

HES Students of the Month announced



The following Heppner Elementary School students were selected by their peers as the March Student of the Month recipients. The character trait was kindness. Pictured are bottom row (L-R): Kaden Combe, Tiffany Akers, Zach Bredfield, Ireland Martin, Felix Matthew, Harley Anderson, Derrick Smith, Kami Holtz, and Jason Rea. Top row (L-R): Sophie Grant, Riley Gorham, Olivia Schmidt, Bryan Fowler, Will Lutcher, Kellie Eadler, Kaden Lehman, and Rylee Kollman. Not pictured was Hailey Holmgren. -Contributed Photo

Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:

-Jubal W. Evans, 20, Scotts Mills, Minor in Possession of Alcohol (by consumption), \$215 fine, one year license suspension.

- Dalton K. Wellman, 19, Pendleton, Minor in Possession of Alcohol (by consumption), \$215 fine, one year license suspension.

-Samuel F. King, 19, Heppner, Minor in Possession of Alcohol (by consumption), \$289 fine, one year license suspension.

-Katlin Patricia Calvert, 19, Pendleton, Minor in Possession of Alcohol (by consumption), \$215 fine, one year license suspension.

-Matthew Ray Ellis, 19, Stanfield, Minor in Possession of Alcohol (by consumption), \$215 fine, one year license suspension.

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-Kurt C. Boyer, 20, Hermiston, Minor in Possession of Alcohol (by consumption), \$215 fine, one year license suspension.

-Jarett James Boyer, 18, Hermiston, Minor in Possession of Alcohol (by consumption), \$215 fine, one year license suspension.

-Austin Raymon Veliz, 18, Hermiston, Minor in Possession of Alcohol (by consumption), \$215 fine, one year license suspension.

-Sarah Lou Milner, 19, Heppner, Minor in Possession of Alcohol (by consumption), \$215 fine, one year license suspension.

-Chance Cory Day, 18, Heppner, Minor in Possession of Alcohol, \$215 fine, one year license suspension.

-Kenneth Marion Stookey, 47, Heppner, Violation of the Basic Rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$172 fine.

-Kirk Leroy Robinson, 56, Heppner, Violation of the Basic Rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$142 fine.

-Manuel Torres Reyes, 51, Lexington, Operating an ATV on a Highway, \$106 fine.

-Daniel Bradley Shimetz, 19, Santa Rosa, CA, Possession of a Controlled Substance (less than one ounce of marijuana), \$610 fine.

-Katrina Mae Beaudin, 18, Lower Lake, CA, Possession of a Controlled Substance (less than one ounce of marijuana), \$610 fine.

-James D. Hams, 59, Lexington, Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance, Failure to Stop Emerging From Alley, Driveway, or Building, \$215 fine.

IHS greenhouse to open for business

Ione High School greenhouse will be open for business beginning Thursday, April 29. The greenhouse will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday

through Thursday.

Janet Holland will host a class on Thursday, April 29, at 6 p.m. in the greenhouse.

The cost is \$10 per

person plus the cost of the plants used. Those planning to attend can bring their pots or buy them at the greenhouse.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

No truer measure of an elected official's potential than his up-bringing and life history

To the Editor:

Strength of character and commitment to public service are the two most important attributes of a public official. Too often, we don't have much information about those qualities when we make choices at the ballot box. With our locally elected officials, voters usually have the opportunity to make a much more informed choice. Such is the situation with the Morrow County District Attorney's race. As a local attorney, I have worked with both Justin Nelson and Tom Cutsforth. Also, I had the fortunate experience of watching Justin Nelson grow up and develop into the fine young man that he is. He is Morrow County born and educated. Too often we see the cream of our crop, our youth, leave our community, to develop their careers and to live their lives elsewhere. Justin Nelson is the exception to that rule.

Justin has all the skills needed to be an excellent district attorney. The experience he has gained as a deputy district attorney in Umatilla County has given him all the tools needed to be an efficient county prosecutor as well as an advisor and consensus builder to those various state and county agencies with which he must cooperate to be effective. Justin makes decisions only after listening and carefully considering those individuals whose input is critical. His administration of the Morrow County District Attorney's office will be one of cooperation and accessibility, qualities sometimes not seen in our elected officials. He will work with local and state law enforcement officials to develop cooperative programs. He will be on hand to advise and assist local and state law enforcement whenever needed.

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office is more expansive than law enforcement. The office must work cooperatively with many other local and state agencies from the county juvenile department to the school district. Justin Nelson will cultivate those avenues of communication and cooperation needed to make him a truly successful and effective public servant.

There is no truer measure of an elected official's potential than his up-bringing and life history. Justin was raised by outstanding parents in an outstanding community. Both he and his wife, Andrea, are an integral part of the Morrow County community now. His background is known to the community and his credentials are impeccable. I have no questions about his abilities, his character, or his commitment to public service. Please vote for Justin Nelson for Morrow County District Attorney.

William J. Kuhn
Heppner

Vote for Justin Nelson for Morrow County District Attorney

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing this letter to recommend that everyone in Morrow County vote for Justin Nelson for district attorney, not just because he is a "hometown boy", but I feel that he is the best person for the job.

As a language arts teacher in Heppner, I taught Justin for several years in junior high school. He was and is personable, caring, honest, responsible and hard working. I do not recall ever having to remind him to get busy or to hand in his assignments. He worked diligently to get his work done well and on time. I am sure that that has been his standard throughout his student years as he attended OSU and Willamette Law School.

I also know that as the deputy district attorney in Umatilla County, Justin has helped raise funds for an organization dealing with domestic violence.

In the years that I have known Justin, I have been impressed with his determination and dedication to whatever job he takes on. He has shown that he will go above and beyond what is required to fulfill the duties of the office of Morrow County District Attorney with honesty and honor.

Therefore, I believe that Morrow County should elect Justin Nelson as district attorney. Please give him your vote and support.

Sally Walker
Heppner

In support of Justin Nelson

Letter to the Editor and citizens of Morrow County:

We are writing this letter in support of Justin Nelson for our Morrow County District Attorney. We have known Justin since he was a young child and have always been very impressed with his quality of character. He has exhibited a strong sense of fairness and ethical behavior in everything that he is involved in. He also is disciplined and decisive about what he wants to do and where he wants to be in his life and career.

He decided, early in his career, that he wanted to live and work in Morrow County. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Oregon State University and was in the top 10% of his class from Willamette University College of Law. He was offered positions in Portland and Salem, but chose to be here instead.

He is excited by this opportunity to serve our rural communities in the capacity of district attorney, and is strongly motivated to provide the communities that he grew up in with the very best prosecutor's office. His experience as deputy district attorney in Umatilla County gives him the experience and the contacts with local law enforcement to do just that.

Justin is the epitome of what we hope for the children that we raise in our small rural communities. We are very excited and proud to support him in his attempt to become our district attorney.

His opponent, on the other hand, has many more years of experience. He has been district attorney in a couple of neighboring counties and has had the experience of being recalled from his position in Wheeler County.

For us the choice is clear, we will go with the young man of character who has always known that his heart and home are here in Morrow County. We will pass on the man with more experience who is seeking this position as a fall-back plan after being recalled by our neighbors.

Jerry and Lisa Rietmann
Ione

Greg Smith Voted Yes for Higher Income Taxes.

Why?

Let's send Greg Smith a Message

Greg Smith was one of only TWO Republicans to vote to increase your income taxes...the ONLY Republican to vote to release violent felons early...he voted to INCREASE your gas taxes...and dramatically increase your car registration fee....

He voted WITH THE DEMOCRATS and Downtown Portland, NOT Eastern Oregon!

How are you going to explain that, Greg?



Voters have a choice.

"I believe in smaller government and lower taxes...that includes the hidden taxes of permits and fees. This especially holds true during a deep recession...The unforgivable and outrageous early release of violent felons as a cost saving measure not only places citizens in danger, but opens the door to criminals to re-offend, costing the state even more. It's absolutely crazy. We can do better than that."

- Colleen MacLeod



To Help Colleen MacLeod, go to her website: www.colleenmacleod.com

Vote Greg Smith Out.
Let's Send a Voice to Salem we Trust.
Vote Colleen MacLeod

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Annual Walk MS held



Pictured are the participants in the 2010 Walk MS Heppner. - Photo by David Sykes

The 12th annual Walk MS is the single largest fundraising event for the National MS Society- Oregon Chapter. Of the funds raised this year, 10% will go to the national organization while 80% will go to research at OHSU. After the walk, approximately 25 volunteers fed the participants a pancake breakfast at All Saints Episcopal Church.