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**Correction**

In the March 24 edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times, the article entitled "Oregon ASCME endorses Nelson for Morrow County District Attorney" should have stated "Boardman PD and Umatilla County Deputy DA local AFSCME endorses Nelson for DA".

**Morrow SWCD Board meeting to be held**

A regular Morrow SWCD Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, beginning at 6:15 p.m. at the Ag Service Center in Heppner. Prior to the board meeting a public hearing will be held to receive public comment on the SWCD's authority to borrow beginning at 6 p.m. Agenda items for the regular meeting include: March 2 minutes, treasurer's report, written staff report, office building lease update, Connect 2010, grants update and agency reports. Meetings of 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, 541-676-5452 extension 109.

**Boardman looking for gardeners for community garden**

The City of Boardman is looking for gardeners to cultivate the city's new Community Garden. Located north of Boardman Avenue and west of Main Street, the garden will be ready to plant by April 12. The city's public works crew has been busy preparing the garden; they've spread top soil, and plumbed water to the property. The city would like to hear from its resi-

dents who are interested in planting their own garden, free of charge, at the site. Each gardener will be given an 8' x 10' plot of land for their use. Residents should contact City Hall at 541-481-9252 as soon as possible. An organizational meeting will be scheduled as soon as the city knows how many individuals are interested.

**MedQuest Health Careers Exploration Week to be held**

Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center (NEOAHEC) is currently accepting applications for MedQuest Health Careers Exploration Week. The program is open to high school students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) who are interested in the health care field.

The program offers career information, hands-on clinical skills workshops, and the opportunity to shadow health professionals. Tuition for MedQuest is \$320, which includes meals, housing, and all activities. A limited number of scholarships are available.

MedQuest will be held June 14-18 on the

Eastern Oregon University Campus in La Grande. Applications must be completed and returned to NEOAHEC by May 1 in order to be accepted.

To request an application, or for more information, contact Brenna Dunlap, education coordinator at 541-962-3801 or bhines@eou.edu. You may also visit our website at: www.eou.edu/neoahec/he1.html.

Northeast Oregon AHEC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to attracting and retaining health care professionals by providing regional educational opportunities in the local ten county region.

**New parking lot completed at Neighborhood Center**



The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County recently completed the replacement of their parking lot. Partial grant funds to complete this project were obtained from Wildhorse Foundation, Pendleton and Morrow County Discretionary Funds. J & G Concrete of Heppner completed this project with expertise and professionalism. On April 5 the parking lot will re-open to vehicles. Until then, visitors are asked to walk in. -Photo by Andrew Sykes

**HES to hold Kindergarten Roundup**

Heppner Elementary School will be holding their Kindergarten Roundup for incoming kindergarten students on April 27 from 12-4 p.m. by appointment. Kids will meet Mrs. Morris and have an eye test. Parents will fill out paperwork and tour the building.

Parents are asked to bring up-to-date immunization records and birth certificate. For more information call HES at 541-676-9128.

**Willow Creek Children's Choir to perform Godspell**

The Willow Creek Children's Choir will be performing Godspell on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. at Lone Community Church.

The children have been working on the musical for the past several months. Godspell is the story of Jesus told by the gospel writer Matthew through word and song.

All are welcome to come and enjoy the story of Christ before celebrating Easter on Sunday, April 4.

**Senior Center Menu**

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, April 7. The menu will include Mexican casserole, Mexican style mixed veggies, fruit juice, tortillas, and flan.

**Obituaries**

**Percy Wilford Cecil**

Percy Wilford Cecil, 87, of La Grande went to help him get on his horse to be with the Lord on March 19, 2010. A viewing was held from 2-5 p.m. on Friday, March 26. A casual dress western attire celebration of life was held on Saturday, March 27, at 10 a.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel in La Grande. A 3 p.m. graveside service in Heppner followed where he was buried next to his wife Emma.



**Percy Wilford Cecil**

Percy was born August 4, 1922 in Fossil to Ralph and Ruby (Dennison). He spent most of his early life in Spray. He attended school through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He then spent time helping his father with ranch and farm work. For three summers he was out in the mountains herding sheep. He remembered reading the first edition of the Western Horseman magazine while out at sheep camp.

He joined the Army in 1942 and spent time in Hawaii and the Philippines. He was discharged in 1945. He married Dorothy Darlene Jones on September 11, 1947. They had one daughter, Kay, who has always been the joy of his life. He was later divorced and in 1962 he married Emma White. They lived on a ranch outside of Heppner. Emma passed away in 1970.

In 1986 Percy moved to La Grande to be closer to his daughter Kay Braseth and his special friend Jo Huston. He loved riding horses and when it

became impossible for Kay they resorted to going for drives and looking at the various livestock in the valley, especially the buffalo at the Monticola Ranch. The past year and a half he lived at Wildflower Lodge; he enjoyed having his saddle on display in his room and watching old westerns. He was definitely a cowboy at heart.

Percy is survived by: his daughter Kay and her husband Craig Braseth; grandchildren, Tami Hodnefield of Walla Walla, Todd Gorham of Eugene, Kaiger Braseth of Imbler, Kyler Braseth of Island City, Kalee Braseth of La Grande, and Kymee Braseth of Ontario; seven great-granddaughters and one great-grandson that he was really proud of; three brothers, Vernon Cecil (91) and his wife Lavelle of La Grande, Darrell Cecil (84) of Pendleton, and Frank Cecil (81) and his wife Melba of Spray; sister Geraldine Moore (90) of Pendleton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Percy was preceded in death by: his first wife Dorothy Prince; second wife Emma Cecil; special friend Jo Huston; nephew Gordon Cecil; and his parents Ralph and Ruby Cecil.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Friday Backpack program in care of Loveland Funeral Chapel.

**Holly Rebekah to host monthly card party**

Holly Rebekah will be hosting their monthly card party on Saturday, April 3, at the Lodge Hall in Lexington. The cost is \$5 per person for an evening of sandwiches, chips, pickles and coffee. Prizes will be awarded to the high and lows for both men and women. Play will start at 7 p.m.

**Annual Elks Easter Egg Hunt to be held**

The annual Elks Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m. The Easter Bunny is expected to arrive at City Park by limo.

Preschool and kindergarten students will be at City Park. First and second grade students will be on the back lawn of the courthouse. Third and fourth grade students will be at Hager Park.

**HHS to hold Parent Teacher Conferences**

Heppner High School will be holding Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, April 1, from 4-8 p.m.; Friday, April 2, by appointment from 8-11 a.m.; and Tuesday, April 6, from 4-8 p.m. Parents are invited to enjoy refreshments and visit with teachers.

**Wolff receives state 4-H scholarship**

Ashley Wolff, Heppner High School senior, recently was awarded the Klein-Youngberg Family 4-H Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250 as a tribute of her outstanding 4-H work, involvement in school and community activities and her impressive academic record. Wolff has been a nine-year member of Morrow County 4-H participating in foods and nutrition, dog, art and photography. She has also served as a Morrow County 4-H Ambassador and has represented Morrow County at many 4-H events - county-wide, state-wide and nation-wide. She plans to attend Oregon State University in the fall.

**Kinzua Lunch Group meets**

The Kinzua Lunch Group met at Service Creek on March 19. Those attending were Gael Putnam, Montell McDonald, Rolene Allen, Mary Bryant, Cenone Benson and little sister Darlene, Ernie and Ada Schell, Bruce and Dixie Hollomon, Bob and Peggy Nelson, OL and Jean Ann Adams, Charles and Janet Nelson, and Bill Potter Sheridan Ledford and son-in-law. The next lunch will be April 15 in Prineville at the Apple Peddler.

**Red Hat luncheon to be held**

All interested ladies are invited to attend the Red Hat No-Host Luncheon at noon on Thursday, April 15, at Sweet Productions.

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