

## Suspect leads police on extensive chase

On January 10, 2008 at approximately 11:06 p.m. Morrow County Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 Center received a report from an employee at RDO Farms located west of Boardman. They reported a white SUV that was last seen on Three Mile Road headed towards Interstate 84 with stolen wire.

The wire was determined to be stolen out of Gilliam County. Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Gilliam County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police were dispatched to the area and located the vehicle on Highway 74. After a short vehicle and foot pursuit, one of the suspects, Michael J. Stiles, date of birth March 29, 1964 from Stanfield was arrested by Gilliam County Sheriff's Office on their charges. He was transported and lodged at NORCOR in The Dalles.

During the investigation it was determined that another suspect was also involved. After extensive searching by the above agencies, he was not able to be located. All the residences within a five mile radius of Highway 74 near mile post 12 were notified to be on the lookout for a male wearing camouflaged clothing and on foot.

On January 11 at approximately 1:05 p.m. Morrow County Undersheriff Steve Myren located a male wearing camouflaged clothing driving a green 4-wheeler ATV on Wilson Road and Main Street in Boardman. The vehicle failed to yield and Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Boardman Police Department and Oregon State Police began a pursuit. The pursuit went through multiple fields south of Boardman, through the Boardman Bombing Range where law enforcement lost sight of the

vehicle. It was subsequently learned that the ATV was stolen from a residence near mile post 10 on Highway 74 outside of Ione.

Personnel from the Bombing Range were contacted and they responded from Hermiston. After a long search, the Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 Center received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Bombing Range Road driving at a slow rate of speed. Undersheriff Myren responded to that location and located tracks that were consistent with a 4-wheeler crossing Bombing Range Road and into the Potlach Tree Farm.

Law enforcement followed the tracks through Potlach and some fields where the ATV was located behind a residence on County Line Road in Morrow County near the Umatilla Army Depot. Law enforcement received permission from the owner of the residence to search for the suspect.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Pratt located the subject hiding in a bathtub in the residence.

Weston Tyler Kestner, 36, from Hermiston was arrested for attempting to elude police by vehicle, burglary I, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, theft I, and criminal trespass II (x3). He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail in Pendleton with bail set at \$52,000.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office appreciates the Oregon State Police, the Gilliam County Sheriff's Office, the Boardman Police Department, the Boardman Code Enforcement Officer, the Boardman Ambulance crew, Morrow County Emergency Management, Boardman Bombing Range crew and private citizens for all their assistance.

## Dessert auction to be held

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual dessert auction will be held by the HHS cheerleaders on Saturday, January 19, in the gym during half-time of the girls' and boys' varsity basketball games.

Cheesecake, sugar cookies, German chocolate cheesecake, caramel pecan cinnamon rolls, and red velvet cake are among some of the items that will be auctioned. Ken Grieb will be the auctioneer.

## Lexington Baptist Church to host Men's Breakfast

Lexington Baptist Church will be hosting a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, January 20, at 8 a.m. The menu will include French toast, eggs, sausage, ham, fruit and beverages. It is up to us provide the good fellowship. The church is looking forward to meeting men from the community and visiting with new friends. Everyone is invited to attend.

## New riding clubs at the fairgrounds

The Morrow County Fair, with help from people in the community, has started two clubs for people interested in using the Wilkinson Arena. They are the Wilkinson Arena Riding Club (WARC) and the Morrow County Roping Club (MCRC).

The WARC uses the arena on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. The price of membership for a month is \$50 for individual or \$65 for family. If you

have any questions or would like to join them you can call Sue Gibbs at 676-5446.

The MCRC will use the arena on Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. and on Sundays the hours will be: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3-6 p.m. and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. The price for membership in the MCRC is \$50 per individual or \$65 per family or partner. The people to contact about joining are Keith Herbison 676-5343 or Ron McDowell 989-8116.

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The Fair is hoping this will increase the usage of the indoor arena. If you cannot join the clubs, you can ride any other time for \$5 an hour. Tokens are still available at the MCGG Feed Store and from the Fair Office. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays the Horse 4-H uses the arena from 1-3 p.m. For more information contact anyone listed or the Fair Office at 676-9474.

## January child care trainings to be held

The following child care classes will be held for interested child caregivers:

-Understanding Temperament of Infants and Toddlers will be held on Thursday, January 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Hermiston. This session utilizes materials from zero to three, Parent-Provider Partnerships in Child Care. The cost is \$5.

-Child Care Health and Safety (Spanish) will be held on Thursday, January 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Hermiston. This class is a five-part training and the cost is \$5 per session or \$20 for all sessions.

-How Children View the World will be held Tuesday, January 22, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Pendleton. The cost is \$5 per session.

-Medic First Aid/CPR will be held January 22-24, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. in Hermiston. There are 12 positions available for this class. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. The cost is \$30 for both sessions. When calling to register, ask about how you can receive a \$15 scholarship.

-Child Care Health and Safety (English) will be held Tuesday, January 29, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Pendleton. This class is a five-part training and the cost is \$5 per session of \$20 for all sessions.

-Food Handler Certification Packets (Self-Study) is \$10. Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect packets (Self-Study) are \$15. Packets are available at the office.

For more information or to pre-register for classes, call Child Care Resources and Referral at 800-559-5878 or 541-564-6878.

## NHS sponsoring Pennies for Patients program

The National Honor Society at Heppner High School will be sponsoring the Pennies for Patients program January 22 through February 7.

The Pennies for Patients is a fundraising program that will help children fighting leukemia and ameliorate the patients' and their families' strains. Proceeds from this program go toward the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society whose mission is to cure blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

There will be many special days in an effort to bring attention to the program such as Penny Day, Nickel Day, and Slipper Day. The Junior High and High School classes will be competing against each other for a prize of an extended lunch or a movie afternoon.

## HHS announces Staff Member of the Month

By KayLee Helfrecht

The leadership class has decided that since HHS is an exceptional school, we need to spot light a staff member whom we feel deserves special recognition. Our spotlight staff member this month is Mrs. Munkers.

Mrs. Munkers was born in Lewiston, ID and raised in Athena. She moved to Heppner because she married into it. Mrs. Munkers has three boys that all went to school at HHS. Mrs. Munkers' favorite thing about Heppner is the close community and how everyone helps other people. When Mrs. Munkers was asked what she like most about working at HHS she replied, "Seeing the light bulb go on in students."

She has been working at HHS for 24 years and her most memorable memory here is when all three of her boys competed in the state championship football game and they also competed in the state track meet. In her spare time she likes to sew, walk, go to sporting events, and play with her grandchildren. In the summer when Mrs. Munkers isn't working hard teaching she paints and plays with her grand children. Eventually, Mrs. Munkers would like to retire and enjoy her grand kids.

"Mrs. Munkers is the most overworked and under appreciated woman in this school," said Mr. Flaherty. This is why the leadership class has chosen Mrs. Munkers to be the Staff of the Month.

## NHS members using BABES curriculum for puppet shows

By Kelsey Wolff

Recently, the National Honor Society has been involved in another community service project. The members have started giving puppet shows using the BABES (BABES stands for Beginning Alcohol and Addictions Basic Education Studies) curriculum.

The members of NHS went to a training day, where they were shown which puppets they would use, practiced giving the shows, learned what they were going to be teaching, and basically had fun. The puppet shows are given to elementary schools students on a weekly basis. There are several levels of BABES: Primary (pre-school), lower elementary (K-3), upper elementary (4-6), interme-

diated (7-9), and advanced (9-12). The members of NHS are currently giving lower elementary shows, but when they have finished the program they will move on to upper elementary.

There are six different lessons in each group, each specialized to their audience. Every lesson in each level focuses on the same theme, though. The first lesson was focused on Self-Image.

Kelsey Wolff, President of the NHS, was quoted as saying "I love doing the different voices for the puppets! The kids love it, and it's tons of fun," said NHS President Kelsey Wolff. Nacho Elguezabal stated, "I really felt great teaching little kids about making good decisions."

## Bank of Eastern Oregon announces opening date of new Boardman branch building

Bank of Eastern Oregon announces its new Boardman branch facility located at 100 City Center Drive will be open for business on January 22. Operations at the Bank's current facility on NW Front Street will continue through the end of business Friday, January 18.

"Bank of Eastern Oregon celebrates its 10 years in the Boardman market with the opening of our new banking facility. The better location and increased floor space positions us to better serve the expanding commercial and consumer business in Boardman and development in the Port of Morrow. We are proud to occupy an anchor location in the City Center complex," said President and CEO E. George Koffler.

With a beautiful

design by Sargent Architects of Hermiston and construction by Mike Becker General Contractor, Inc. of LaGrande, the single-story building features two drive-up banking lanes, each wide and long enough for multiple vehicles, with a drive-up ATM and Night Depository for customer convenience and safety. A high-ceiling banking floor is flanked by an expanded lending platform and support areas. The building design allows for expansion off of the wings as future needs dictate. A week-long Grand Opening Celebration is set for February 11-15.

For further information, please contact Gary Propheter, EVP & Chief Operations Officer, at Bank of Eastern Oregon at [gpropheter@beobank.com](mailto:gpropheter@beobank.com).

## Fundraiser being held for reading program

For the 19<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Time Out for Reading is underway in grades five and six at Heppner Elementary School. The students spend the month of January reading as many minutes as they possibly can, and are rewarded with prizes and activities along the way. On Thursday, January 17, students will begin reading after school and will con-

tinue reading all night.

The program is self-sufficient, receiving no money from HES or the District. In an effort to raise funds for this year's program, a whole pan of Mrs. Allen's famous Babe Ruth Bars will be raffled off to a lucky winner. Tickets for the drawing are \$1 each or six for \$5, and are available at HES, Heppner High, and

Heppner TV. The fortunate recipient will be announced on Thursday, January 24, at 5 p.m.

"Mrs. Allen's Babe Ruth bars are the best," commented one hopeful ticket buyer.

Mrs. Allen's reply to that compliment was, "I'm afraid my tombstone will read... HERE LIES MRS. ALLEN... SHE MADE A MEAN BABY RUTH BAR."

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**Town and Country Banquet to be held January 17**

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual Town and Country Banquet on Thursday, January 17, at 6 p.m. at the Elks Club. This year's theme is "Celebrating Small Time Life" and is sponsored by CenturyTel.

Prime rib will be served for dinner and tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets can be purchased at BEO, Murray's, Heppner City Hall, and Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Award categories for this year are Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Citizen-Educator of the Year, Youth Recognition, Business of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement.

Dinner will be prepared by the Elks Club and served by the Heppner High School Senior Class. The Heppner Garden Club will be providing the decorations. Jewelry has been donated by Peterson's Jewelers.

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