

## Oregon Wheat acknowledges growers, industry representatives for their contributions

The Oregon Wheat Growers League leadership bestowed awards upon several individuals over the course of the Oregon/Idaho Grains Conference held in Portland.

During the annual meeting, President Darren Padget, honored Oregon Wheat Growers League board members, Bob Martin - Sherman County President (Outstanding County President), and Dan Steiner - co-chair, marketing committee (Outstanding Committee Chair) were both acknowledged for their outstanding contributions

during 2010. Bob has served the Oregon Wheat producers for a number of years as liaison for Sherman County to the board of directors, and will continue his service in 2011.

Dan was recognized for his work in maintaining the quality of the information presented at the monthly Statewide Wheat Marketing Education Series.

The Oregon Wheat Growers League is appreciative of Bob and Dan for their selfless contribution to the industry.

During the Joint Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, December 2, the OWGL honored two individuals with the "Above and Beyond" award for 2010. David Shelton, executive director of the Wheat Marketing Center, Portland, was recognized for his tireless efforts working with bakers, millers and trade teams from throughout the world to promote the quality of Oregon wheat, and its end-use capabilities. The OWGL also recognized Larry Bishop, Milton Freewater wheat producer

for his participation, enthusiasm and interest in the wheat industry of Oregon.

Dr. Jim Peterson, OSU Wheat Breeder, was honored with the "Distinguished Service Award" for 2010. Dr. Peterson was acknowledged for his long-term commitment to yield and end use functionality, assuring the needs and expectations of both producer and buyer are factored in to the varieties he and his co-workers develop and release. Dr Peterson traveled from Colorado to accept his award.

## Gray places third in Pacific Region National Garden Clubs Essay Contest



Larissa Gray, a student at Heppner High School, recently won third place in the Pacific Region of the National Garden Clubs Essay Contest. Gray has three sisters. She plays basketball and softball and enjoys listening to country and modern music. Her favorite subject is math. Her essay can be read online at [www.heppner.net/gardenclub](http://www.heppner.net/gardenclub). -Contributed Photo

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-received the following employment report: resignations-Brooke Barton, resigning from her position as language arts teacher, effective December 16; Matt Weseman, Riverside Junior High School; retirements-Mark Burrows, retiring from his position as superintendent effective June 30; Rhonda Lorenz, retiring from her position as business manager, effective February 28; Wendy Appleton, retiring from her position as Sam Boardman Elementary/Windy River Elementary School, effective June 13; extra duty contracts-Blaine Ganvoa, Irrigon Junior High School assistant boys' basketball coach; Vern Gumbert, Riverside Junior High School head girls' basketball coach; Stuart Dick, Irrigon Junior-Senior High School assistant girls' basketball coach; Paul Keefer, Riverside Junior High School head girls' basketball coach.

-acted on resolutions concerning the Oregon School Board Association: opposing an OSBA dues increase; and approving an OSBA resolution regarding a change in verbiage concerning OSBA geographical areas.

-approved the following screening committee for the assistant superintendent position as follows: Heppner High School Principal Daye Stone, A.C. Houghton Elementary School Principal John Sebastian, Sam Boardman Elementary School Principal Jacque Johnson, MCSD Human Resources director Julie Ashbeck, HHS teacher John Flaherty, MCSD Board member Thad Killingbeck, Windy River Elementary School teacher Theresa Proctor-Reese, A.C. Houghton Elementary School teacher Erin Stocker, Morrow Education Center data management specialist Rose Dirksen.

-approved the fol-

lowing screening committee for the business manager's position: Wheatland Insurance owner Nancy Snyder, Heppner High School department secretary LeAnn Wright; Riverside High School Principal Dirk Dirksen; Heppner High School Principal Matt Combe, MCSD Board member Bill Kuhn, MCSD HR director Julie Ashbeck, MCSD fiscal services specialist Linda Kenny, A.C. Houghton Elementary secretary Cindy Turner.

-adopted the following budget calendar for the 2011-12 budget: April 1-budgets due from buildings and departments; April 13-publication of notice of budget meeting; April 20-second notice budget meeting; April 25-distribute budget document to committee; May 2-first budget meeting, budget message; May 9-regular board meeting, second budget meeting if needed; May 20-deadline for budget approval; June 1-publication of notice of budget hearing; June 13-budget hearing, adopt budget and make appropriations, regular board meeting; July 1-beginning of 2011-12 fiscal year; June 15-deadline to certify levy to assessor.

-heard the following announcements: Christmas break, December 20-January 2; school resumes, January 3; next board meeting, Heppner Elementary School, Tuesday, January 11, Heppner Elementary School, 7 p.m.

-approved a cooperative sponsorship for spring sports between Lone Charter School and Heppner High School.

-held an executive session concerning classified negotiations, student expulsions and discussion of two student incidents.

## 4H Rocket Club holds first club launch

The SMORC 4H Rocket Club held its first club launch on Friday morning, December 3, on John and Marlinda Flynn's alfalfa fields on Lower Rhea Creek Road north of Ruggs. Club members were able to get in at least one flight each before the weather turned too cold.

The SMORC 4H Rocket Club still has room for three more kids, ages 8-13. Anyone interested in joining can contact the OSU Extension Office for information on joining 4H.

John Ripple and Morrow County Grain Growers contributed \$100 to the club in 2006 and the funds are planned to be used to purchase some launch and ground support equipment and motors for future launches. Murray's is stocking rockets and motors, along with information.

For more information about the rocket club contact Pat Struthers at [patstr@uci.net](mailto:patstr@uci.net), 541-626-3096, or 541-676-5443.



Top Photo: Jim and Charles Cason try to stay warm and prep for a launch at the same time. Bottom Photo: Suzy Cason after a successful 'Moon Mutt' flight. -Contributed Photos

## SEWER RATES

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harassing another juvenile. Parents were contacted and the situation was resolved.

MCSO responded to a report of a domestic dispute. The situation was resolved by contact.

An intoxicated bar patron was refusing to leave, however left prior to a deputy arriving on scene.

A deputy investigated a report of someone trying to burn a toilet seat at the city park. It was determined there was a black mark on the seat.

A deputy was contacted by a citizen who wanted his girlfriend to leave his residence.

**Traffic**

There were five

traffic stops, all were issued warnings.

A deputy handled a parking complaint.

MCSO received three driving complaints.

**Code Enforcement**

Three barking dog complaints were received, resulting in two citations.

A caller reported finding a dog. The caller was going to keep the dog until the owner arrived home.

A deputy returned a dog to its owners after Public Works found it.

A caller reported high school football players were honking their horns at 6 a.m. as they drove through town.

Loud music was reported to be coming from a residence. A deputy was unable to locate any loud music.

A code enforcement contact was initiated for debris.

Two dogs were transported to Pet Rescue.

**Theft Complaints**

MCSO investigated a report of stolen cooler containing pop and alcoholic beverages.

MCSO received theft complaint from the high school.

**Dog fund depleted**

DeMayo also reported that the city dog fund

is being depleted faster than expected. The fund pays for dogs that are picked up in town and taken to Pet Rescue in Heppner. A discussion was held on trying to enforce the dog licensing law and collect more fees.

"People need to know we are going to enforce this (the law)", DeMayo said. He said people should know that it will be more expensive to pay a fine if their dog is picked up running at large, than to purchase a license. City Councilmember Cindy Doherty said many people have dogs that do not go outside and asked how the city would enforce the license law on those dogs. DeMayo said there wasn't much the city could do about unlicensed dogs that are restrained inside homes or yards and are not caught running at large.

In other action city attorney Ann Spicer introduced her son, Philip Spicerkuhn, who has joined the family law firm and will now be attending city council meetings and handling the city legal business.

The council heard from St. Patrick Senior Center director Judy Buschke who said there are currently three apartment vacancies at the center. She said a water problem at the apartments had cost \$215.

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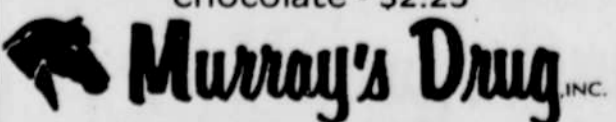
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## Advent Services

**SOUP SUPPER 6 PM**

Followed by a discussion on NPR's "Speaking of Faith" series

**SERVICE 7 PM**

**December 15** at Hope Lutheran Church  
Corner of Alfalfa & Cowins, Heppner

**December 22** at All Saints' Episcopal Church  
Corner of Church & Gale, Heppner

**December 24** Christmas Eve Services  
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