

## Watershed Field Day reaches over 100 students



Students study Macro-invertebrates



Dan Basile presenting Water Quality Station



Duane Neiffer presenting Mapping/Compass

The local annual Watershed Field Day was held May 3 on Willow Creek, west of Lexington, as a result of the generosity of businesses and organizations in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

For the past eight years, the WFD has created an invaluable learning experience with the in-the-field, hands-on learning about our most valuable resource- water. More than 100 fifth grade students from Heppner, Ione and Windy River participated in the field day on Wednesday.

The field day was again held on Duane Neiffer's property in Lexington and students from Ione High School and Heppner High School presented at various stations and were also leaders for the day.

The WFD exposes students to the concept of "watersheds." Within the watershed concept, the learning stations focus on two themes: agricultural practices that benefit the environment and healthy streams: evaluation and restoration skills.

Each day the students rotated among seven different learning stations that include: soil development and formation; weather and watersheds; wheat plant identification and plant experimentation procedures; mapping-gps and compass work; macro-invertebrate sampling and identification; water quality monitoring and testing; and stream bank stabilization and restoration.

Donors and grants supporting natural resource systems education through the WFD include: Five Star National Association of Counties grant, Wildhorse Foundation grant, Commission on Children and Families grant, Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, Mid-Columbia Bus Company, JSH Farms, Oregon Forest Resources Institute and Wheatland Insurance-Pendleton.

Presenters from area natural resource agencies, school educators and students taught the Field Day Stations: Dennis Hull-National Weather Service, Matt Kolding- Hermiston Experiment Station, Larry Luther- OSU Extension, Gary Hunt- Irrigon Junior-Senior High School, Ione High School students- Amy Jepsen, Stephanie Holland, Crystal Temple, Michael Mayer, Mason Bradfield, Tyler Brown, Tiana Camarillo, Matt Coleman, Brittnee DesBouillons, Meghan Gaines, Cody Hollis, Kyle Palmateer, Amber Patton, Brenna Rietmann, Tereza Sintakova, Priscilla Tellez, John Walton., Duane Neiffer, Bill Ewing, Cory Cooley-Morrow and Gilliam County SWCD, Deiter Waite-Heppner High School and Heppner High School students- Aaron Allstott, Dan Basile, Rory Kilkenny and Brendan McElligott.

The WFD is sponsored by Natural Resource Systems Consortium and Umatilla-Morrow ESD.

## Morrow SWCD encourages wise water use for summer

With summer rapidly approaching, water use around the home will increase along with the need to use water wisely. As we wash our cars, water lawns and irrigate plants and gardens water conservation is critical to minimizing the negative impacts of over using our limited water resources. Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District suggests the following to reduce water consumption and still have a healthy landscape.

Lawns and gardens need "one inch per week." The first time you irrigate, place an empty tuna can in the path of the sprinkler, time how long it takes to fill the can. Water your lawn and garden for that length of time once a week in cool weather and for half the length twice a week in warm weather. Water in short sessions rather than one long one. For example, three 10-minute sessions spaced 30 minutes to an hour apart will allow your lawn to better absorb moisture than one straight

30-minute session. Using a timer on the hose or setting your kitchen timer is a good way to water for the correct amount of time. Water early in the morning or late in the evening and avoid watering when it's windy or mid-day when evaporation rates are high. Water only the lawn or garden, not the sidewalk or street. Over watering drowns roots and stresses plants. Underwatering causes lower quality plants, reduced plant growth and causes grass roots to grow near the surface of the soil. To determine if your lawn needs to be watered, simply walk across the grass, if you leave footprints, it's time to water. Fix leaks and replace hose washers.

In the home, always run the dishwasher and washing machine with full loads, fix leaky faucets and toilets. Replace older toilets with low-water use models, take a shower instead of a bath and don't let the water run when hand-washing dishes or brushing your teeth.

## Cardinal Booster Club news

The Cardinal Booster Club met Monday, May 1 at the school library.

President Lynn Dee Ramos told club members the 4th of July t-shirts would be the same design as last year, but in red. Sew What is looking into t-shirt costs. Members agreed to keep the cost of the shirts under \$12 each in order to continue to sell them for \$15. Ramos will order one dozen of each size, children small through adult XL and six adult XXL.

Members voted to provide Gatorade and water to the district and state tennis, baseball and track teams. Del LaRue will order the beverages at Collier's Market for coaches to pick up. Dean Robinson will deliver two cases of each to the baseball team. The club also approved support of \$10 for each tennis or track participant going to state.

Marlene Pointer and Leslie Working made a presentation on Melaleuca products. They encouraged booster club members to buy

the products as a fundraiser. Ramos will e-mail the club list to see if members are interested and report back at the next meeting.

The club signature card at the Bank of Eastern Oregon needs to be updated. Members approved having Ramos, Jeri McElligott and Arlynda Gates sign the new card.

It was agreed to let the time certificates roll over. The new maturity dates will be Aug. 5, 2006 and Nov. 7, 2006.

Athletic Director Robinson announced track coach LaRue plans to retire at the end of the current season. Ryan Rudolf has been hired to be high school track coach in 2007. There will not be an Ione boys' summer league basketball tournament this year. Coaches are working on a girls' basketball summer camp at Ione.

The next meeting of Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, June 5 at 7 p.m. at the school library.

## EOU announces 2005 winter term dean's list

Eastern Oregon University has announced its dean's list for winter term 2005. More than 580 students achieved and maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Students must have completed a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the length of the term to qualify.

EOU's winter 2005 list includes names of students from throughout Oregon, the nation and countries around the world.

Local students named to the Dean's List include: Ione- Tracy Griffith and Kristina Powell; Heppner- Clarissa Johnson

and Stefanie Spivey; and Lexington- Sara Peck.

Eastern Oregon University serves as an educational, cultural and scholarly center in La Grande, connecting the rural regions of the state to a wider world. For more information, visit [www.eou.edu](http://www.eou.edu).

## Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Court has issued the following marriage licenses:

**May 11:** David Alan Spencer, 24, Boise, ID and Talia Caitlin Sweek, 23, Boise, ID.

## Heppner High students attend band festivals



Saxophone players (L-R): Grant Smith, Kelsey Wolff and Sean Murray. Photo by Scott Mallory of the Blue Mountain Eagle.



Trumpets players (L-R): Devin Robinson, Justin Gutierrez, Ian Murray and Brett Harrison. Photo by Deb Gutierrez.

These photos were misidentified in last week's Gazette.

## Princess Josie represents Morrow County in Arlington



Princess Josie Miller at the Arlington Jackpot Rodeo

Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Princess Josie Miller attended her first official Mounted Parade and Rodeo. She was nervous without her Queen and friend Heather Yocom by her side but she took her responsibility seriously and led her entourage with poise and style. Helping represent Morrow County this year as flag bearers are Jessica Hamilton, the 16-year-old daughter of Geri Ann and Mike Hamilton of Heppner and Jarried Miller, the 13-year-old brother of Princess Josie and son of Reid and Shelia Miller of Lexington. Josie's brother decided that he was not going to watch his sister from the sidelines

this year so he borrowed his mother's horse and is actively supporting his big sister by being with the court.

The Arlington Jackpot Rodeo, parade and queen luncheon had 14 visiting Fair and Rodeo courts attend. The day was blustery and threatened to rain thus making the preparations for the parade a bit of a chore and the dust at the rodeo hard to see through while in the arena.

The queens' luncheon gave Princess Josie a chance to meet other courts and invite them to the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo. Princess Josie was delighted at having the chance to reconnect with the returning Arlington Jackpot Rodeo Queen Marissa Potter. She and Potter had met at last year's Morrow County Queens' Luncheon. The queen had a simple lunch and get-to-know-you gathering and she gave each court member a handmade leather cross with a stone in the center. Many of the girls put them on their saddle horns and rode with them during the Grand Entry. In all, everything went well and fun was had by all involved.

## Yard of the Month



Louis and Betty Carlson were chosen as the May 2006 Yard of the Month. YOM is presented by the Heppner Garden Club and sponsored by the Garden Club, Green Feed and Seed and City of Heppner.

### WILLOW CREEK WATER PARK

Therapy pool is open!  
Wednesday - Saturday \$12.50 per hour  
To set up an appointment,  
call Merry, 676-5752 or 676-5756

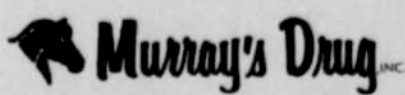


Purchase or make payments  
on season passes early!

• Family Passes: \$125 • Individual Passes: \$70  
• Swim Lessons: \$30 (per session)

### Wedding Tables

Kylee Graybeal and Casey Evans  
Wedding ~ Saturday, June 24th



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