

## Thurston joins HHS special education department

Sam Thurston has joined the Heppner High School special education department. Thurston comes to Heppner via a Madras where he had been teaching agriculture and special education.



Sam Thurston

Thurston was born and raised in Oregon but traveled to California for college attending Biola University. At Biola, he received his bachelor of arts degree in education and his bachelor of science degree in social studies. He completed his graduate work at Oregon State University and received his special education endorsement from Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

Thurston has taught school "off and on" for 20 years. He has also worked as a sales director for an agricultural chemical company and as a contractor. While working as a contractor, Thurston spent six weeks in Heppner working on the Les Schwab building. Thurston also spent time in Heppner bird hunting.

Being a country boy at heart, Thurston grew tired of the growing population of

central Oregon and decided to take the job here at Heppner. And even though he is "old enough to retire" he says he "just isn't ready too." He also said that he loves working with kids.

Joining Thurston here in Heppner is his fiancée, Connie DeLay. Thurston also has two grown children, Samara, who lives in central Oregon with her husband and two daughters and Tom, who lives in Kalispell, MT with his wife and three children, two sons and a daughter.

In his free time, which he is finding he doesn't have much of these days, he enjoys bird hunting, riding horses, singing, reading and writing. He especially likes to write cowboy poetry and stories about animals and the outdoors. He also finds himself writing songs.

Thurston has been impressed with the people of Heppner, calling them "superb" and enjoys working with the teachers and staff at HHS.

"The teachers provide a lot of support with the students and Mr. Stone is an open book and you always know what he's thinking, which I like," expressed Thurston.

## Public Works Department solicits support letters for grant application

Morrow County Public Works Department is applying for an ATV Development Grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. It will be for \$200,000. The grant is asking for two full-time maintenance employee salary, gas and diesel for equipment, fencing material, metal gates, signs, wood material, tools, cattleguards, culverts, paint, fire protection, chemical toilets, and a six-wheeler ATV, ATV tracks, and a chain saw. This will be a two-year grant.

"We could sure use about ten letters of support for this grant application," said Betty Gray, with the Morrow County Public Works. The letters of support are needed by Nov. 9. They can also be sent electronically. If you have any questions, please contact April Miller or Betty Gray at the following e-mail address: amiller@co.morow.or.us or call 989-9500.

Address letters of support to: Morrow County Public Works Department, P.O. Box 428, Lexington, OR 97839, Attention: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite C, Salem, OR 97301.

## Over 300 attend Heppner Booster Club auction



Ron Bowman, Heppner Booster Club president, (far left) helps with the Heppner Booster Club auction held Saturday evening, Oct. 14 at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Over 300 people attended the dinner. "We had a great turnout," said Angie Hanson, Booster Club member. "There were lots of new, unique items this year." The Booster Club did not release figures on the amount of money raised at the auction.

## Walden says country needs guest worker program



Rep. Greg Walden addressed a Heppner dinner crowd last Tuesday.

Representative Greg Walden said last week that America's border security is a "failure" and said the country needs a guest worker program to handle agriculture's need for workers.

"It is imperative for a country to have control of their borders," Walden told a group gathered for dinner last Tuesday at John's Other Place in Heppner.

The Republican Representative to Congress said between 11 and 13 million people are in the country illegally and "I don't have an answer to that," he said. He pointed out that he grew up on a cherry orchard

in Hood River and understands the need for labor in agriculture that Americans will not do.

Walden emphasized that the country needs a common language, however.

On other subjects, Walden said although the outcome of the election in November could make a difference, he expects the National Farm Bill to remain "pretty much the same with a little tweaking."

Walden also expressed support for rural health care, leaving Bonneville Power Administration the way it is, and encouraging renewable wind generation.

## Dessert auction to benefit Appleton family

The Heppner Elementary and Heppner High School staffs have planned a dessert auction to benefit Arnie Appleton, the husband of teacher Wendy Appleton, on Friday, Oct. 20, during the HHS varsity football game halftime.

Arnie is a veteran who is fighting cancer. Wendy is a former Heppner teacher who now teaches in Boardman.

Ken Grieb will auction off the desserts, which include: Jannie Allen's "famous Baby Ruth Bars"; Ginger Bowman's "legendary Cream Puffs"; Joan McDaniel's "renowned" bread; Nacho and Tomas Elguezabal's "delicious Salsa"; Melissa Coiner's family's "secret Peanut Butter Bars"; and LeAnne Lindsay's "Mustang Sugar Cookies."

"The delicacies of the famed desserts are too numerous to mention and we are sure there will be something for everyone," said organizer Mary Ann Elguezabal. "Please join the staff at HHS and HES in supporting the Appleton family."

For more information call Mary Ann Elguezabal, 676-5774.

## Van Cleave awarded Kreitzberg endowed scholarship

Darren T. Van Cleave, son of Tim and Myrna Van Cleave of Heppner, has been awarded the 2006/2007 Carl W. Kreitzberg Endowed Scholarship. Van Cleave is pursuing a bachelor's degree in meteorology at the University of Utah.

Fifteen senior undergraduate scholarships were awarded this year. The scholarships are designed to encourage senior undergraduates to continue pursuing careers in the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic

sciences. The scholarships are based on merit and are awarded to students who have shown the potential for accomplishment in these fields.

Van Cleave is a Kennecott Scholar. He is a recipient of many scholarships and received his Associate of Science Degree with High Honors. He volunteered at the National Weather Service office in Pendleton during Spring 2005. While there, Van Cleave was a participant in a study of fog patterns in the Columbia Basin of Oregon

and Washington. His goal is to be a weather forecaster for the National Weather Service. Van Cleave has desires to attend school at the graduate level.

The Carl W. Kreitzberg Scholarship in Meteorology honors the late Dr. Kreitzberg's role as a scientist, mentor, colleague and friend. Throughout his career he was a dedicated leader and advocate for observational data campaigns and numerical modeling research to better understand mesoscale weather phenomenon. Dr. Kreitzberg always believed that research in the search of understanding was a fun, enjoyable activity. He demonstrated this by his intensely curious spirit in the classroom each and every day. He also imparted this to his one-on-one mentoring with graduate students. The scholarship will be awarded annually in the amount of \$2000.

The AMS, founded in 1919, is a nonprofit, scientific and professional society, with nearly 12,000 national and international members. The AMS actively promotes the development and dissemination of information on the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. More information on the AMS is available on the Internet at [www.ametsoc.org/AMS](http://www.ametsoc.org/AMS).

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• Oregon Judicial Department Criminal Caseflow Project Member	Yes	No
• Oregon Crime Victim's Rights Compliance Project Member	Yes	No
• Aggravated Murder Trial Qualified	Yes	No
• Special Prosecutor in multiple counties	Yes	No
• Leadership Class Coordinator	Yes	No
• Helped develop program for educating prosecutors, defenders, judges & private lawyers (now in its 20 <sup>th</sup> year)	Yes	No
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