

Wheat Foundation announces scholarship winners

The Oregon Wheat Foundation has announced the 2007 scholarship recipients. \$500 scholarships were awarded to four high school seniors, Michelle Rucker, Arlington High School, Regi Seitz, Heppner High School, Whitney Lenhart, Helix High School and Stacy Marie Bird, Sherman High School. Students were judged on their community involvement, academic achievement and an essay on a wheat industry topic.

Michelle Rucker, Arlington High School graduate, is the daughter of Jim and Sarah Rucker. She was very active in volleyball, basketball, track and rodeo. She served as a 4-H junior and teen leader. She will at-

tend Oregon State University and major in business with a minor in exercise and sports science.

Regi Seitz graduated from Heppner High School. Her parents are Wayne and Lori Seitz. She served as a 4-H Ambassador, a teen leader for Students Today Aren't Ready for Sex (STARS), and lettered in three sports. She plans to study pre-law at Oregon State University.

Whitney Lenhart, daughter of Steve and Cindy Lenhart, graduated from Helix High School. She was active in 4-H, FFA, basketball, volleyball and Euro club. She plans to be an engineer and will begin her college education at Blue Mountain Community Col-

lege. Stacy Marie Bird is the daughter of Patrick and Debbie Bird. She graduated from Sherman High School and plans to study nutrition and exercise science. She is a 2A state track champion, editor of her school yearbook, and participated in a wide variety of community service projects.

Oregon Wheat Foundation Scholarships are open to high school seniors whose parents are wheat producing members of the Oregon Wheat Growers League or whose parents are employed by members of the organization. Scholarship applications for 2008 high school graduates are available online at www.owgl.org

Charles Kidd Scholarship awarded

Robert Turner of Irigton has received the \$250 Charles Kidd Scholarship administered by the Boardman Tillicum Club. This award is given based on community service involvement.

Turner is a 2007 Riverside High School graduate and is a 2006 Renaissance Award winner. He participated in football, basketball and track and has received several awards for sports during his four years at Riverside High School. His community service involved volunteering at the Irigton Watermelon Festival, Riverside

Kids Basketball Camp, Family Worship Center, Cycle Oregon, and carpentry and welding projects for the high school. He plans to attend a four year college to study engineering.

The Boardman Tillicum Club is Boardman's oldest service club and administers the Charles Kidd Scholarship given to graduating Riverside High School students with an emphasis on community service. Applications for 2008 high school graduates may be obtained at the counselor's office at Riverside High School.

Lexington Baptist VBS cancelled

The Lexington Baptist Church will not be able to sponsor a vacation Bible school June 19 through June 23 as previously planned.

The youth group from the Umatilla Baptist Church, who had planned to

lead the program, will not be available that week.

The church hopes to be able to schedule an activity at a later date, according to a church spokesperson.

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Thank you to Tom & Debbie Campbell for donating the sheep for the Mutton Bustin; Joe, Pat, & Mark Kintz for donating the pigs for the kids pig scramble; Judy Alford family & Bob & Glenda Lee for sponsoring the horse races; Morrow County Grain Growers for the use of the tractor; Rocky Goodell for use of equipment; all who donated cash; and our many volunteers.

Spray Rodeo Association, Inc.

HHS Greenhouse holds plant sale



Frank Meyer helps customer Sandy Matthews with her selections during the recent plant sale held at the Heppner High School greenhouse.



Lane Wright uses his customer service skills with Bailley Keithly as she decides which hanging basket to buy her mom.

HHS students receive presentation from OSP and Bomb Squad



Jonathon Hendricks tries on the bomb suit with a little help from Karl Farber and Dennis Wagner.



Karl Farber and Dennis Wagner talk to the class and show some of the equipment that they use on the job.



Karl Farber and Dennis Wagner prepare to set the robot up to be used in a demonstration. -All photos by Beth Dickenson

Karl Farber and Dennis Wagner from the Oregon State Police and Bomb Squad came to Heppner High School to present information about their careers and students' future possibilities during a presentation during Beth Dickenson's freshman careers class.

They brought out a bomb suit and students were able to try it on and go for a walk (it weighs approxi-

mately 90 pounds), and on a hot day it was far from comfortable.

They also brought the robot used with bombs and were able to show students how it worked.

Farber, an Oregon State Trooper also talked about his experience being on the SWAT team and a fire investigator.

Heppner FFA banquet held

The Heppner FFA Chapter recently held their first annual FFA Banquet at which, supporting citizens and "hardworking" students were honored for their involvement in FFA.

Brian and Susie Thompson and family and Ken Bailey and family were honored for going "above and beyond" for the FFA Chapter, and are now members of the FFA Honorary Chapter.

The Distinguished Service Award was given to many businesses and individuals that gave support to the FFA Chapter, said advisor Beth Dickenson. Kevin and Angie Hughes, Tim and Shannon Rust, Bobbette Lovgren, Daye Stone, Vicky Rayburn, Lorrie Fox and Mark Burrows were all helpful in helping organize activities, working at the activities, chaperoning FFA activities or donating money to the chapter.

Pendleton Electric donated over \$4,000 in labor to help rewire the greenhouse and barn, and Morrow Country Grain Growers donated the propane tank for the greenhouse and installed the heater. Columbia Plateau Pheasants Forever was a "huge help" when it came to needing money for field trips, said Dickenson. They offered numerous fundraising activities for FFA and horticulture classes to do.

Students received awards for their participation in the FFA chapter. Discovery Degrees were awarded to Lane Wright, Whitney Matthews, Frank Meyer and Heather Wiggers, allowing them to continue their success in FFA.

Green Hand Degrees were awarded to members that have participated in FFA and have satisfactory plans for their SAE projects. These members were Emily Thompson, Brynna Rust, Dalton Wellman, Taylor Disque, Kendra Rayburn, Kelsie Fox, Stephanie Howard, Wacy Coil, Jason Wainwright, Trent Miles, Esgar Sanchez, Dillon Luther and Jessica Hughes.

The Star Green Hand Award was given to the most active member (and voted on by their classmates) who has a strong SAE and had demonstrated leadership. This year the receiver of the Star Green Hand Award was Kendra Rayburn.

"The Heppner FFA hopes to continue the tradition of the FFA Banquet for many years to come," said Dickenson.

FFA car wash to be held Friday

A car wash, sponsored by the Heppner FFA Chapter, will be held this Friday, June 15, beginning at 9 a.m. behind Les Schwab on Main Street in Heppner.

FFA members are raising money to attend the national FFA convention in Indianapolis.

Donations will be accepted.

ALL NEWS DEADLINE for the Heppner G-T Mondays at 5 p.m.