

FFA BANQUET

-Continued from PAGE ONE dishes, salads and desserts brought by the Heppner FFA members.

Also during the banquet there was the retiring of 2011-2012 chapter officers, and the installing of the 2012-2013 chapter officers. There were two guest speakers that attended the banquet, 2011-2012 state reporter Caleb Forcier and the Heppner alumni Friends of FFA 2012-2013 president Sylvia Sandford.

A gift was given to the departing high-school principal Daye Stone as a thank you from the Heppner FFA

chapter. The 2011-2012 officers also gave their advisor Beth Dickenson a gift for all of her hard work.

The banquet is an opportunity to congratulate and award the members who worked hard and participated in numerous activities and competitions through the past year, as well as getting a chance to thank their local sponsors and supporters throughout their years of service and donations.

There was also a silent auction and a live auction to help raise money for

Zech Hintz, who is now the 2012-2013 state treasurer. Zech says he would truly appreciate any help the community could extend to his yearlong adventure and commitment. Along with the fundraising efforts that will be taking place, there has been an account set up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, where anyone may make a donation to help Zech fulfill his obligations as the 2012-2013 state FFA treasurer and give him the opportunity to grow and learn during the upcoming year.

Local students to graduate from OSU

Several local students will graduate from Oregon State University during the 2012 commencement on Sunday, June 17, at 3:30 p.m. in Reser Stadium.

Morrow County students graduating are as follows:

Baillie L. Keithley of Heppner will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in human development and family sciences.

Dani M. Hill of Lexington will receive a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (four

year).

Josie J. Miller, Lexington, will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in general agriculture.

Kip H. Krebs of Ione will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural sciences.

Alan M. Rietmann, also of Ione, will receive a Bachelor of Science in agricultural business management.

Cristina R. Montes of Irrigon will receive a Bachelor of Science in human

development and family sciences.

Erica L. Moore, also of Irrigon, will graduate with a Master of Science in counseling.

This will be Oregon State's 143rd commencement ceremony. It is expected to be the largest in the school's history in number of graduates, those attending commencement, and overall attendance. OSU officials say. First Lady Michelle Obama will speak at the commencement.

Calling all dreamers:

Oregon Trail Library District launches summer reading program

Readers of all ages will explore the night this summer as the Oregon Trail Library District libraries in Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon present "Dream Big—READ!" during their summer reading programs. Activities may include

programs on moon lore, dreams and wishes, nocturnal animals, and more.

The 2012 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, toddler through young adult, with programs, prize drawing,

story hours and more. Registration for "Dream Big—READ!" begins on Friday, June 1. For more information, call the library at 541-676-9964.

All programs are free of charge.

Ryder Cup results

Thirty-four Willow Creek Country Club Men's Club players competed in Ryder Cup matches Sunday, May 19. The players were divided into two teams by handicap rankings. The white team won over the black team, 17-15.

Three match-play, nine-hole rounds were played: two-man best ball, individual matches and Scotch

ball. Lunch was served between the second and third rounds.

Play was organized by Matt Scrivner, Duane Disque, Greg Grant and Ron Bowman.

Regular play on Sunday, May 27, was hosted by Tim Hedman, Rick Britt and Roger Mortimore. Results are as follows.

Gross: 1st, John Edmundson, 68; 2nd, Matt Scrivner, 72; 3rd (tie), Kelly Fox and Jim Martin, 73.

Net: 1st, Roger Mortimore, 58; 2nd, David Allstott, 60; Larry Runyon, 61.

Regular Sunday play on June 3 will be hosted by Gary Propheter, Roger Ehrmantraut and Larry Runyon.

Get ready to celebrate Heppner

This year's Celebrate Heppner event will be held on Friday, June 8.

It will include the annual local merchants' sidewalk sale for those who participate. The city will also be promoting a community

flea market and craft fair, with vendors set up on Main Street for Friday only.

Registration forms are available from the Chamber of Commerce. Anyone interested in participating in the flea market is asked

to fill out a form and get it back to the chamber for coordination of placement. Vendors are responsible to set up, clean up and bring their own tables.

The Bank of Eastern Oregon will be having a community barbecue from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on June 8.

The complete event schedule is still in the works; any business that plans on doing something special for Celebrate Heppner should let the chamber know so it can be put on the schedule and promoted.

County parks meeting June 4

The quarterly meeting for the Morrow County Parks will be Monday, June 4, at 10 a.m. at the Morrow Grant OHV Park.

Contact Betty Gray at 541-989-8214 or bgray@co.morrow.or.us for directions and car pooling information. This is a wonderful opportunity to see one of our three county parks.

THANK YOU!!!

The Morrow County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council extends our sincere appreciation to the following agencies, foundations, groups and individuals for their contributions to the Backpack Program.

- Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation
- Wildhorse Foundation
- Eastern Oregon Correctional Facility Prison Blues
- Ford Family Foundation
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- Boardman's Community Thanksgiving Celebration
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Get to know our exchange students

In the final installment of our conversations with South Morrow's exchange students, we span the globe and talk with students from North America, Asia and Europe.

Hyun Jun Kim

Hyn Jun Kim, or "Jake," is a 16-year-old studying with the junior class at Heppner High school. He is being hosted by Alvin and Linda Liu. He comes to Heppner from Seoul, South Korea, but his parents live in China for their work.

What do you think of Heppner?

"Small? It's not small for me. I don't have a car; I have to walk and ride a bike everywhere, so it is big. In Korea we have buses, subways, so I don't have to walk so much. It was good exercise."

How has the experience been for you?

"Nice. The town is pretty. It is totally different. Here I have a lot of free time. Everyone is really tall; I thought I was tall, but not here. School is not 'amazing' but it is a new experience for me."

What was the most difficult thing about this experience?

"The culture. Not 'culture shock,' but it is pretty different. I have more freedom, but also the responsibility that comes with more freedom. I was embarrassed sometimes when people who didn't know me said hello."

What did you like best?

"Nature, the landscape. Everything is beautiful. There are no high buildings. At nighttime, you can see the stars."

It is a good memory for me."

Jorge Gomez Perrusquia

Jorge is a 17-year-old from Queretaro, Mexico, a city of around one million people. He has two broth-

ers, 30 and 27 years old, and a 21-year-old sister. Here, he lives with Amy and Brian Kollman while studying with the junior class at HHS.

What do you think of Heppner/the U.S.?

"It was a shock. Before I was here, I was in another town where the population was 75 (Unity). So coming here (Heppner) was like Portland."

How has the experience been for you?

"I like it here. I think I've grown up. We become more self-sufficient. I care more about things I didn't care about before."

What was the most difficult thing about this experience?

"The hardest thing was giving up friends, playing basketball and soccer. You can do anything in a town of one million."

What did you like best?

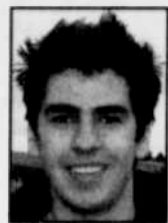
"There's a lot of things I really like about being here...the sports, everyone can play."

Dominika Senkerikova

Dominika is a 17-year-old studying at Ione Community School. Unlike her Heppner peers, Dominika is in the senior class in Ione, and will walk in graduation on June 8. She comes from Uhersky Brod in the Czech Republic, and is hosted by Bink and Lynn Dee Ramos.

What do you think of Ione?

"Ione is a small city but with great community. I'm very satisfied to be here. When I came, people paid attention to me; when I have a problem, everyone helps me. I would tell other exchange student to choose a small school, you can learn the language and other



Jorge Gomez Perrusquia



Hyun Jun Kim (Jake)



Dominika Senkerikova

skills best that way." How has the experience been for you?

"It was awesome. I am playing volleyball 11 years, but these four months were my best experience, and we won. In basketball and track it was good, we won districts. I have a great family. I was in New York, Washington D.C., Salem, the Tri-Cities. We had so many track meets. It's pretty good; I didn't think I could be that busy in Ione."

What was the most difficult thing about this experience?

"The hardest was...my city isn't big, but it is still bigger than Ione. Ione has only one store, no cinema. Everywhere we want to go, we have to drive. I didn't think I could live in a small village, but I like it because of the people here."

What did you like best?

"The best is the small high school so I can learn English and talk daily with my friends. I got to see D.C. I like the food; Chinese food, American food. I know it's junk food but I like it. And, of course, the volleyball season was most important. I'm grateful to all the people in Ione, that they help me. I don't feel alone, I feel like Ione is my own family."

Cathy Halvorsen is the local representative of ASSE International, an exchange student organization

that has been coordinated since 1972. Halvorsen reminds everyone that host families are still being sought for next year's exchange students. Anyone interested in being a host parent should contact her at 541-422-7131 (school) or 541-422-7107 (home).

Time to prevent puncturevine

Another cool spring has delayed the emergence of Puncturevine, Tribulus terrestris L. or goathead.

Puncturevine is not a noxious weed according to the Morrow County Weed Ordinance, but it is obnoxious. Seedlings have sprouted and, as soon as we have sunshine again, they will flower and go to seed. Now is the time to get out a shovel or back-pack sprayer and eliminate these invaders just waiting to unleash their wrath of pain and misery on people or their pets. Anyone who has ever stepped on a goathead that was tracked in on their carpet knows what that means.

Diligence and persistence are the name of this game. When digging goathead plants, take care not to shake any seeds loose; dispose of the plant in the trash or a burn barrel. Go back to the area in a couple of weeks to check for new sprouts, especially after a rain. Each goathead burr separates into five separate segments; each segment

has two to four seeds inside and can typically remain viable for 3-7 years, patiently waiting for just the right conditions to sprout.

According to a spokesperson from the Morrow County Weed Advisory Board, puncturevine can

be found all over Morrow County because the burrs will hitchhike on tires and randomly fall off and germinate. Everyone is reminded to be observant when parking cars; the car's tires could be in a puncturevine patch.

Free spray day held



The cute weed waving at the camera may be meant to represent a noxious pest, but seemed anything but annoying as the mascot for the SWCD and NRCS's second annual "Free Spray Day" at the Heppner City Park last Friday. The organizations handed out 140 one-gallon containers of ready-to-apply "Speedzone" to South Morrow homeowners to help control broadleaf weeds, bringing the county-wide total to 240 gallons of free spray. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

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