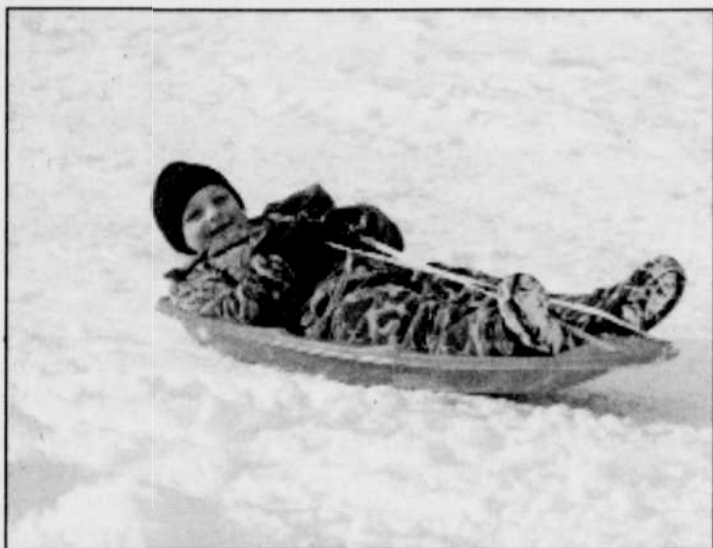


# Hooray for snow days!



Heppner students enjoyed their snow days on Monday and Tuesday with a lot of sledding. -Photos by Sandy Matthews and Autumn Morgan

## Heppner Elementary students participate in Knowledge Master

The Heppner Elementary Knowledge Master team competed in the winter Knowledge Master competition on Tuesday, January 15. The competition was held in the computer lab and was closed to the public. Students, as a team, answered questions from all academic areas. They were then scored by the number of answers they had correct and the time that it took them to answer. The results were sent to Academic Hallmarks where they were compiled and rated against teams of comparable school size from practically every state and many countries.

The Heppner Elementary team consists of

fifteen 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders who earned their position by taking a qualifying test. Members are: Cade Arbogast, Caitlynn Bailey, Kai Arbogast, Jeff Dowdy, Andrew Hatfield, Ross Cutsforth, Jasmine Garcia, Mekayla Kindle, Cody Brown, Ryan Dougherty, Skyler Hawks, Victor Meyer, Joe Schmidt and Alyssa Wizner.

This same team will compete in another Knowledge Master Challenge in March. Molly Rill, TAG Coordinator and coach of the group, described them as "students that really want to learn something new. They have been a great group to work with."

## Heppner Library offers free downloadable books

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, at the Heppner City hall, the Friends of the Heppner Library will have their annual Love Your Library event.

There will be a very brief annual business report, a very special volunteer will be recognized, and Marsha Richmond will present the program entitled "Library 2 Go: Downloadable Audio Books."

Did you know that with your library card, you could download books onto a portable MP3 player or your own PC for free? Marsha is going to explain and demonstrate how to do this. Just think, instead of music, you can have a book to listen to as you work in the yard or as you travel or even to listen to at home. The library even has an MP3 player that it checks out, among many other interesting devices.

After the presentation, there will be refreshments served, and people may ask Marsha any questions they might have about the program.

The library is excited to let patrons know all the great things they now offer. Come and learn something new about your library.

## Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District meeting to be held

A regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, at 6 p.m. at the Ag Service Building. Agenda items include: Manager/staff report, January treasurer report, Annual report, next year's annual meeting time and place, OACD dues, possible loss of district funding due to tipage fees to cities, and agency reports.

The public is welcome to attend.

## NHS sponsoring Pennies for Patients program

The National Honor Society at Heppner High School is currently sponsoring the Pennies for Patients program 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.

## Hisler celebrates 100 years of memories

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90. All household water was carried into the house from a pitcher pump on the porch except during freezing weather when the pump had to be drained and water was carried from a spring. Water had to be heated on the wood stove for bathing, clothes washing, etc. Containers of butter, milk and perishable foods were set down in the cool spring water during hot summer days to help preserve freshness. That created lots of extra steps when cooking.

Kathleen says she has always registered as a Democrat because she credits Franklin D. Roosevelt with initiating a program through the Federal Land Bank that reduced debt obligations and gave debt repayment extensions to prevent ranch foreclosures. Kathleen continues to keep up on the political arena. When asked as to what candidate

she may vote for in 2008, she replied that she hasn't yet made up her mind.

A highlight of the 30s was the birth of two daughters, Joan was born in 1930. She and her husband Jim Sumner live in The Dalles. Francine was born in 1931. She and her husband Tom Bristow live in Rockaway. Kathleen recalls riding horseback cross-country on a high-strung horse while holding on to her two little girls so she could visit a neighbor, Annie Schaffer. When the girls became school age, she rented an apartment and she lived in town with them during school days. Bus routes back then were limited. During their high school years, those girls served on Heppner Rodeo and Pendleton Round-up courts. An enjoyment of rodeos continued and Kathleen and Paul seldom missed a rodeo through those years.

Paul served on the fair and rodeo boards while Kathleen served in her church by singing in the choir and teaching catechism. Kathleen was also a valuable resource for people researching Morrow or Gilliam County family heritages.

Two major events happened in 1948. Son Paul Anthony was born that year and rural electrification radically changed the Hisler ranch life. Electrical appliances were gradually acquired, yet for several years Kathleen continued to stomp on the starting pedal of her gas powered Montgomery Ward clothes washing machine. Mechanized equipment replaced horse drawn farm machinery. Cattle replaced bands of sheep since cattle were less labor intensive and a better profit margin. Before then, Kathleen says their first automobile, a secondhand Essex, was purchased for \$50 from Bob Thompson in the 1930s. However, those earlier trips to town over rather primitive roads

were limited to church or for necessary supplies. Winter snow often made their roads impassable.

In the 1980s Paul Jr. and Susan Hisler's children were born, Shaun, Annie, and Shad. Kathleen now had a watchful eye on her grandchildren growing up on this Century Ranch. Today Paul Jr., Susan, along with Shaun, wife Stephanie and their children who are fourth and fifth generation families, continue Kathleen and Paul's cattle ranching way of life.

In 1988, Kathleen and her cousin, James Farley, representing pioneering Irish settlers, shared grand marshal honors for the annual St. Patrick's celebration in Heppner. Kathleen continues to keep abreast of family members, including eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Kathleen is a living history book who personally experienced the transition from horse and buggy days to jet-age and outer space travels.

## Morrow County Fair and OTRP coronation to be held

Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court will have their official coronation and fund raiser ceremonies March 2, at the Morrow County Fair Grounds in Heppner at 6 p.m.

This year the coronation will also be a dinner and fund raiser for the court. There will be silent and live auctions, live entertainment, and no host bar. The theme is 'Mardi Gras' celebration. Items that are being donated are horse breeding services trees, dinners, clothing, blankets, salon items and services, gift items, tack and much more. They are still looking for more items to be added to the auctions and any monetary donations or sponsorships for the cost of the dinner and or the courts expenses for the year.

'We are so excited about this event this year. It is an opportunity to introduce the young ladies representing Morrow county, but also an opportunity to raise monies needed for them to travel across the state promoting their fair and rodeo.'

stated court director Sylvia Sandford. "Glenda Taylor, court chaperone and I know that everyone that attends our coronation will have a great time. There is something for everyone," added Sandford. "This year's court is made up of the Queen Becky Schiller, Princess Torri Lovgren and Princess Cheyene Ward. The court has made three appearances already since being named and have a full calendar for the remainder of the year. We have a lot of neighboring fair and rodeo courts coming to the coronation this year and are excited to show off our court", stated Taylor.

Dinner tickets are being pre sold for the prime rib dinner at \$20 and at the door \$25, by calling either Sylvia Sandford, at 422-7330 or Glenda Taylor at 422-7026. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the sign in for the silent auction and dinner starting at 6 p.m. You won't want to miss this year's Morrow County Fair and OTRP court's Mardi Gras celebration.

## Heppner Garden Club to meet

The Heppner Garden Club will meet on Monday, February 4, at 7 p.m. at the Sr. Center. Dorothy Jackson and Daisy Collins will be the hostesses. Members are asked to bring any tips for preparing for spring pre-planting.

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