

## HES students visit the Ag Museum



Heppner Elementary School teacher Sherry Matteson and her class visited the Ag Museum in Heppner with volunteer Merle Cowitz. Photo by Chandra Arbogast

## Art Slate art exhibit set in Condon

Greater Condon Arts Association, a local arts agency based in Condon, in conjunction with the Gilliam County Cultural Coalition, will sponsor Art Slate '07, a Northwest regional multimedia art exhibition from Saturday, June 23, through July 6.

Approximately 80 works of art by Northwest artists have been selected by Henry Sayre, distinguished full professor of art history at Oregon State University.

The grand opening reception will be Saturday, June 23, from 8-10 p.m. with live music and food. Admission is free.

Mary Josephson, Northwest artist with paintings in several public and private collections, will preside as judge and award presenter.

The exhibition will be open to the public through Condon's Fabulous Fourth of July Celebration and will close on July 6.

## Heppner G-T DEADLINE Mondays at 5 p.m.

**1st Annual Heppner Alumni Full Contact Football Game**  
 Saturday, June 16th  
 Kick-Off Starts at 7:00pm  
 Location:  
 Heppner Rodeo Grounds  
 Football Field

- All proceeds benefit Heppner Football Program - additional donations greatly appreciated.  
 Admission \$3.00 - 5 & Under FREE  
 For more information, contact Jess Osmin 541-571-2574 or 541-676-9079

**GREAT FAMILY FUN!**

## Local boy wins fishing derby with huge trout



Six-year-old Tanner Holmquist of Heppner caught a 23-1/2-inch trout to take first place in the nine and under category of the Diamond Lake Kids Fishing Derby held June 9 at Diamond Lake. Around 140 kids participated in the derby.

Tanner is the son of Mark and Connie Holmquist of Heppner.

Tanner Holmquist with winning trout and award

## Fair Board meeting changed

Due to a lack of quorum, the Morrow County Fair Board meeting was changed to Thursday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

## Hog Wild 4-H Club News

By Justin Key

The Hog Wild 4-H Club met at the Lone School on June 7.

The meeting was called to order by Julianne Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were recited.

The club's minutes from the last meeting were read by Rebecca Jepsen.

The group discussed finances, the upcoming tractor training and weigh-in.

It was agreed upon by the club to have Bill Jepsen worm the pigs at weigh-in.

In attendance were Rebecca Jepsen, Alex Carlson, Justin Key, Julianne Carlson, Staci Halverson, and Lacey Thompson, and leaders Clint Carlson and Darla Vandever.

## Local sweethearts win dream wedding

By Terry Murray of the East Oregonian, Sunday, June 10, 2007 issue

Cara Kennedy and Nick Christman have won the East Oregonian's first-ever Wedding of Your Dreams competition. The winners were announced at a reception at the Pendleton EO office Saturday morning.

The couple earned more than 1,200 votes from EO readers to claim the prizes, valued at more than \$30,000. They'll be married on July 22, and all they basically have to do is be there.

Christman, of Lone, developed a crush on Kennedy when he was eight at Willow Creek Baptist Church in Heppner. It took him a few years to get up the courage to speak, however. Kennedy, who grew up in Lexington, first noticed him in seventh grade.

"He wasn't rowdy like the other guys," she said of the first attraction.

The couple grew up attending the same church, and they consider their shared faith to be important to their relationship. A short break-up saw Kennedy telling Christman she would only resume dating him if he was serious about developing a future together.

He was. While the two wanted to get married their senior year in high school, they decided to wait to make sure going away to college wouldn't make them grow apart.

Christman has finished his second year at Whitman College in Walla Walla, majoring in electrical engineering. Meanwhile, Kennedy, who is studying physical therapy at Walla Walla Community College, took a term off to earn more money for school. Nick lives in a dorm at college while Cara resides in Milton-Freewater where she works for

Premier Physical Therapy.

Christman proposed to Kennedy, but not at the romantic dinner she imagined. He popped the question when the two were covered in mud after four-wheeling. The two knew they wouldn't have much money for an elaborate wedding. But Nick's paternal grandmother, Betty Christman had a plan. She nominated them for the EO's contest.

"They are young, but have been going together eight years," she wrote in her essay. "Both sets of parents are a one-marriage family, so these two have been raised with very strong values and family support."

The couple plans to be married in Lone, at the city park. The gold-level prizes they have won are numerous, and include an elaborate selection of flowers from Calico Country Florist, a great reception at the Riverfront Lodge in Boardman, a wedding book to be envied by Timeless Photography, as well as extensive styling and pampering packages from The Main Stylin' Nook in Hermiston.

Silver-level prizes are \$1,000 towards a wedding gown and accessories from Formal Affairs of Pendleton, wedding bands up to \$1,000 from Loftus Jewelers of Pendleton, and a honeymoon at the Ocean Lodge on the Oregon coast donated by the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce.

The bronze-level gifts include tuxedos from Roemark's in Hermiston; a disc jockey and light show



Nick Christman and Cara Kennedy

for the reception from Sight and Sound of Kennewick; alterations from Ladies and Gents of Hermiston; facility for a wedding shower at Hodgen Distributing's party room in Pendleton; shower catering by Custom Catering by Roy and Venita's; make-up from Mary Kay Cosmetics; a wedding cake from Super 1 Foods of Hermiston; a chocolate fountain for the reception by Fountains of Chocolate; a wedding-night suite and romance package at the Marcus Whitman Hotel in Walla Walla; and a driver, new vehicle and fuel for the drive to Walla Walla by Tom Denschel Country Ford in Hermiston.

Other bronze level gifts include gift baskets from Country Sunshine Hallmark and Country Sunshine Gourmet Shoppe of Pendleton; a jewelry box clock from Michael's Fine Jewelry; and a home appraisal from Morgan Financial.

The EO's video camera was busy Saturday morning, recording the winning couple as their names were announced. Check out the video at [www.eastoregonian.com/multimedia](http://www.eastoregonian.com/multimedia).

(Congratulations Nick and Cara, and Best Wishes for a happy future together! - G-T staff)

## Students enjoy flowers, learn flowers' names



Pictured back row (L to R) are teacher Mary Haguewood, Wyatt Steagall, Joe Jones, Kassidee Cimmiyotti, Alex Victorio, Kacie Gray, teacher Mary Ann Elguézabal, Jordan Spaulding, and volunteer Mary Flaherty. Seated are Patrick Bunch, Daniela Sanchez, Dave Zachry, Charles Cason, Zane Riddle and Pablo Sanchez.

Throughout the 2006-2007 school year, Heppner Elementary School students have not only been enjoying flowers from Dave Zachry's garden, they have also learned the names of at least 20 different flowers.

"It has been amazing

that such young children could remember names like: Hyacinth, Chrysanthemum, and Bleeding Hearts," said their teachers. "They were always excited on Monday mornings to see what new treasures Mr. Zachry had sent them. Last week they

were delighted to learn how to turn Snap Dragons into puppets."

The teachers said the school and students appreciated Zachry's involvement, time and efforts.

## VBS to be held at St. Patrick's Church

Vacation Bible school will get underway at St. Patrick's Church in Heppner starting June 18. The theme for the week will be "God Rocks".

VBS will be held from Monday, June 18,

through Thursday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Children from four years old through high school are invited to attend to learn about the Mass and the saints' lives. Activities will include crafts, songs and

games. Snacks will be provided.

Sign up by calling Kathy Cutsforth, 676-5064.

There is no cost and everyone is welcome.

**CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY**  
 Friday, June 15, 2007  
 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 (at the City Park!)

**BEO's staff from the Heppner Branch will be grillin' burgers (and hot diggity dogs for the kiddies!) and we'll have all the fixin's! (Just to show how much we appreciate our customers and community!)**

**And! As an added attraction, Members of the Morrow County Fair Board will be supplying assorted salads to accompany those burgers!**

**"See you at the City Park!"**

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