

## Foreign Exchange Student Spotlights

### Emilie Blak Anderson

By Amber Gray

Emilie Blak Anderson is from Denmark. She lives with Ginger O'Brian.

Emilie came from the city and has never seen or touched an animal until she came to Oregon. She loves it here and thinks there are so many cool people here. She has a lot of new friends and everyone has been very nice to her.



Emilie Blak Anderson

volleyball and is excited to play other sports.

One way that Emilie says Denmark differs from America is that, in Denmark, people do not have to pay to go to college, so more people end going to college. There is a lot more land over here compared to the city.

Emilie wants to experience everything she can before she goes home.

She enjoys playing

### David Berntsen

By Jared Hedman

David Berntsen is one of the many new foreign exchange students at Heppner High School. He comes from Lulea, Sweden. His host parents are John and Ann Murray.



David Berntsen

In Sweden, one thing they do differently is eat healthier. David says their bread is much tastier and better for you.

If David had to pick one thing that he misses, he would have to choose his friends and family. When he has a little free time he enjoys spending the night out on the town dancing the night away with all of his buddies.

Some of the things David really likes about Heppner are football and all of the nice people. Some of his hobbies are working out, hanging with friends, knitting.

## Mustangs end season with loss to Kennedy



Top Photo: Senior Mustang Chris Lien makes a tackle during the Kennedy versus Heppner game Saturday in Mt Angel. The Mustangs played hard in the mud but lost to Kennedy 7-0. Bottom Photo: It was muddy final game for the Mustangs. -Photos by Sandy Matthews

## Les Schwab to hold annual toy drive

On December 2 Les Schwab Tire Center in Heppner will begin their annual toy drive. Toys can be dropped off through December 19.

The toys will be

donated to the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

### Cannon to celebrate 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

Laurel Cannon will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, December 12, from 4-8 p.m. at Taylor's Restaurant in Lone. All are welcome to attend.

## Heppner Elks announce local scholarship winners



Eric Jepsen



Lane Wright



Keenan Jack



Emily Thompson



Ashley Wolff



Sarah Stillman

The Heppner Elks Lodge #358 announces the local winners of the Elks National Foundation 2009-2010 Most Valuable Student Scholarship Awards. The winners are as follows:

**Boys**  
1<sup>st</sup> place-Eric Jepsen (IHS), \$700  
2<sup>nd</sup> place-Lane Wright (HHS), \$350  
3<sup>rd</sup> place- Keenan Jack (HHS), \$200

**Girls**  
1<sup>st</sup> place-Emily Thompson (HHS), \$700  
2<sup>nd</sup> place-Ashley Wolff (HHS), \$350  
3<sup>rd</sup> place-Sarah

Stillman (IHS), \$200  
Jepsen and Thompson's applications will be forwarded on to the district competition on Saturday, December 12.

## Willow Creek Women's Ministry sends gift packs to Russia

Women from Willow Creek Baptist Church assembled and mailed 120 gift packs to two orphanages in Russia this past week.

The packages contained tooth brushes, toothpaste, dental floss, pencils, erasers, packages of Kleenex, and Christmas candy. Earlier this fall at their September meeting, the church ladies and teenage girls held a silent auction and raised almost \$200. They used that money to pay for the postage to mail the gift packs to Russia.

The Willow Creek Women's project was inspired by Katy Malakova, a Russian university student who spent the summer in Heppner living with Tom and Pam Norton. Katy's parents died when she was very young. Tom Norton

met her at an orphanage in Russian on one of his visits there. He has been going to minister to the children in Russia since 2001. Before returning to Russia this fall, Katy spoke at a Willow Creek Baptist Church service and she shared that the gift she liked the most that the church had sent her was a toothbrush. Dr. Greg Jones of Hermiston and Dr. Clifford Johnson of Portland donated the dental items for the gift packs.

Willow Creek Baptist hopes to send another package to Russia soon. There is a continuing need for socks of all sizes at the orphanages there. Pairs of new socks can be dropped off at the church, or contact Tom or Pam Norton at 676-8987 for more information.

## NEACT to meet Dec. 3

The North East Area Commission on Transportation (NEACT) will hold its next meeting on December 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 5 Headquarters, located at 3012 Island Avenue, La Grande.

The NEACT, comprised of transportation stakeholders from Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Baker counties, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, helps identify and prioritize transportation-related projects in the five-county area.

On the agenda are the following key topics:

- General updates on Oregon Transportation Commission and ODOT projects

- Byways Committee review and transit update

- League of Oregon Cities / Assoc. of Oregon Counties update

- Local program update

- Connect Oregon III update and sub-committee selection

- Earmark project status for House Bill 2001 - Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act.

- Draft 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) update

- STIP Public Meeting update

Time has been set aside for public comments regarding project proposals and other transportation related topics. To schedule time on the agenda at future NEACT meetings, please contact Glenis Harrison (541) 963-3179.

An Area Commission on Transportation is an advisory body chartered by the Oregon Transportation Commission to help address all aspects of transportation. More information about ACTs is available at the ODOT Web Site at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/act\\_main.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/act_main.shtml).

For more information about any of the agenda item topics, please contact Tom Strandberg at (541) 963-1330, or via email at [thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us](mailto:thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us).

## DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Robert Gene Morley, 41, was convicted of Failure to Register Mis Sex Offender, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days incarceration

with 60 days suspended, two years bench probation, complete 32 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$463 in fines, fees and assessments.

## Annual Light Parade to be held next week

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Light Parade, sponsored by Columbia Basin, will light up Main Street in Heppner, starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 3. Local merchants will hold open houses and special activities.

At 5 p.m., there will be a special tree lighting ceremony at the tree outside the post office. Heppner Day-care and Heppner Elementary School students have their

homemade ornaments hung on the tree. There will be caroling and extended store hours throughout the evening. The parade will begin at 6 p.m.

Through Thursday, December 17, rewards cards can be collected for the Celebrated Heppner Christmas Event to be held at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. A list donation items will be available at a later date.

## Morrow SWCD Board meeting to be held

The Morrow SWCD Board has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, at noon at the Ag Service Center in Heppner.

Agenda items include: Oct., Nov. meeting minutes; treasurer's report; written staff report; Joint Annual Meeting; OACD Convention report; audit review and motion; and agency reports. A conference call may be necessary.

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Janet Greenup at 541-676-5452, extension 109.

## Monthly Kinzua lunch held

The monthly Kinzua lunch was held at Service Creek on November 20 with 20 people in attendance.

In attendance were Marge Hoellier, OL and Jean Ann Adams, Bob and Peggy Nelson, Bob and Mary Lee Britt, Ada Schell, Bill and Judy Potter, Billy

Joe and Patsy McMinn, John and Midge Geer, Pete and Jackie Hester, Bonnie Campbell, Rollene Allen, Montell McDonald, and Marilyn Garcia.

The next lunch will be December 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Apple Peddler in Prineville.

## FFA Greenhand initiation to be held

The fourth annual Heppner FFA Greenhand initiation will be held on December 10 at 7 p.m. in the HHS cafeteria. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. The community is invited to attend.

## Extension Service announces holiday closures

The OSU Morrow County Extension Service announces the following holiday closures:

Thanksgiving - Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.

Christmas - Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25.

New Years - Friday, January 1, 2010.

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