

BEO staff teaches kids to save

Cindy Kennedy, branch operations supervisor, and Debbie Young, teller, from Bank of Eastern Oregon's Heppner branch, gave a savings lesson to kindergarten through third-grade students at Heppner Elementary School recently. This is the seventh year BEO participated in the American Bankers Association Education Foundation's Teach Children to Save Program.

Sharon Rietmann, branch manager, and Taranna Patton, teller, from the lone branch, gave the savings lesson to kindergarten through third-graders at the lone Community School.

Bank of EO employees joined thousands of bankers across the country who traded in their balance sheets for blackboards to help fill the need for financial education.

"Studies show that kids aren't learning the skills they need to make smart financial decisions as adults," said Jeff Bailey, president and CEO. "Communities and schools teach other life skills, such as driving a car, but we don't spend enough time teaching financial skills. Bankers are in the schools this week to help fill that gap and prepare future customers for financial success."

A significant number of schools were reached by BEO staff in the eastern Oregon rural communities it serves.

The lessons taught included activities about the concept of saving, how interest makes money grow, how to budget and determining needs and wants. Bank of Eastern Oregon's employees visited a total of 23 elementary schools in its local banking communities. Along with the lessons, employees presented these



Taranna Patton, teller from the lone BEO branch, with lone first-through second-grade students. Students are (front L-R) Madi Orem, Fernando Rameriz, Calvin Rietmann, Haylie Peterson, Carson Eynetich, Sunem Calvillo, Julie Teeman, Emily Ehrmantraut, Daralynn Teeman (Middle L-R) Katelyn Thompson, Hailey Heideman, Anthony Villegas, Colt Parker, Charlie Smith, Lexie Gurinko, Bryce Rollins, Morgan Alldritt, Lewkus Burright, Cecilia McElligott (back L-R) Grace Ogden, Favolia Juarez, Mazie Hill, Blake Carter and Thomas Rudolf. Not pictured is Kayla Rodriguez. -Contributed photo

1,100 students with a Mr. Bendy Calculator.

Since the American Bankers Association Education Foundation's National Teach Children to Save Day began in 1997, thousands of bankers have taught money skills to more than one million students.

Bank of Eastern Oregon offers the following tips to help parents make every day "Savings Day":

-Help kids open up their own bank savings account and make deposits regularly. Many banks have children's accounts that have no fee or minimum-balance requirements.

-Make going to the bank fun. Some banks have kids' clubs where kids get newsletters or receive balloons when they make a deposit.

-Kids love to get mail, so encourage them to keep

an eye out for their quarterly statement.

-Talk to your child about the family budget. Include a discussion on wants and needs. Reinforce this by budgeting for a family outing or purchase.

-While children know that money doesn't grow on trees, they may think it comes out of a wall. Show them how an ATM machine works and explain that to take money out of the bank you must first put it in.

-Give your kids positive feedback. As they get older, give them responsibility over how they spend their money.

The ABA Education Foundation's National Teach Children to Save Day is held every April when thousands of bankers make presentations to students on the importance of saving for their future.

Area clinics closed for Memorial Day

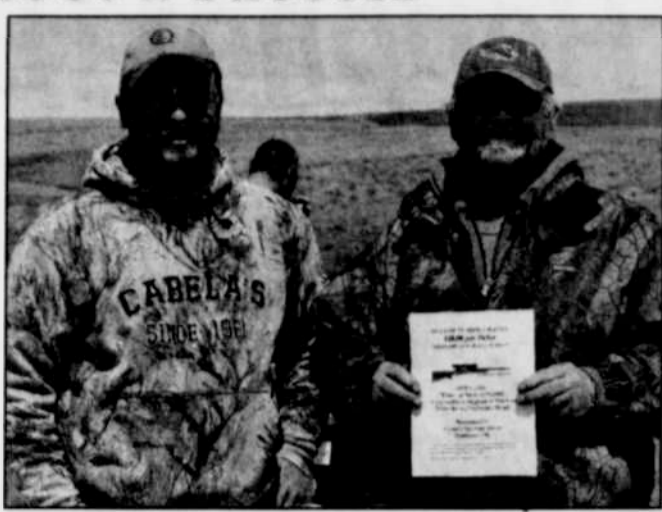
Morrow County Health District has announced that Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner and Irrigon Medical Clinic will be closed on Monday, May 28, for the Memorial Day.

The laboratory and radiology departments at Pioneer Memorial Hospital will also be closed that day for non-emergency outpatient services.

Ione TV shoot a success

The 12th annual Ione 1,000-yard TV Shoot was held on Saturday, May 5, at the Halvorsen Farm outside Ione. Henry Padberg, a seventh-grader at Ione Community School, was the winner of the 1000-yard shoot this year. Henry received a Leupold Spotting Scope and \$100; he then donated the \$100 back to the fund.

Also, for the third year in a row, there was a gun raffle at the shoot. Tickets were only sold at the shoot; Garner Sporting Goods of Pendleton helped make it a success. This year the winner of the rifle was Joe Orem. The 1000-yard shoot is a fundraiser for the Ione 4th of July Celebration. All money raised



Winner of the 1000-yard shoot, Henry Padberg, with Eric Orem. -Contributed photos

goes to fund activities for kids during the 4th of July Celebration. Sponsors of the shoot this year included MCGG, RDO, Garner Sporting Goods, Mark Anderson Construction, The

Rainbow, Alison and Carey Gunworks, Bob Hubbard, Snow-McElligott, Blagg Rifles, Bill Breshhears and Crew, Joe and Frank Halvorsen, and Leupold and Magnum Opus.

Local girl vies for rodeo queen

Lilly Sandford will be trying out for Miss Oregon High School Rodeo Association Queen for the 2012-13 year June 13-16 in Prineville, OR during a pageant held in conjunction with the Oregon High School Rodeo Association Finals Rodeo. Lilly resides with her parents, Sylvia and Rick Sandford, and younger sister, Ivy, all of Ione.

Sandford, a sophomore at Heppner High School, is FFA chapter vice president and a member of National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America and Oregon High School Rodeo Association. Sandford, a six-year 4-H member, has served on numerous committees, is a 4-H camp counselor, and is now helping her leader as junior leader for their sewing, cooking and horse 4-H

clubs. She also participates in HHS Basketball.

The girl chosen as Miss Oregon High School Rodeo Association Queen represents her high school rodeo team, the entire state of Oregon's team members who compete statewide, as well as those who will advance to the National High School Rodeo Finals in July. The National High School Rodeo Association Finals will be held July 15 - 21 at the Sweetwater Events Complex in Rock Springs, WY. If Sandford is awarded the title for Miss OHSRA, she will compete with queens from 40 other states, five Canadian provinces and Australia queens for the coveted title of Miss

National High School Rodeo Association Queen.

"Being Miss Oregon High School Rodeo Association Queen is an opportunity to represent the Western heritage of our state, our high school rodeo athletes and their scholastics; all while promoting collegiate scholarship opportunities for rodeo

athletes," says Sandford's mother, Sylvia Sandford. Sandford is working on obtaining sponsors for her pageant, where she will be judged in speech, personality, rodeo knowledge, horsemanship, modeling, appearance and personal interview. For more information about becoming a sponsor, contact the Sandfords at 541-571-5930.



Lilly Sandford

Spray Rodeo this weekend

The 65th annual Spray rodeo will take place May 26-27. The 47th annual Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon will be included in the weekend's festivities on May 26.

The rodeo will begin with slack on Friday, May 25, at 11 a.m. There is no admission charge for the day and there will be concessions on the grounds.

Saturday is Tough Enough to Wear Pink day, with all of the proceeds going to St. Charles Medical Center for breast cancer research.

At 8 a.m., the popular Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon, the longest running in the state, will take place. The race is a 13.2 mile run from Service Creek to Spray.

Saturday and Sunday morning there will be a "Buckeroo Breakfast" at the school cafeteria from early morning to 11 a.m.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. at the Spray General Store; the rodeo will begin with the grand entry

at 1 p.m., with contestants competing from all over the Northwest.

A cowboy church service will be held Sunday at 9 a.m. in the rodeo grand

stands, and the final performance of the rodeo will be at 1 p.m.

For further information, call 541-468-2442.

Youth works on Eagle Scout badge



As part of his effort to obtain his Eagle Scout designation, Alex Smith of Heppner took on the task of repainting the kitchen at the Senior Center in Heppner. Smith, 17, is the son of Greg and Sherri Smith of Heppner, and was working on his project last Friday. The senior center provided the paint, and Smith said he did a fundraiser to come up with the money to buy the brushes and other painting material. The group helping him paint started at 8 a.m. on Friday, and he estimated they would finish the job that day. Back (L-R): Greg Smith, Sam Hornbeck, Alex Smith, Jesse Boyd, Wade Matthew and Taomi Matthew. Middle (L-R): Grant Smith, Sherri Smith, Jared Lemmon, Mark Lemmon and Phil Schuyers. Front (L-R): Genevieve and Ryan Smith. -Photo by David Sykes

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APRIL'S CHARACTER TRAIT AMBITION

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Heppner Elementary School students of the month. Back (L-R): Johnny Resch, Sydney Wilson, Alison Cecil, Angel Matthew, Madison Combe, Alex Lindsay, Ivy Sandford, Wyatt Steagall and Jacee Currin. Front (L-R): Reece Gorham, Jordan Spaulding, Hunter Nichols, Brock Hisler, Ashley Geier, Jacee Coe, Dillan Doyle, Arianna Worden and Hannah Green.

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Heppner High School students of the month (L-R) Taylor Gould, Bre Hynes Kissler, Micha Hintz, Tommy Bredfield and Kevin Murray. Not pictured: Makenzi Hughes.

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