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Shannon Rust to take over as county Wheat Growers League president



Justin Miller and Shannon Rust

Justin Miller, Morrow County Oregon Wheat Growers League president, has passed the gavel to Shannon Rust. Miller has served as the Morrow County president for the past seven years. He has chosen to resign the position effective December 31, 2008. Rust has served the

wheat producers of Oregon previously as the OWGL Membership Committee Chair, but has advocated for the wheat industry for many years.

Shannon and her husband, Tim, farm near Echo, and have three children, Brian, Brooke and Brynna.

Heppner schools hold Christmas programs



Jordan Hatfield and Drew Johnson perform a solo at the Heppner High School and Heppner Elementary School music program. -Photo by Sandy Matthews



Kai Arbogast performed as a reindeer at the HES music program. The program followed the American Idol theme. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Obituary

Brette K. Howell-Tallman

Word has been received of the death of former Heppner resident, Brette K. Howell-Tallman, 57, on November 19, 2008, due to a sudden, massive heart attack.

Brette Howell was born June 22, 1951, to Nellie Howell at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. She was raised by her maternal grandparents, Thomas and Mildred Howell. A year later her cousin, Patricia Howell-Harnden, was adopted and the two cousins grew up together as sisters. She attended school in Heppner with the class of 1969.

In 1967 she married Frank McFadden and the two had a daughter, Billie Jo McFadden, in Heppner. They later divorced and she married Norm Diggins. They both worked at the mill in Heppner, but after the mill shut down moved to Alaska, where their daughter, Shari Diggins was born. They later divorced and then returned to Oregon.

She married Sydney "Butch" Tallman on 3-30-03 in Goldendale, WA.

She was a licensed realtor, receiving her certificate in Washington

She was "all about the outdoors" and loved to camp out, fish and hunt. She was passionate about her love of horses and was a member of the Heppner Wrangler's Club and received many ribbons and prizes for her horsemanship. She had been a member of a 4-H Horse Club, a 4-H cooking club and the Rainbow Girls Society. She was baptized in the Heppner Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband, Sydney, Goldendale, WA; her birth mother, Nellie Howell Moore, Battleground, WA; stepfather, Sonny Moore, Battleground, WA; daughters, Billie Jo McFadden, Vancouver, Shari Diggins, Ontario; sister/cousin, Patricia Howell Harnden, Athena, OR; three grandchildren and another on the way; and numerous other relatives.

Her wishes were for a private ceremony.

Thrivent for Lutherans makes donation to Neighborhood Center



Neva DeMayo, board member of the Umatilla-Morrow County chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans, presents a check for \$180 to Janice Skaggs for food baskets for the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

Heppner mayor visits HES

From Heppner Elementary teacher Jannie Allen

A month or more ago, the Heppner Elementary School's government class' daily vocabulary word was "mayor." Many of the fourth graders didn't know what, or who, a mayor was, said teacher Jannie Allen. So they decided to invite Heppner's mayor, Les Paustian, to visit the Social Studies class. Tim Jaca from the class called the mayor and he agreed to visit, which he did later that week.

Mayor Paustian told about his roles as mayor, and the students asked a variety of questions. They were surprised that he did all of that work without being paid, and that led to a discussion of doing the right thing to help out your community. As the mayor told about the improvement project soon to begin on Court Street, the idea of helping to fix the

footbridge from Court Street to the main part of town was born.

Class members were supposed to have a bake sale to raise money to help repair that bridge the evening, but when the light parade was cancelled, so was the bake sale.

The students wrote letters to the mayor, thanking him for visiting the class.

Morrow County Health Department schedule

The monthly schedule for the Morrow County Health Department Offices is as follows:

- Thursday, Dec. 25: Closed for Christmas.
- Monday, Dec. 29: Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-12:30, 1-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 30: Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-12:30, 1-4:30 p.m.

BMCC honor roll released

Blue Mountain Community College has announced its honor roll.

Area students qualifying include:

Heppner: Tayler Hodges, 3.29 grade point average; Nicole Sisk, 3.5; Tonya Vawser, 3.44.

Boardman: Gilberto Alvarez, 3.0; Misty Bellamy, 3.77; Bryce Doherty, 3.06; Lea Nunamaker, 3.31; Joseph Rupe, 3.0.

Echo: Luke Basile, 4.0
Irrigon: Jacqueline Bowman, 3.0; Davis Gordanier, 3.82; Julie Gordanier, 4.0; Debra Hansen, 3.23; Jennifer Phillips, 3.29; Daniele Snyder, 4.0; Lauren Snyder, 4.0; Jenel Van Cleave, 3.92; Holten White, 3.23; Rhonda Wilhelm, 4.0.

Lexington: Gabriel Owen, 3.25; Melinda Smith, 3.71; Tammy Smith, 3.79

Students may attain honors status each term by qualifying for the honor roll, dean's list or president's list. Students must have completed 12 or more credits with A, B, C or D grades and have a resulting grade point average for the term of 3.0-3.39 for honor roll; 3.40-3.84 for the dean's list and 3.85 or higher for the president's list.

Domestic Partnerships

The Morrow County Clerk has released the following information on a domestic partnership declaration:

-December 5-Douglas Earle Johnson, 52, and Francis Adolph Link, 51, both Boardman.

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