

OAKS test scores announced

Morrow County Elementary School Math Scores			
3rd Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Ione E.S.	88.90%	88.90%	76.50%
Heppner E.S.	87.00%	69.30%	76.50%
A.C. Houghton	68.30%	69.30%	76.50%
Sam Boardman	66.20%	69.30%	76.50%
4th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Heppner E.S.	82.80%	69.30%	77.20%
Ione E.S.	81.30%	81.30%	77.20%
A.C. Houghton	78.10%	69.30%	77.20%
Windy River	58.80%	69.30%	77.20%
5th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Heppner E.S.	89.70%	72.90%	76.50%
Windy River	71.20%	72.90%	76.50%
Irrigon E.S.	65.30%	72.90%	76.50%
Ione E.S.	50.00%	50.00%	76.50%
6th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Heppner E.S.	85.20%	65.40%	72.80%
Ione E.S.	71.40%	71.40%	72.80%
Windy River	66.70%	65.40%	72.80%
Irrigon E.S.	58.80%	65.40%	72.80%

Morrow County Elementary School Reading & Lit. Scores			
3rd Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Sam Boardman	78.50%	78.40%	82.80%
A.C. Houghton	74.60%	78.40%	82.80%
Heppner E.S.	>95%	78.40%	82.80%
Ione E.S.	>95%	>95%	82.80%
4th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Heppner E.S.	93.10%	80.50%	84.10%
Ione E.S.	87.50%	87.50%	84.10%
A.C. Houghton	86.50%	80.50%	84.10%
Windy River	72.90%	80.50%	84.10%
5th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Ione E.S.	90.00%	90.00%	76.30%
Heppner E.S.	89.70%	66.70%	76.30%
Irrigon E.S.	75.50%	66.70%	76.30%
Windy River	50.00%	66.70%	76.30%
6th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Ione E.S.	85.70%	85.70%	76.50%
Heppner E.S.	85.20%	69.30%	76.50%
Irrigon E.S.	70.60%	69.30%	76.50%
Windy River	65.40%	69.30%	76.50%

Morrow County High School Reading & Lit. Scores			
7th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Heppner H.S.	89.30%	64.60%	77.30
Irrigon H.S.	74.60%	64.60%	77.30
Ione H.S.	70.00%	70.00%	77.30
Riverside H.S.	51.90%	64.60%	77.30
8th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Ione H.S.	66.70%	66.70%	69.50
Heppner H.S.	64.90%	58.00%	69.50
Riverside H.S.	59.00%	58.00%	69.50
Irrigon H.S.	55.20%	58.00%	69.50
10th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Heppner H.S.	83.30%	64.90%	66.10
Riverside H.S.	64.90%	64.90%	66.10
Irrigon H.S.	61.70%	64.90%	66.10

Morrow County Elementary School Science Scores			
5th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Ione E.S.	88.90%	88.90%	74.60%
Heppner E.S.	86.20%	62.20%	74.60%
Windy River	58.50%	62.20%	74.60%
Irrigon E.S.	53.10%	62.20%	74.60%

Morrow County High School Writing Scores			
10th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Heppner H.S.	77.10%	53.40%	55.00%
Ione H.S.	71.40%	71.40%	55.00%
Riverside H.S.	57.10%	53.40%	55.00%
Irrigon H.S.	41.30%	53.40%	55.00%

Morrow County Elementary School Science Scores			
5th Grade			
School	School %	District %	State %
Ione E.S.	88.90%	88.90%	74.60%
Heppner E.S.	86.20%	62.20%	74.60%
Windy River	58.50%	62.20%	74.60%
Irrigon E.S.	53.10%	62.20%	74.60%

Heppner youth attend Washington D.C. conference

Taking time away from the daily chores of caring for individual animal projects, four Heppner High School students, Brett Harrison, Jessica Hughes, Brynna Rust and Devin Robinson, along with their advisor, Beth Dickenson, this summer attended an FFA Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. Conference sessions were scheduled at different dates allowing 275 students to attend per session. The Heppner students met and mingled with other FFA members from all over the United States.



Pictured are Heppner FFA members Brett Harrison, Jessica Hughes, Brynna Rust and Devin Robinson, along with their advisor, Beth Dickenson. The group attended an FFA Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. -Contributed Photos

"It was a hectic six day trip with many memorable events," said Dickenson. The educational seminars at the conference focused on inspiring students to become goal oriented with a dedication to a lifetime of community service.

Thanks to tight scheduling resulting in long days and short nights, the group did lots of sight seeing beginning in New York. The group left Portland in the evening and after a stopover in Chicago, arrived in Newark, NJ at 6 a.m. Though the group said they didn't get much sleep during the night-long flight, they were ready to see the "Big Apple" after checking

into a hotel two blocks from Times Square. They visited Ground Zero, the Empire State Building, and took a ferry ride around Manhattan Island.

"It was great to see the Statue of Liberty and surrounding area," said Harrison. For students unaccustomed to a crowded city with lots of tall buildings, they took many pictures while experiencing

all the sights and sounds. According to Rust, "it was a real eye opener and a great experience."

The following morning, Dickenson rented a car for a three hour drive on busy freeways with toll booths to arrive in the Capital. Although the all-day conference sessions took up the majority of their time, the students wore out their shoe leather visiting the National Mall, Lincoln and Roosevelt Memorials, along with the Korean and WWII memorials. Robinson said he was impressed with the size of the WWII memorial honoring veterans from each state and it also brought to mind his grandfather who was a WWII disabled veteran.

"It was good to be able to visit our nation's Capital and see all the historical monuments," said Hughes. Another impressive sight was Arlington Cemetery with row after row of white crosses. They also attended the American History Museum. Oregon students were given a tour of the Capital buildings by Greg Walden interns. These weary travelers returned home with more knowledge about Washington DC and concurring that they were glad they lived in a rural area.

Signup for Livestock Indemnity Program Ends Sept. 14

Oregon USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Lynn Voigt reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers of the September 14 deadline for applying for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Indemnity Program for calendar year 2008.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Calendar Year 2008	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009
Jan. 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009	Jan. 30, 2010
July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009	180 days after death is apparent	Jan. 30, 2010

Additional information about the Livestock Indemnity Program is available at FSA county offices or on line at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Puncturevine in south Morrow County

From Janet Greenup, Morrow SWCD Manager
Puncturevine or Goathead is a weed that requires constant control efforts by all landowners. Whether you pull, spray or burn an area, it will re-emerge after any rainfall because of the seed in the ground.

Once the yellow flowers show, seed will set in two weeks beginning the control process again and again. Persistence is the name of the game.

Many people in the Heppner area are Puncturevine Police Officers pulling the plants they see-even on other's property trying to control the spread. We need all landowners to control this pest on their own property and watch where you park. Seeds stick to tires and spread from place to place.

The Morrow SWCD, with the assistance of John Edmundson and occasional youth helpers, has documented over 50 sites in Heppner that are monitored and controlled as much as possible.

This year, spring was cool and Puncturevine didn't emerge until later



2010 Round-Up court applications ready

Young women interested in serving as 2010 Round-Up princesses or queen may pick up applications at the Round-Up office, 1114 S.W. Court Ave. Those who are eligible will have graduated from high school in 2009 or earlier and should now be attending college. The queen is selected from the pool of applicants who have previously served as princess. No applicants may

turn 24 before their appearance at Round-Up, September 15-18, 2010. The young women should be prepared to exhibit their equestrian abilities and be interviewed during October. "The applications explain the process of applying for the court," Round-Up Director Larry Williams said. "The job of representing the rodeo throughout the Pacific Northwest as well as during

the rodeo itself, demands young women who are at ease in crowds, willing to work hard and are able to commit themselves to our schedule. It also requires a similar commitment from their parents or guardians. The queen and princesses get to travel and forge friendships that will last a lifetime." Round-Up President Randy Severe said the court of 2010, Round-Up's centennial year, will be taking part in history.

"Our queen and court are a critical part of Round-Up," Severe said. "We're very proud of these girls and we expect a lot from them. With this being the 100th Round-Up, there

will be even more interest in the court."

The Round-Up office is located in the Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame across the street from Roy Raley Park. Williams said once the applications have been turned in, all applicants will receive letters detailing the time frame of the application and interview process.

Both the president and the court director recommend picking up the applications as soon as possible.

"I would strongly suggest that these horsewomen get their applications in before Round-Up 2009 is over," Severe said.

ICABO to meet Thursday

ICABO will meet at the Ione Market at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday September 10.

BURNING BAN LIFTED

Effective September 9, 2009,
Fire Chief Rusty Estes
of the City of Heppner has
LIFTED THE CITY WIDE
BURNING BAN