

Heppner FFA Chapter attends Eastern Oregon Livestock Show



Brynna Rust (left) and Jessica Hughes with livestock judge and their sheep

Brynna Rust and Jessica Hughes recently attended the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show in Union with their livestock projects. They were competing in the FFA division with their sheep projects. Heppner FFA advisor Beth Dickenson said she was very pleased with how Heppner's first show went. "Brynna won grand champion overall with her breeding ewe and Jessica received reserve champion overall with her breeding ewe. The girls did an awesome job and I think they had fun in the process," said Dickenson.

Farmers enjoy Morrow County Crop Tour



Annual crop tour

Local farmers gathered Friday, June 15, for the annual Morrow County Dryland Crop Tour. The event was hosted by Chris and Cathy Rauch and Steve and Tana Hill who call their joint farming operation north of Lexington, Starvation Farms.

Larry Lutcher, Morrow County Extension agent, had a number of speakers talk about the various test plots that have been set up on their farm. At the first site, Dan Ball spoke of herbicide options for weed control in chem fallow. Larry Lutcher and Don Wysocki, Pendleton Extension agent, gave their insights on old and new varieties of hard red winter wheat at the next stop.

Then, Chris Rauch and Bon Lee from the Wheat Marketing Center in Portland gave an overview of hard white wheat and the marketing opportunities that lie ahead for farmers who want to try their hand at raising that variety of wheat. Most of the HWW that is produced now is used domestically. This variety of wheat makes excellent noodles and steam bread. Australian HWW only makes good noodles, so according to the experts, Korea, Taiwan and Japan are anxious to buy from us if we will just produce more.

The last stop dealt with fertilizer management. Mike Flowers, OSU crop specialist, discussed several pertinent topics such as: With the cost of fertilizer high, how do growers manage it to get the best bang for their buck? Do they put

it on in the fall and gamble that they will guess the right amount of moisture during the winter? Or do they put it on in the spring after we know what kind of winter we've had? Or maybe they split it up...part in the fall at planting time and the rest of it in the spring. Also how do they manage it for protein levels in the red wheats? Flower also shared the results of this test plot with those in attendance.

A steak dinner provided by Morrow County Wheat Growers with "delicious salads and desserts brought by local farm families was the high point of the evening." The Rauchs and the Hills provided a slide show of the history of their farm through the generation-great-grandfather Chris Moehnke on down through Julian and Irv Rauch and now Chris Rauch and his sister Tana Hill. The fifth generation is being raised on the farm now. Millie Rauch had a beautiful quilt displayed in the shop that followed the same topic.

G-T closed for Fourth of July

The Heppner Gazette-Times office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The news deadline for the Thursday, July 5 paper will remain Monday at 5 p.m.

The office will reopen at its regular time on Thursday, July 5.

Heppner High School holds Night of Excellence Awards presentation

Heppner High School held a Night of Excellence awards night recently.

Presidential Awards, given to eighth and 11th grade students earning a 3.5 or higher grade-point average and exceeding in math or reading on the national norm state tests were presented to the following students:

11th grade: Latosha Bowles, Baillie Keithley, Whitney Matthews, Sean Murray, Kelsey Wolff; 8th grade: Joseph Armato, Lindsay Cutsforth, Justin Gutierrez, Brett Harrison, Donald Matthews, Julia Meyer, Ian Murray, Kelsi Putman, Devin Robinson, Daisy Victorio.

Individual academic awards were presented as follows (listed by instructor):

Jason Palmer, Physical Science: Excellence in Earth Science - Julia Meyer; Excellence in Physics - Sean Murray; Excellence in Physical Science - Maggie Armato.

Dieter Waite, Life Science: Excellence in Life Science - Devin Robinson; Excellence in Biotechnology - Maggie Armato; Excellence in Biology - Sarah Ballard.

Jeannie Collins, Language Arts 9-10: Excellence in Language Arts - Emily Thompson.

Mark Dowdy, Language Arts 11-12: Excellence in Advanced Placement Language Arts - Regi Seitz; Excellence in Language Arts 11-12 - Maggie Armato.

John Flaherty, High School Social Studies: Excellence in American History - Maggie Armato, Sheryl Peck, Sarah Ballard and Spencer Palmer.

David Melville, Junior High Social Studies and Math: Junior High Social Studies Student of Year - Julia Meyer; Excellence in

Junior High Math - Mayci Garrett; Excellence in High School Algebra I - Zach McCarl.

Troy Morgan, High School Math: Excellence in Math - Maggie Armato.

Petra Payne, Spanish - Spanish Student of the Year - Maggie Armato.

David Fowler, Technology Education: High School Student of the Year - Chess Little; Junior High Student of the Year - Devin Robinson.

Marianne Smith, Art: Excellence in Junior High Art - Julia Meyer; Excellence in Art - Caleb O'Neal, Amanda Mathe and Keshia Richmond.

Joe Lindsay, Music: Outstanding Junior High Band Student - Zechariah Hintz; Outstanding High School Band Students - Sean Murray, Jason Houweling and Kelsey Wolff; Choir - Kiritina Crumbliss.

The following high school students received an academic letter for having a 3.5 or higher grade-point average with five core classes.

-Ninth grade: Jodessa Chapa, Curtis Harper, Jordan Hatfield, Jared Huddleston, Keenan Jack, Christopher Lien, Emily Thompson, Ashley Wolff, Lane Wright.

-10th Grade: Maggie Armato, Sarah Ballard, Spencer Palmer, Sheryl Peck, Joseph Pranger, Kathryn Moore, Stephanie Rill, Jordan Shepherd, Luke Young.

-11th Grade: Luke Basile, Jenna Bowman, Latosha Bowles, Cyde Coil, Ignacio Elguezabal, Kelsie Fox, Baillie Keithley, Katie Kilkenny, Whitney Matthews, Josie Miller, Sean Murray, Megan Orr, Kendra Rayburn.

-12th Grade: Aaron Allstott, Justin Delveaux, Tony Haguewood, Mahaley Huddleston, Casey O'Neal, Quinn Peck, Regina Seitz.

Ione School Board to hire additional teacher with Ione Education Foundation funding

The Ione School Board, at their June 11 meeting, learned that the Ione Education Foundation Board of Directors has approved a grant of up to \$60,000 to fund a new elementary school teacher for the 2007-08 school year.

With the grant, the Ione Elementary School will include a kindergarten, first grade, second grade, third grade and combined fourth/fifth classrooms. The purpose of the grant was to reduce class size and the use of combination classrooms in the elementary school, especially in the primary grade levels. Average class size will now be approximately 10-12 students in kindergarten through third-grade classrooms and 17 in the fourth/fifth-grade combination classroom.

Also at the June 11 meeting, board member Gregg Rietmann was honored for his service. He was a member of the board from 2003-07 and served as co-chairman of the board and on the facilities committee during his tenure with the district.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

-approved the following extra duty contract recommendations for 2007-08: Dennis Stefani, head high school football coach,

head high school boys' basketball coach; Josh Browning, assistant high school football coach; Brandi Heideman, head high school volleyball coach, assistant high school girls' basketball coach; Lynn Dee Ramos, assistant high school volleyball coach; Dean Robinson, head middle school football coach, Outdoor School director, athletic director; Diana McElligott, middle school volleyball coach; Jim Swanson, assistant high school boys' basketball coach; Ryan Rudolf, head high school girls' basketball coach; Dick Allen, middle school boys' basketball coach; Janet Holland, Read-n-Play, SMART program; Allison Rudolf, Next Step Prep; Karen Holland, English language learner program; Jim Raible, DART program, concessions; and Lindsay Orem, special education, Talented and Gifted program.

-approved, in a three to one vote, entering a public relations contract with Umatilla-Morrow ESD for the 2007-08 year. According to the contract, the ESD, on an as-needed basis, will write press releases for upcoming events, programs and student or staff achievements; will field media calls, and serve as public information officers; will create flyers,

Crafty Ladies create smiles



'Crafty Ladies' (left to right) Eve Ironhawk, Ellen Rollis and Marj Spangler, present a Father's Day gift to Elmer Meligan, a resident at the Willow Creek Assisted Living.

The Crafty Ladies, who create arts and crafts projects and 'sunshine baskets' to cheer people with illness or injuries and for other occasions, meet every Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. and plan to start a new project soon.

Anyone who is interested in joining them may call Ellen Rollis, 676-5411, or Marj Spangler, 676-8206

HHS lists honor students

Heppner High School has released its fourth-quarter honor roll. Following are the students who have qualified:

Seventh grade: Seth Palmer, 4.0, Justin Pranger, Natalie Rauch, Zechariah Hintz, Joanna Patton, Cameron Day, Carrie Haguewood, Chase Milner, Cody Nelson, Cody Orr.

Eighth grade: Joseph Armato, Willy Gentry, Justin Gutierrez, Brett Harrison, Donald Matthews, Julia Meyer, Ian Murray and Devin Robinson, all 4.0, Kelsi Putman, Lindsay Cutsforth, Brooke Thompson, Daisy Victorio, Daniel White-Jeffreys, Kolleen Chapa, Amber Gray, Jared Hedman, Keshawna Talamantes.

Ninth grade: Emily Thompson, Ashley Wolff and Lane Wright, all 4.0, Jared Huddleston, Frank Meyer, Christopher Lien,

Jodessa Chapa, Curtis Harper, Brynna Rust, Jordan Hatfield, Andrew Johnson, Erin Price.

10th grade: Maggie Armato, Sarah Ballard, Spencer Palmer, Sheryl Peck and Jordan Shepherd, all 4.0, Quinn Chick, Grant Smith, Joseph Pranger, Stephanie Rill, Luke Young.

11th grade: Latosha Bowles, Sean Murray, Megan Orr and Kelsey Wolff, all 4.0, Whitney Matthews, Sarah Johnson, Josie Miller, Tim Hauer, Ignacio Elguezabal, Katie Kilkenny, Baillie Keithley, Luke Basile, Jenna Bowman, Kylie Doherty, Taylor Kempas, Matthew McCabe, Andre Rauch.

12th grade: Aaron Allstott, Sarah Price and Regina Seitz, all 4.0, Justin Delveaux, Lyndi Patton, Casey O'Neal, Quinn Peck, Mahaley Huddleston, Meghan Gaines, Robert Smith.

brochures and posters; create fact sheets for the media and provide other community relations services as requested.

-heard information regarding the latest proposal to renovate the existing custodial house for use as a weight room. The board has asked that other options

Texas Hold'em tournament Saturday in Ione

The Ione Red, White & Blues Cruisin' to the Blues second annual Texas Hold'em Poker tournament will be held this Saturday, June 23, at the Ione American Legion Hall on Second St. in Ione.

Sign-up begins at 6 p.m. Those planning to at

be pursued, including the addition of a garage to the custodial house.

-adopted the 2007-08 budget.

-approved the ELL plan.

-learned that the next board meeting will be August 20. No board meeting will be held in July.

tend are reminded that there will be no late signups. Buy-in will be \$40.

Cash and prizes will be awarded and a no-host bar will be available.

For more information, contact Marvin Padberg, 422-7276.

WCCC playday held

WCCC ladies playday was held June 12. Low gross of the field was Eva Kilkenny; low net of the field was Jean Strange, and least putts of the field was Joanne Barbie.

Flight A: low gross Virginia Grant; low net Karen Thompson; least putts Betty Christman. Flight B: low gross Luvilla Sonstegard. Flight C: low gross Pat Dougherty, low net Lorrene

Montgomery, least putts Berniece Lott.

Other events: second shot on no. 6 K.P. on all flights - Virginia Grant. Long drive each flight no. 1 - Karen Thompson (A), Luvilla Sonstegard (B), Berniece Lott (C).

There were 10 players participating in the playday.

A nine-hole tournament held Tuesday, June 26.