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Health district

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expenses were greater than reimbursements.

-approved a \$5 an hour increase for Dr. Ken Wenberg's emergency room services.

-learned that the district had a \$39,720 loss for August. Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney said that the September financial report is expected to be better.

-heard the following report: Heppner Ambulance had 11 total runs with eight transports for \$5854 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 28 total runs with 16 transports for \$16,059 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 14 total runs with 10 transports for \$8637

in revenue; PMC had 33 patient visits in August with 20 new patients and four seen by a nurse; Irrigon Clinic had 236 patient visits with 36 new patients, 44 seen by a nurse and 34 no shows; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had three admissions, 728 total outpatients with 61 emergency room encounters, 1271 lab tests, 81 x-ray procedures, 27 CT scans, 28 EKG tests, 28 respiratory therapy procedures and one Sigmoid procedure and \$23,485 in revenue for hospital encounters; swing bed had one admission; Home Health had 184 visits; Hospice had four patients; and pharmacy administered 507 drug doses for \$48,805 in revenue.

OSU honors Ione student for academic prowess

By Stephen Swanson

An Oregon State University senior from Ione has earned a Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics LeRoy Breithaupt Award.

The honor recognizes Cameron Krebs' outstanding academic performance and community service. The award was established in memory of OSU Professor LeRoy Breithaupt.

While at OSU, Krebs has served as noble ruler and

philanthropy chair for Alpha Gamma Rho, a national agricultural and natural resources fraternity. He has also been a member of OSU's Young Cattlemen's Association and has been vice-president for public relations and executive secretary of OSU's Interfraternity Council, as well as served as an OSU College of Agricultural Sciences senator.

Krebs, son of Clint and Maureen Krebs of Ione,

is an OSU agricultural business management major.

His outstanding academic work has also earned Krebs recognition as an OSU Clara H. Waldo and E.A. Cummings Outstanding Student. The award is presented on the basis of academic skills and superior extracurricular achievements. Clara Waldo was the first woman regent of the Board of Regents in 1905 and E.A. Cummings was a local businessman whose widow established a perpetual endowment in his honor in 1948.

Krebs has also been honored with OSU's Rachel and Harold Hollands Scholarship, established by Harold Hollands, an OSU professor of agricultural and resource economics, in memory of Rachel Hollands and university's Walter J. and Florence J. Jaeger Undergraduate Scholarship.

Marriage Licenses

Sept. 8: Joel Henry Vanden Brink, 24, Ione and Christan Danyel Kennedy, 30, Heppner.

Sept. 20: Chester Allyn Bennett, Jr., 74, Hermiston and Sheila Kay Burns, 60, Hermiston.

Sept. 24: Steven Thomas Fuller, 31, Camp LeJeune, NC and Tonya Louise Jacobs, 33, Hermiston.

Sept. 25: Ronald Joshua Milton Rice, 20, Boardman and Tammy Lynn Booth, 21, Boardman.

Obituaries

Jane McRoberts

Jane McRoberts, 68, formally of Heppner and Irrigon, died Sept. 18, 2006 at her home in Hermiston.

A memorial service was held Sept. 23, 2006 at St. Patrick Senior Center in Heppner.

She was born June 2, 1938 at LaGrande, the daughter of Les and Virginia Peal Sannar. She was raised and attended school at Joseph, where she graduated from high school in 1956.

On Oct. 28, 1955, she married Jim Estes at Joseph. The couple later divorced.

She lived at Milton-Freewater before moving to Heppner in 1969. That same year she married Dick McRoberts in Nevada. The couple later divorced.

For over fifteen years she operated the Stitch-n-Pox Ceramic Shop in Irrigon. She has been a resident of Hermiston for the past year and a half.

McRoberts had been a member of the Eastern Star and for many years was active in the 4-H program. One of her favorite hobbies was doing leatherwork.

Survivors include sons, Rusty Estes of Heppner and Buck Estes of Hermiston; daughters, Rita Bergstrom of Heppner, Virginia "George" Nairns also of Heppner and Robyn Curtis of West Richland, WA; sister, Barbara Ann Sannar of Irrigon; and six grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Her parents preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the Morrow County 4-H Program, P.O. Box 397, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Mitchell E. "Mike" Town

Mitchell E. "Mike" Town, 59, died Sept. 21, 2006, at his home in Boardman.

A graveside service was held Sept. 25 at Riverview Cemetery in Boardman.

Town was born Aug. 27, 1947, in Seattle, WA to Warren L. and Katherine Hicks Town. He was raised and attended school in Northern Idaho.

He worked in logging for several years before moving to Boardman in 1976 where he has lived since. He worked for Taggras Farms, hauling hay, then in farming for Ed Shook and John Wenholz. He later worked for Harold Baker at Baker Hay.

He bought a truck with a flat bed in 1996 and started long-hauling. He continued to do that until 2005, when he bought a car hauler so he could stay closer to home.

Town married Lynnea Kennedy on Nov. 22, 2004, in Dallas, TX.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cutting firewood, mushroom hunting, mechanical work, fabricating, barbecues and time with his grandchildren. He was a member of the Eagles and the Umatilla Sage Riders.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Paul Town of Irrigon, Mickey Town of Boardman, Tom Town of Hermiston and Steven Town of Whitewright, TX; daughters, Angela Wells of LaGrande, Katie Sargent of Boardman, Sarah McClintic of Dallas, TX, and Xina Burnbull of Irving, TX; brothers, Dan Town of Boardman and Dale Town of Montana; sister, Lois Town of California; and 25 grandchildren. His parents preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Cancer Center, P.O. Box 1477, Walla Walla, WA, 98362.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Over the Tee Cup

Ladies gathered Sept. 19 at Willow Creek Country Club for ladies' play.

Carol Mitchell took low gross of the field. Luvilla Sonstegard took low net of the field. Betty Carlson took least putts of the field.

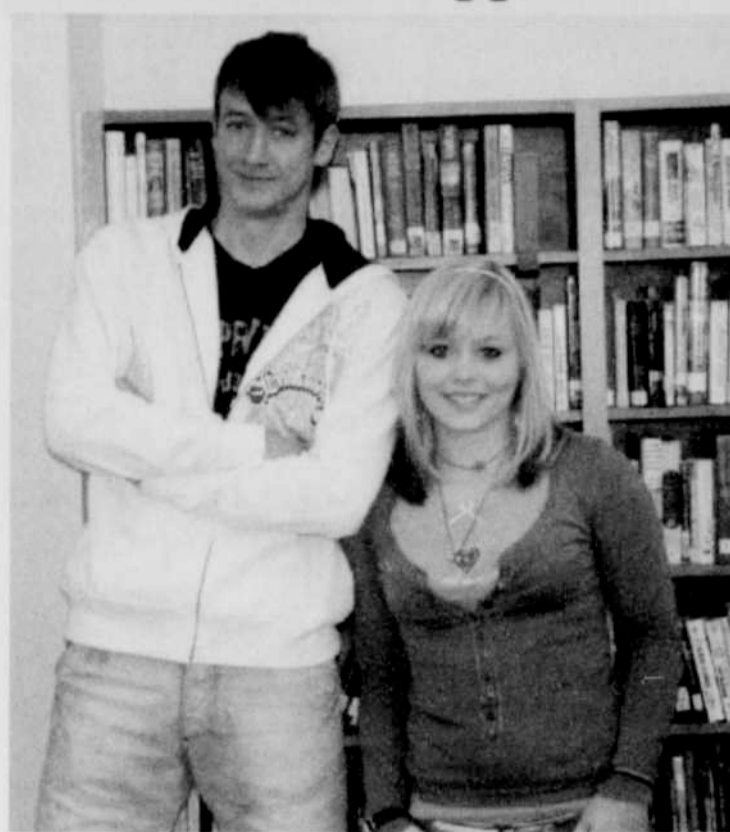
In flight A, Jan Paustian took low gross and long drive and Pat Edmundson took low net. Paustian also had a chip-in on hole #18.

In flight B, Lynnea Sargent took low net.

In flight C, Lorrene Montgomery took low gross, Pat Dougherty took low net and Bev Steagall took least putts.

Carlson was closest to the pin (second shot).

German students get taste of America in Heppner



German exchange students Tim Hauer and Julia Ronnacker.

Tim Hauer, 17, of Rostock, Germany (approximately 200,000 people) and Julia Ronnacker, 16, of Witten, Germany (approximately 100,000 people) are this year's exchange students at Heppner High School. Hauer is staying with the Chris and Kathy Rauch family of Lexington and Ronnacker is staying with the Jerry and Terri Gentry family of Heppner.

This is Hauer's first time in the United States. He said he had heard it was "very cool" and wanted to see what the "American Dream" was all about. Hauer has four friends that are studying abroad in the U.S. this year, and one is on the coast here in Oregon.

Ronnacker spent three weeks in Florida with her father when she was five years old and said she told her dad she "had to come back to the United States." Ronnacker has eight friends studying aboard, in New Zealand, Australia, France and one here in the U.S. in Arizona.

Both students are the oldest of three children in their families. Hauer, whose father, Chris, is a farmer and mother, Catherine, works in gas works, has a 16-year-old brother, Andre, and 12-year-old sister, Natalie. Ronnacker, whose father, Uli, is a lawyer and stepmother, Inke, is an artist, has two sisters, Elena, 12 and Leonie, 8.

Hauer, who has played soccer for 10 years, is taking advantage of the opportunity of school-sanctioned sports and is participating in football, basketball and track.

Ronnacker said she was not much into sports, but enjoys music. She will be participating in the school performance of "Grease" as a singer and dancer.

Both students agreed that school here was "way easier" than in Germany. They liked the fact that at HHS, school in only four days a week. Also, in Germany there are 13 grades. Ronnacker was also surprised with the actual size of the school building. She said that at home her school is 20 or more stories high, while here there are only two stories.

The close-knit community of Heppner has also been a change for the students. Both were surprised how everyone seems to know each other and Ronnacker thought it was neat that you "see people you've seen before," while walking down the street from day to day.

"Everyone is interested in you," said Ronnacker. She also said she was glad that there have not been any prejudices here. "They don't say, you're German, like Hitler, or something."

Even though America is known as the land of freedom, both Hauer and Ronnacker commented on how there is a lot less freedom here for young people than in Germany.

Ronnacker said she noticed here students spend the "whole" day in school and then have sports practices, homework, etc., to take up their time during the week and then weekends are family time. Back in Germany, Ronnacker said that kids party a lot and that she is only home about one day a week or so and is allowed to come and go as she pleases. Hauer agreed that that was pretty typical behavior for young people in Germany.

They are also having to adjust to the fact that while you can drive here at 16, you can't smoke or drink. In Germany, young people aren't allowed to drive until 18, however, they can smoke and drink at age 16.

"I think kids in Germany grow up earlier," said Ronnacker. "Parents don't take that much care of their children [in Germany]; they aren't watching your every step."

Food here has also been an adjustment for Hauer and Ronnacker. They both said they miss fresh fruit. Their impressions were that in America when you shop at the grocery store you have to search for food that is good for you, while in Germany, you have to search for candy bars, and foods that aren't so good for you. Ronnacker said that in Germany she lives on Red Bull and Nutella.

Overall, both Hauer and Ronnacker seem to be enjoying their American experience and are enjoying Heppner.



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