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**HHS Class of 2011  
Valedictorians**



Donald Matthews (son of Skip and Sandy Matthews), Ian Murray (son of John and Ann Murray), Devin Robinson (son of Kyle and Darcy Robinson) and Brett Harrison (son of Travis and Kirsten Harrison) were Heppner High School's four valedictorians for the Class of 2011, all with perfect GPAs. —Photo by Sandy Matthews

**Ecumenical vacation Bible school planned**

A vacation Bible school, jointly sponsored by All Saints Episcopal Church, Hope Lutheran Church, the United Methodist Church and the Church of the Nazarene, will be held Monday, June 27 through Thursday, June 30 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sessions will begin and end at All Saints Episcopal on the corner of Church and Gale streets. Local adults and youth will team up with youth group members from Arlington's Methodist and Nazarene churches to lead children ages four through 12 into a "Big Jungle Adventure - A Faith Journey with Jesus." Each evening will include Bible stories, music, crafts, games and supper. There is no cost to attend.

For more information and to register, call the Shared Ministry office at 541-676-9970.

**Cowboy evangelist to preach at Spray**

Professional cowboy and evangelist George "Marty" Brock will be at the Spray Rodeo Arena in Spray on June 24 and 25 at 6 p.m. All are welcome to come for some old-time picking, preaching and praising. These events are free of charge.

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**Local student qualifies for junior high rodeo**

Kolby Currin, a sixth-grade student at Heppner Elementary School, has earned a position on the Oregon State National Junior High rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Gallup, New Mexico, from June 26-July 2 to compete at the seventh Annual National Junior High Finals Rodeo in the team roping and light rifle shoot competitions.

Featuring more than 1000 contestants from 47 states, Canadian provinces and Australia, the National Junior High Finals is the world's largest junior high rodeo. In addition to competing for more than \$75,000 in prizes, NJHFR contestants will also be vying for more than \$100,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named the National Junior High Finals Rodeo National Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 20 after two go-rounds of intense competition before advancing on to Saturday's final championship per-

formance. The Saturday championship performance will be televised nationally as a part of the "Cinch Town Tour" telecast series. The NJHFR is scheduled to be aired. Check in the media office or online at www.nhsra.com for the broadcast schedule.

"Along with great rodeo competition and the chance to meet new friends from around the world, NJHFR contestants have the opportunity to enjoy volleyball, tug-of-war, contestant dances and family-oriented activities sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Cowboys and the chance to shop the NJHFR western tradeshow, as well as visit the historical attractions of New Mexico and nearby Arizona," said a NJHFR news release.

To follow local favorites at the NJHFR, visit the NHSRA website for complete results at www.nhsra.org. For ticket information and reservations call toll free at 1-800-590-1302.

**St. Patrick's celebrates successful VBS**



Joe Lindsay and Luke Murray led the students in song during St. Patrick's 2011 VBS. —Contributed photo

Participants report that St. Patrick's Catholic Church had a successful 2011 vacation Bible school. Students were able to learn about Jesus' childhood from biblical characters Mary and Joseph. They also sang songs, completed crafts and enjoyed food. Each day ended with a special prayer time in the church. The vacation Bible school was made possible by the generosity of many volunteers, including Sharon Jones, Joe and Leanne Lindsay, Brian Kollman, Lois Connor, Mary Moorehouse, Luke Murray, Katie Dierkes, Justin Pranger, Maureen McElligott and several junior-high students.

**WCCC ladies invitational has good turnout**

Eleven local ladies, along with guests from Kinzua, China Creek and Big River, turned out for a cool but dry day of play at the WCCC Ladies 18-Hole Invitational on June 7.

Low gross of the field was Nancy Prophet with 76. Darcee Mitchell took low net with 54.

Mary Mountain took low gross for the Condon/Kinzua team, and Marilyn Mabe took low net.

China Creek was represented by Sally Dyer with the team's low gross and Karen Bishop with low net.

Anna Carpenter held low gross and Sandra Keisen low net for Big River.

The Willow Creek home team was represented by Virginia Grant with #1 low gross and Pat Dougherty with #2 low gross, while Ann Elgin and Burial DeBoer had #1 and #2 low net respectively.

In special plays, Mary Mountain had the long drive for visitors on #6 and Nancy Prophet had the long drive for home on #15.

KP was visitor Anna Carpenter on #4 and home player Virginia Grant on #13. Visitor Marilyn Mabe had the long putt.

Chip-ins were Pat Dougherty on #7, Jeanie Kuksey on #12 and Cindy Haines on #4. Karen Bishop had a birdie on #5.

Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner is pleased to announce the availability of Cardiology Services through a collaborative effort with Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles and Oregon Health & Science University.

The first cardiology clinic in Heppner will be held on Thursday, June 30 with David Guarraia, M.D.

To schedule an appointment to see the cardiologist at Pioneer Memorial Clinic, please call 541-506-6530.

**Obituaries**

**Janice Kathryn Healy Davis**

Janice Kathryn Healy Davis, 51, of Hermiston, formerly of Heppner, passed into eternal happiness Saturday, June 11, 2011 as the result of a plane crash in the Blue Mountains near Ukiah. Recitation of the Rosary was held 7 p.m. Sunday, June 19, 2011 at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Funeral mass was at 10 a.m. Monday, June 20 at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church. Immediately following was a dinner and Celebration of Life gathering for family and friends at the Hermiston Community Center.



Janice Healy Davis

secretary for the Morrow County District Attorney's office, the Okanogan County Sheriff's office in Okanogan, WA, Blue Mountain Community College, Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association and Northwestern Livestock Commission. Most recently, she worked for Armand Larive Middle School as an administrative assistant and special education secretary. She loved working with kids.

She married Dale Smith in 1982 and, although the marriage ended in divorce, she always held the Smith family dear to her heart. She then married Russell Davis, and the union produced four wonderful children who were the light of her life. The marriage ended in divorce. In recent years, she was blessed with her special longtime friend and soulmate, Ned Kayser. He perished alongside her in the plane crash. She immensely enjoyed their time together helping on the Kayser Cattle Ranch. Riding in the mountains to move cattle gave her great joy and peace.

She is survived by: her mother, Kathryn Healy Thorne; daughters, Hailey Jane, Paige Kathryn and Brooke Lynn; son, Zane William Davis; grandson, Wyatt Lee Larson; sisters and brothers-in-law Patti and Bob Adair of Calabasas, CA, Joan and John Hays of Hermiston, Maureen and Shane Crossley of Hermiston, Susan and Paul Hisler of Heppner, and Mary and Butch Knowles of Heppner.

She was preceded in death by: her father, William J. Healy; and nephew, Shad Anthony Hisler. She was proud of her extended large family and devoted time to all her nieces, nephews and cousins. Ned Kayser's family was very dear to her heart.

Janice was devoted to her children; being a mother was the greatest blessing in her life. Memorial contributions for her children may be made to the Janice Davis Memorial Fund at any branch of Banner Bank.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Janice was born November 18, 1959 in Pendleton to William J. and Kathryn M. Lazinka Healy. She enjoyed living on the family ranch on Buttercreek with her five sisters. Riding horses with her sisters was a cherished daily routine. She won many honors competing at the Heppner Wranglers Riding Club, and in 4-H with horses, sheep, dairy and market steers. The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo was the highlight of her summer. She enjoyed cheerleading and all sports throughout her years at Heppner High School, graduating in 1978. She was the 1978 Oregon High School Rodeo All-Around Cowgirl.

She was awarded college rodeo scholarships to Blue Mountain Community College and Eastern Oregon University. She won the Northwest Regional Barrel Racing Championship and placed third at the College National Finals. She was a Pendleton Round-Up Princess in 1979, and the 1980 Pendleton Round-Up Queen. She won the Miss Rodeo Oregon Title in 1981. Throughout her life, she continued to have great success and enjoyment in training barrel-racing horses. She was a member of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association and competed throughout the Northwest. At the time of her death, she was vice president of the Greater Columbia Barrel Racing Association. She was respected as an accomplished horsewoman and shared her passion with many.

Janice worked as

**Correction**

A story reprinted in the Gazette-Times from the "World of Rodeo" publication about the death of Janice Healy Davis, who passed away in a plane crash en route to a rodeo, inadvertently neglected to mention two of Janice's sisters and their husbands, Susan and Paul Hisler of Heppner and Patti and Bob Adair of Calabasas, CA.

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