. We appreciate the many volunteers who help to Clean-Up Heppner on a regular basis.

Need new Oregon maps, phone books, or the latest brochures around the state? Stop by the Chamber or the City Hall. Underneath the ceiling you can browse safely and help yourself to a variety of visitor material free for the taking.

May 15-16 is Rural Oregon Day at the Pendleton Red Lion where the Rural Oregon Policy Forum will be held at 10:30 a.m. Focus tracks include: housing and infrastructure; education and work force; health and human services; agriculture and natural resources; and small business. The registration fee is \$75. You can register at www.rcac.org, under RCAC Trainings/Oregon.

The Cycle Oregon site committee will be meeting at 3 p.m., Thursday, May 11 at the fairgrounds. The full committee will meet Thursday, May 18 at 4 p.m., at City Hall. Organizations with ideas for fundraisers, or who wish to have a booth or volunteer in some capacity, should contact Cara Osmin or the Chamber office. A list is being compiled. Keep in mind these 2000 cyclists will be biking, so items might include the cost of mailings in booth as well as businesses. Activities will take place downtown in Heppner on Sunday, Sept. 10. The community is invited to enjoy the on-stage entertainment with the cyclists that evening.

Oregon's Rugged Country will be meeting in Heppner on Tuesday, May 23 at 10 a.m. If interested in participating in some creative ways to market Morrow, Umatilla and outlying counties, come join the session. The location is to be announced. Call 676-5536 for more information. Ideas are also welcome; we're happy to hear from you.

Thought for the Week: "The good part about aging is you get comfortable in your own skin and you learn to try not to get under other people's skin; the bad part is that skin starts looking like a plucked chicken." Are you tough enough?

Ballots to be returned by May 16

Ballots must be returned by 8 p.m., May 16 to count in the primary election. Postmarks do not count. Ballots may be returned to several Morrow County sites including: Morrow County Courthouse

Clerk's Office, Heppner; New Boardman City Hall; Irrigon Annex; Bank of Eastern Oregon- Ione Branch; and Morrow County Road Office, Lexington. Locations will be open regular business hours, except on Election Day when they will be open until 8 p.m.

Those who have not received their ballots and believe they should have gotten one need to immediately contact the Morrow County Clerk's Office at 676-5604.

Local students make honor roll at Oregon State

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Fall term have been announced by Oregon State University. A total of 572 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 2,655 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Students on the Honor Roll included: Boardman- 3.5 or Better:

Bryan M. Barton, Senior, Business Administration; Sara M. Fritz, Senior, Health Promotion and Education; Andrew D. Goad, Sophomore, Pre-Computer Science; Heppner- 3.5 or Better: Travis S. Wilhelm, Senior, Mechanical Engineering; Ione- 3.5 or Better: Alyssa M. Rietmann, Freshman, Pre-Apparel; Irrigon- 3.5 or Better: Matthew A. Gordanier, Junior, Pre-Civil Engineering.

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