

## PIT BULLS

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pit bull.

Most of the council, however, was in agreement to remove the pit bull from the dangerous animal list. Council member Cody High suggested either a city employee or a sheriff's deputy check out each dog and see if it appeared dangerous. Councilmember Judy Buschke said her relatives own five of the dogs and they have had no problems.

Judy Healy, with the city, said the main way the city finds out about vicious and problem dogs is if there is a complaint made.

"We need to treat each dog on an individual basis," Mayor Les Paustian said.

The council agreed to come up with a new ordinance, excluding the animals, for passage at a future council meeting.

In other business:

-The council agreed to let a local yoga group use city hall for classes each Tuesday night from 5:30 - 8 p.m. The group had been using the Forest Service building but, with the busy season approaching, was not able to meet there anymore.

-Was approached about selling two city lots on Riverside to David and Terri Denton. The Dentons said the lots have weeds and trash on them and, if they bought them, they would clean them up and maintain the property. One of the lots had been used for the community garden, but that was moved up by the high school because of the weed problem. The Dentons did not offer a price, but the council told DeMayo to do some research and come up with a proposed asking price. The lot was apparently donated to the city in 1997.

-Had a lengthy discussion about a contract with the Oregon Department of Transportation on a project to decommission the Sperry St. Bridge and put in a new street on the other side of the creek. Councilmember High spent some time questioning the city attorney about the contract and the process for its implementation. High said he wanted to "educate himself" on the process for future dealings with the state.

-The council approved an earlier planning commission decision to grant a variance to Ed Struthers of Rock St. to build a garage inside the property set-back requirements.

**Sheriffs Report for April 2012**

**Traffic-**  
There were eight traffic stops, resulting in four citations.

A person reported a juvenile riding a bicycle without a helmet was almost struck by a vehicle. A deputy checked the area and was unable to locate the child.

Two juveniles were warned for not wearing bicycle helmets.

**Code Enforcement-**  
Eleven animal complaints were reported.

One citation was issued for Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance.

A deputy investigated a garbage issue at a residence.

A child was reported to have been bitten by a dog. No offense occurred since the child placed his hand through a fence where the dog resided.

Six code enforcement calls were taken regarding unlicensed vehicles and garbage.

There were three noise complaints and two parking complaints.

**Theft Complaints-**  
A person reported the Postal Service was committing theft by requiring postage and then charging for a post office box.

A resident reported theft of narcotics.

A business reported an ex-employee would not return keys and a uniform.

MCSO received a report of a gas drive off.

There were three fraud complaints received; one concerning counterfeit money, and two ID theft reports.

There were two reports of theft of medication from residences.

**All Other-**  
Unwanted firearms were turned over to MCSO.

A person called and reported two people who were in his carport and

the caller was uncertain if anything was messed with.

A deputy contacted an ATV rider who was riding in a vacant lot without permission.

A person reported kids spray-painting behind a business. It was determined the juveniles were spray painting for a school project.

A person reported a neighbor who cut a fence. A deputy determined it to be a civil issue.

A resident called MCSO and reported another resident arrived home and started a fire outside. A deputy made contact and there were no problems.

Graffiti was reported on an electrical box downtown.

A person reported to MCSO their vehicle was damaged. It was unknown where the damage came from.

A juvenile was shot with a BB gun by another juvenile. A deputy investigated and determined it to be a game the two were playing and then things escalated. The deputy made contact with the parties involved and their parents.

A deputy investigated a complaint about statements a juvenile was making. The complaint was determined to be unfounded.

A deputy responded to a report of shots fired. The deputy was unable to locate anything.

A person reported hearing rocks hitting their house overnight. The house was not damaged.

A person reported some clothing was found behind their house. It was determined the clothing belonged to children.

An adult was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

## Get to know South Morrow's exchange students

All year, the communities of Heppner and Lone have had 10 exchange students from around the world living in their midst. The Gazette-Times finally took the opportunity to sit down with some of them to get to know them better. Here are a few of them.

### Junhan Zhu

Junhan Zhu, or "Chuck," is a 16-year-old exchange student hosted by John and Ashli Gould of Heppner. Chuck just graduated from middle school in China, but is in the junior class at Heppner High School. He comes from Karamay, in Xinjiang province, China. He says it is right in the middle of Asia, far from any ocean. Karamay is "real" desert, with no plants. "People live there only for the oil," he says. The oil attracts people from many surrounding countries; more than 50% of Karamay is not Chinese.

*What do you think of Heppner?*

"Small, small, small."

*How has the experience been for you?*

"Very good."

Before I came here, I had a horrible accent, but when I came here, I improved very fast. In China, we go to school six and a half days, but here, only four. It's so relaxing. We have no sports teams in China, so I am enjoying learning the sports here."

*What was the most difficult thing about this experience?*

"The language, especially in the first two months. I couldn't understand even one word."

*What did you like best?*

"The lifestyle. It's so relaxing; you can do whatever you want. You can choose the subjects you want to study in school. In China, we have to take them all. Chinese school is a lot harder than school in America."

### Sukrit Itarasiri

Sukrit Itarasiri, or "Suarez," is being hosted by

Leah and Troy Hyatt. The 16-year-old is also in the junior class at HHS. He comes from Bangkok, Thailand. Coming from a background of school uniforms and black shoes, he has used his freedom here to venture into the fashion world, and has become known for his many colorful high-top sneakers.

*What do you think of Heppner?*

"It was a surprise. I thought it would be big and full of people. I like it here. It's small but the people are friendly. I

like the weather, but not when it got hot."

*How has the experience been for you?*

"Complicated. I think I have more stories than anyone."

*What was the most difficult thing about this experience?*

"Understanding the language. The food is not spicy enough. For examples, I went to Subway and ordered a sandwich, and asked for lots of jalapenos, honey mustard, pepper Jack. Everyone asked, 'Are you serious? Can you eat it?'"

*What did you like best?*

"Friends, host family."

**Yiming Liu**

Yiming Liu, or "Allen," is an 18-year-old from Wuhan, in Hubei province, China. He is also in the junior class at HHS, and is being hosted by Linda and Terry Corbin. He says his home is "really, really different" from that

of fellow Chinese student, Chuck. Allen has joined the basketball team here, which is a new experience for him.

*What do you think of Heppner?*

"Really different. For me, really quiet. Safer than

my city; my city is huge. People here are nice. The weather is the same."

*How has the experience been for you?*

"The first two months were great, but it's a different lifestyle. My host family are 'home bodies,' but I like to go out. I am used to more city life; I expected buses. But, you can walk everywhere here. It is small, but you have everything... tennis courts, swimming pool, basketball court, all that. In China, a small town doesn't have anything."

*What was the most difficult thing about this experience?*

"I had to be more independent, like an adult. The food...I would like America with Chinese food. Gravy is my favorite; I'm probably the only one who doesn't like cheese."

*What did you like best?*

"Friends and freedom."

**Wanghun Kim**

Wanghun Kim, or "Hun," is a 15-year-old, studying with the HHS junior class. He is also hosted by the Corbin family. He comes from Daegu, South Korea. Apparently, Hun is well-liked by the area animals, who, according to his fellow exchange students, are always coming up to him uninvited. Hun says he likes animals...but maybe not as much as they like him.

*What do you think of Heppner?*

"Much the same as Allen; small, but everything is here."

*How has the experience been for you?*

"Very different."

*What was the most difficult thing about this experience?*

"English, communication. Writing essays."

*What did you like best?*

"Friends. I come from a boys-only school; now I can meet girls."



Junhan Zhu (Chuck)



Yiming Liu (Allen)



Sukrit Itarasiri (Suarez)



Wanghun Kim (Hun)

## Local girls fight against cancer



A group of five fifth graders, calling themselves the Fight Breast Cancer Club, raised \$614 from bake sales and donations for the Relay for Life. The girls, 10 and 11 years old, are pictured with employees at Heppner Community Bank. Back row (L-R): Nicole Skillings, personal banker, Gracie Crum, Alexis Garrett and Nikki Worden, Community Bank branch manager. Front row (L-R): Susanna Teeman, Payton Miller and Renee Peterson. "They just decided they wanted to do something and thought of this all by themselves," commented mom Elizabeth Peterson. -Photo by April Sykes

## Jepsen gets 4-H scholarship

High school senior Rebecca Jepsen of Heppner is the recipient of the \$1,000 Myers Memorial 4-H scholarship, the organization announced recently. Jepsen was one of 16 high school students from across Oregon who received state 4-H scholarship awards in March through the Oregon State University Extension Service 4-H Youth Development Program.

More than 80 Oregon

4-H members competed for the scholarships, which range from \$500 to \$4,500. They were evaluated on their high scholastic achievement, 4-H projects and achievements, and personal essay describing their growth in 4-H.

A group of 10 4-H agents and volunteers from counties across the state selected the scholarship winners.

## CSEPP farewell



The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) hosted a farewell open house on May 8 at the CSEPP Emergency Operations Center in Heppner. Pictured are Casey Beard, Fred Ziari and Judge Terry Tallman. -Contributed photo

The Heppner Jr/Sr high school wrestling team is collecting batteries for an ongoing team fundraiser. Auto, tractor, RV, and four wheeler batteries will be accepted. Please bring your batteries to the South end Transfer station free of charge located at 57185 Hwy 74, Lexington, OR. For further information or if you need batteries picked up, call Mark Lemmon at (541)215-9248.



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