

ODA offers Pesticide Use Reporting System classes

The Oregon Department of Agriculture will be offering free one-on-one help and instruction to pesticide users required to report their 2007 usage to the statewide Pesticide Use Reporting System (PURS). Classes will be held at several community colleges and other locations throughout the state during April and May. PURS help classes will also be offered this fall. Locations are as follows:

• Hermiston - May 14, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Hermiston Campus, Computer Lab Room 210. Call (541) 567-1800.

• Pendleton - May 15, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College, Umatilla County Extension Office. Call (541) 278-5403 for more information.

• Boardman - May 16, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College, Morrow County Center. Call (541) 481-2099 for more information.

PURS became operational in January. The electronic reporting system allows pesticide users to register and submit information to a secure Web site that will confidentially collect, summarize, and retain data. PURS will

provide information on what pesticides are being used in Oregon, in what quantities, and generally where they are being applied.

At the PURS help classes, ODA staff will be available, in a computer lab, to provide individualized help to pesticide users on registering and filing actual reports into the PURS system. Users will need to bring their pesticide application records to take advantage of the classes. Unless otherwise noted, pre-registration is not needed and individuals are welcome to show up at any time during the class.

Those required to report to PURS include any person who applies a pesticide in the course of business, or for a government entity, or in a public place. Pesticide users need to keep records of their usage for 2007 and electronically report it no later than January 31, 2008.

PURS is available at www.oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/purs_index.shtml

Additional information about the system and its requirements are also available on the Website. For more information on PURS, contact Sunny Jones at (503) 986-6466.

New employee joins Hair I Am salon



Jessica Roy joins Leah Hyatt and the staff of Hair I Am salon.

Hair I Am salon will have a new addition beginning Wednesday, May 16. Jessica Maben Roy finished school at the Pendleton College of Hair Design at the end of April.

She is licensed in hair services, facials, and brow waxing and tweezing. She will be available on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Roy went to HHS and is married to Josh Roy. She also works with seniors and people with disabilities.

Hair I Am salon is owned by Leah Hyatt and is a full service salon offering manicures, pedicures, and tanning.

Hair I Am salon is located at 274 North Main Street in Heppner and can be reached at 676-9644.

American Legion & Auxiliary continue red poppy tradition.

It's Poppy time again, which means you will see members of the Ione American Auxiliary Unit #95 out and around various businesses in the community. They will be holding their bundles of red poppies and donation cans. The Ione Legion Auxiliary Unit #95 will be selling poppies on May 23-25.

Long before the Great War (World War 1), the red poppy had become a symbol of death, renewal and life. The seeds of the flower can remain dormant in the earth for years, but will blossom spectacularly when the soil is churned.

A Canadian was physician, Lt. Colonel John McCrae, saw battlefields where the soil had been badly torn up by bombs that later was covered with wild red poppies.

He brought that scene to life with his poem, "In Flanders Field" written in 1915, which described the poppies that marked the graves of soldiers killed fighting for their country.

A young American woman, Miss Moina Michael, was touched by his words and answered with a poem of her own. However, she did not stop with words. She was the first to wear a red poppy and soon she was selling the flowers to friends and giving the money she received to servicemen in need.

In 1919, she brought the idea back to the States of making paper red poppies and selling them to make money for disabled veterans. It became so popular that she needed help and she turned to the Veterans of Foreign War and the American Legion Auxiliary for help. They became the first to sell poppies nationally.

In 1922, they introduced the "Buddy" Poppy program, having disabled veterans make the artificial poppies. Today, thousands of disabled war veterans in hospitals continue to make the red poppies that are distributed by the American Legion Auxiliary and all of the money raised from them goes strictly for the needs of veterans.

Buy and wear your red poppy this next week to support your veterans. Take time on Memorial Day to observe the nations veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice. It is the responsibility of all free people to honor these heroes in our daily lives and to live in a manner worthy of their sacrifice.

Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:

-Daniel Lewis Pruitte, 20, Sweet Home, Violation of the Basic Rule, 85 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$185 fine.

-Benjamin Lee McCarl, 17, Heppner, Failure to use appropriate signal, failure to use seatbelt, \$261.

-Ryan L. Miller, 35, Heppner, Violation of the Basic Rule, 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$244 fine.

-Andra Kendrick, 49, Ione, Violation of the Basic Rule, 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$214 fine.

-Shane D. Stottlemire, 19, Heppner, Minor in Possession of alcohol, \$266 fine.

-Harley Bruce Young, 48, Heppner, Truck speeding, 65 mph in a 55 a mph zone, \$141 fine.

7th annual TV Shoot held in Ione



Lindsay Kincaid presents Troy McGee with TV and DVD prizes.



Brent Martin presents Troy McGee with a \$100 prize.

The 7th annual TV Shoot held at Frank and Joe Halvorsen's ranch was very successful. The cost \$20 per person for 1,000 yards. The money raised will be used to pay for children's activities at the Ione Fourth of July celebration. That includes fish pond, frog jumping contest, straw money pile, free swimming, fireworks donation, talent contest, karaoke contest, poster contest, and prizes for other children's activities.

The winner of the 1,000 yard shoot was Troy McGee from Pendleton. Eric Orem of Ione won the 500 yard shoot. The 200 yard balloon freehand shoot winners were: first place Dean Rust; second place Rick Barnett; and third place Bill Gates. McGee and Orem donated their \$100 prizes back to the committee.

Sponsors this year were JVB Dairy, Rainbow Café, Bob Hubbard, Magnum Opus, Jordan Elevator, Lindsay Kincaid, Morrow County Grain Growers, Jeff Thompson and Pat Schmitt, Valmont Northwest, Pub 212, Kerry Peterson, and E&B Orem Farms.

Helpers were Eric Orem, Brent Martin, Joe and Fram Halvorsen, Wayne Hams, Tanna Padberg, Betty Gray, Betty Burns, Darcee Mitchell, Bill Breshears and crew, Gary Stai, Shane Shiplet, Mark Anderson, Jim and Hallie Harvey, Larry Lutcher, and Marvin Padberg.

The TV Shoot netted \$3,283.

Oregon 4-H Members selected as finalists for National Congress in Atlanta

Twenty-six finalists from 13 Oregon counties, representing the Oregon State University Extension Service's 4-H Youth Development program, have been selected to participate in formal interviews to determine who will attend the 2007 4-H National Congress in Atlanta, Ga.

Selection of the finalists was based on overall achievement in 4-H projects, leadership, communication, citizenship, community service and readiness to benefit from the congress experience.

The selection interviews will be held this June, and the selected members will travel to Atlanta during Thanksgiving weekend to attend this year's congress, themed, "Accept the Challenge." The Oregon 4-H Foundation, in partnership with Oregon donors, sponsors the trip, which is considered the National 4-H program's premier annual event.

"This is an important opportunity for Oregon 4-H members," said Roger Rennekamp, the OSU Extension 4-H program leader. "For many members, Congress is the culmination of a long-term commitment to 4-H and we are proud to have so many successful members attending from across Oregon."

From Morrow County, Kelsey Wolff will be attending.

Hunter Ed sign-ups being held

Sign-ups are now being taken for a South Morrow County Hunter Education course being taught on June 12, 14, 16 (field day), 19 and 21. The class on June 12 will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last until 9:30 p.m. The remaining classes will be from 6 to 9:00 p.m. with field day being from 8 a.m. until noon at the Lexington Gun Club shooting range. Classes will be held at Heppner High School.

Hunter Education is required for hunters under the age of 18. The Hunter Ed card is often required to acquire for any aged hunter to acquire out-of-state hunting licenses. The course covers hunter ethics and respect for private landowners, wildlife management and identification, firearms handling and safety, hunt preparation and techniques, survival and an introduction to bow hunting.

Parents are encouraged to attend the course with their children. Any parent who participates and chooses to take the test will also receive their certificate. For more information or to sign-up, contact instructors Jim and Darlene Marquardt at 541-969-4845.

Rep. Greg Smith votes to protect small businesses from excessive fee increase

Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner) today voted to protect small businesses from an excessive fee increase intended to benefit the state Employment Relations Board (ERB). He opposed HB 2070, which requires employers to pay a \$250 fee when responding to complaints in ERB labor practice proceedings. The previous fee was \$100.

"This bill hits Oregon's small businesses with a 150 percent fee increase," Rep. Smith said. It is another example of how the Legislature enhances state agencies at the expense of businesses and taxpayers."

HB 2070 also establishes a new fee of \$250 to file charges or to file an answer with ERB in other types of labor practice proceedings. The revenue from the bill will be used to fund the agency's travel expenses, and to hire an additional administrative law judge.

"With \$2.5 billion in additional General Fund revenue in 2007-09, we shouldn't target small businesses with new fees and higher fees," Rep. Smith said. "As these fees begin to pile up, it becomes more difficult for small businesses to retain jobs and compete in the marketplace."

HB 2070 passed the House 31 to 27, with Rep. Smith joining 26 Republicans and 1 Democrat in opposing the measure. The bill now moves to the Senate.

Area graduation information

Graduation ceremony for Ione Community School will be held Friday, June 1, at 7 p.m. Baccalaureate services will be held Wednesday, May 30, at 7 p.m. at the Valby Lutheran Church.

Graduation ceremony for Heppner High School will be held Saturday, June 2, at 2 p.m. Baccalaureate services will be held Thursday, May 31, at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Michael James Miller, 36, was convicted of theft in the first degree, a Class C felony - 13months incarceration, one year post-prison supervision, \$355 in fines, fees and assessments.

High School Seniors!

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