

## IHS classes learn about wildlife habitat and forestry health



Students listening to Dale Boyd from the U.S. Forest Service, Heppner Ranger District, at a Heppner lookout tower.



Kristi Groves visiting with students along one of the many fish habitat restoration projects the Forest Service is working on.

Ione High School advanced biology and crop science classes spent two days in the foothills of the Blue Mountains getting a first hand look at the improvements being made to wildlife habitat and forestry health. With the assistance of Heppner forest rangers, Dale Boyd and Kristi Groves, students from Erin Heideman and Dale Holland's classes attended an overnight field trip to view fish habitat restoration projects and the process a forest undergoes as it battles erosion, loss of vegetation and the right of succession of new forest growth after

a fire. "What a tremendous opportunity for our kids," said Dale Holland.

That night, students and chaperons stayed the night at Joe McElligott's cabin before touring the logging operation of Bruce Young. "It was very generous of Joe and our other chaperons to attend," said Erin Heideman, crop science teacher.

Dana Heideman donated the proceeds from a float trip he captains that was auctioned during the Ione 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration that made the field trip possible.

## Heppner FFA news

By: Kendra Rayburn

Recently 12 members of the Heppner FFA chapter hopped on a plane and flew to Indianapolis, IN. They were heading to the 80<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention.

The students were chaperoned by their Ag teacher, Beth Dickenson, as well as Heppner High School principal, Daye Stone. Also traveling with the Heppner kids were 3 students from Condon, along with their advisor, Kris Kizer.

The kids were gone for duration of eight days. They got to see many new and different things. From roller coasters to Amish, the kids were very enthusiastic. They also got an opportunity to meet Mrs. Dickenson's parents, who raise Draft horses.

A few tours they attended were: Lincoln Electric, Churchill Downs, Louisville Slugger Factory, and Select Sires AI Facility.

By Wednesday afternoon, they arrived in Indianapolis for convention. This was a very big year for convention. There were 56,000 FFA members attending.

At convention, members attended sessions, and went on tours, such as Dow Agrosiences and Lincoln Tech. 11 of the 15 members also got the chance to do some service at convention. They were a part of the National Courtesy Corps. Their duties involved taking tickets for the hypnotist show. This proves to be a very humorous and rewarding event.

The students and chaperones returned home on October 28. Everyone

that attended the convention were thankful for being able to attend such a memorable event.

The FFA is appreciative of everyone that had helped out in the process of the fundraising.

## Baker Elks Hall to host Dancing with the Blues

Jimmy Lloyd Rea and the Switchmasters will provide the music at an event called Dancing with the Blues on Saturday, November 10, at the Baker Elks Hall for a meet and greet with a few democratic candidates.

Democratic candidates Jeff Merkley, Steve Novick, and Vicki Walker will have approximately seven minutes each to give an onstage speech. After their speeches, each candidate will have their own stage in different areas to hold a talk to citizens and answer questions from the press.

Tickets for this event are \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for 18 and under. ID is required for this event and will last from 7-12 p.m. The Baker Elks Hall is located at 1896 Second Street in Baker. For more information contact Chuck Butcher at 541-519-7080.

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## Heppner Methodist Women donate raffle money to Senior Center



Peggy Conner, president of the Heppner Methodist Women presents a check for \$300 to Kathy Turner, manager of the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The Heppner Methodist Women held their annual fall bazaar and luncheon on Friday, November 2, in the basement social hall of the Methodist Church.

At noon, a drawing was held to raffle off a quilt

hanging donated by Daisy Collins. \$300 was raised during the raffle and was donated to the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The quilt hanging was won by Maureen Howard.

## Oregon East Symphony to present concert

The Oregon East Symphony will join with its preparatory orchestra, the A Sharp Players, to present a concert Sat. Nov. 17 at 7:30 pm at the Vert Auditorium, 400 SW Dorion, in Pendleton.

Under the baton of Kenneth Woods of Wales, U.K., the two orchestras will present Beethoven's Eighth Symphony. The OES will present a new work by Leandro Espinosa of La Grande his "Movement for Strings."

Leandro Espinosa is a professor at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. He conducts the Grand Ronde Symphony, teaches cello and is becoming well-known as a composer. He is a native of Mexico.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, at Armchair Books in Pendleton or by calling the OES office at 541-276-0320.

The A Sharp Players consists of musicians from age 11 through adult with helpers from the OES. They rehearse every Sunday for two hours from October until their final concert in April. It is open to anyone who plays at an intermediate level, and has no age requirements.

Over time, many of the A# Players become regular members of the OES. Ken Woods of Wales directs this group and Travis Sipher, strings instructor in Pendleton, directs them when Ken is out of town. They prepare and perform basic symphonic literature.

Other concerts and recitals sponsored by the OES are Ken Woods, cellist and conductor of the OES in a recital with Sheila Zilar, pianist, from Richland, WA on Friday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Arts Center of Pendleton. The Holiday Music Festival featuring the OES Chorale, a local bell choir and the A Sharp Players will be presented Sat. Dec. 8 at 7:30 in the Vert Auditorium, 400 SW Dorion.

## ODFW Access and Habitat Program grant keeps 42,000 acres of private land near Heppner open to hunting for five years

A \$319,780 grant from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Access and Habitat Program will keep the 42,304-acre Heppner Regulated Hunt Area open to public hunting access on an 'welcome to hunt basis' for the next five years.

The Heppner Regulated Hunt Area is located about two miles southeast of Heppner and is comprised of a block of private lands that are open to year-round public access for a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities including hunting, fishing and camping. In return, the landowners receive a per-acre payment provided by the Access and Habitat Program grant. In addition, the Oregon State Police patrols the area daily during hunting seasons.

In existence since 1968, the Heppner Regulated Hunt Area is extremely popular with the public. In 2006, more than 2,000 hunters used the area for a total of 7,253 hunter days. Hunting opportunities include mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, pronghorn, pheasant, Hungarian partridge, chukar, California quail, blue and ruffed grouse, wild turkey and mourning dove.

ODFW also works with the six participating landowners to manage motor vehicle use of the area and assist with wildlife habitat improvement projects.

The A&H Program is funded by a \$2 surcharge on hunting licenses. Funds raised by the program are distributed through grants to individual and corporate landowners, conservation organizations and others for cooperative wildlife habitat improvement and hunter access projects throughout the state.

For information on the A&H Program call program coordinator Matt Keenan at 503-947-6087 or visit the Web site at [www.dfw.state.or.us/AH/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/AH/).

## Second man arrested in fatal El Monte racing crash

*Editor's Note: The following story can be found at [www.cbs2.com](http://www.cbs2.com). Steve Groce, a 1982 graduate of Heppner High School, lost his family in the October 8 accident.*

A 21-year-old man allegedly involved in a street race that resulted in the death of a woman and her two young children in El Monte was in custody Tuesday following his arrest in Mexico, police said.

Martin Marones of El Monte was tracked down in Mexico by the U.S. Marshals Service, El Monte police Lt. Ken Alva said.

El Monte police officials plan to hold a news conference at 10 a.m. regarding Marones' arrest, Alva said.

Marones is expected to be charged with three counts of murder, plus hit-and-run charges -- the same charges brought against the other driver, 19-year-old Robert Canizalez.

The two are accused of killing 41-year-old Dora Groce, her 8-year-old son, Robert, and her 4-year-old daughter, Catherine, during a street race on Oct. 8. The drivers were racing north on Parkway Drive

when a gray Nissan Altima came out of a trailer park and was broadsided by Canizalez's Mustang. El Monte police Detective Ralph Batres said.

The Altima burst into flames, killing Groce and her two children. Canizalez was arrested on the night of the crash by El Monte police and is being held at the Men's Central Jail in downtown Los Angeles on \$3 million bail. He was set to be arraigned Thursday in Pomona Superior Court.

Marones was at large until Monday's arrest. No information was immediately released on when he would be arraigned in California.

An attorney, meanwhile, said he would be filing a \$100 million suit in Los Angeles Superior Court Tuesday on behalf of the victims' family. The suit will state that the two men involved in the race are liable for wrongful death, gross negligence and intentional negligence. It will also allege product liability and negligence on the part of Nissan, according to attorney Charles T. Mathews.

## FBLA students attend National Fall Leadership Conference



Pictured are Baillie Keithley, Ashley Wolff and Kellee Jones.

On November 2 and 3, a small entourage of Heppner High students accompanied their FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) advisor, Darlene Marquardt, to the National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC) held this year in Portland.

Students from all over the United States attend one of four NFCL conferences this month. It will be several years before the conference will be in Portland again. Students from Texas, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada,

California, Washington, Oregon and several other states gathered in Portland to attend workshops and listen to motivational speakers.

The weekend was fast-paced and exciting. Students came home motivated to be leaders in their school and community. Heppner students will be raising funds to pay for the trip they just took and build up funds for a regional trip in February and State Conference in April. Anyone wishing to donate to help defer expenses may send a check to Heppner High School FBLA.

## Pheasant's Forever to hold youth pheasant hunt

The 'Columbia Plateau Chapter of Pheasant's Forever' will be holding a Ringneck Youth Pheasant Hunt Saturday, November 17, at Jeff Cutsforth's Farm on Nicholls Road in Lexington.

The event is open to any youth 17 and under. Refreshments will be available.

Registration is limited to the first 24 callers. Each hunter must be accompanied by a non-hunter 21 years of age or older. A Safety meeting will be held before the hunt for all participants. Those interested can sign up by calling Mike Bennett at 676-5798 in the evenings.

## State Weed Board grants available

The Oregon State Weed Board invites you to apply for grant funding for noxious weed control projects related to the protection and enhancement of watersheds and fish and wildlife. The closing date for this round of grant funding is December 3.

Information regarding grant applications may be obtained through the Morrow County Weed Control office (541-989-9502) or online at the ODA Noxious Weed Control web page at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS.grantindex.shtml>.