

Bennet takes newspaper honors



Baily Bennett (above), a junior at Heppner High School, was named All-Herald pitcher of the year and All-EO player of the year for her role in helping the Mustangs secure the Class 2A/1A state championship with a 4-2 win against Glendale on June 2. Mustang coach Petra Payne was also honored as coach of the year for taking the Mustangs to their first softball championship, and fourth school championship. In honor of this newspaper tradition, the Heppner Gazette-Times would like to name the Mustang softball team the All-Gazette team of the year. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Heppner to host junior golf tourney

Heppner junior golf will be hosting a Northwest Oregon Junior Golf Association (NEOJGA) tournament July 6 at 9 a.m. at Willow Creek Country Club.

All youth interested in junior golf can access information regarding the NEOJGA at www.neojga.com. Cost of the tournament includes an annual fee of \$10, paid one time per player, and an entry fee of

\$10 per tournament for the Pee Wee division and \$15 per tournament for all other divisions. The tournament entry fee includes golf, awards and lunch.

NEOJGA is available to all youth ages eight to 18. Sign-up is available through the NEOJGA website or by contacting Greg Grant at 541-676-9138, ext. 2521, 541-676-5257 or grantg@morrow.k12.or.us, or Ken Grieb at 541-989-8353.

Junior golf clinic to be held

A junior golf clinic will be held June 18-20, 25 and 27 at Willow Creek Country Club. The cost for the clinic is \$25 per student; it is open to any student aged seven through 16.

On June 18-20, the beginners' clinic will be held from 1-2 p.m.; intermediate levels will be from 2:30-4 p.m. On June 25 and 27, beginners meet from 9-10 a.m. and intermediate players meet from 10:30 till noon.

Sign-up sheets and more information can be obtained by contacting Greg Grant at 541-676-9138, ext. 2521, 541-676-5257 or grantg@morrow.k12.or.us.

HES Presidential Award winners



Presidential Award winners at Heppner Elementary were (L-R): Diana Healy, Alex Lindsay, Morgan Correa, Ivy Sandford, Cara Arbogast, Sophie Grant, Jared Geier, Tarin Troxell, Izabella Garcia and Payton Lehman. Not pictured: Katlyn Harper, Reiah Waite, Nichole Shaw and Riley Gorham. -Contributed photo

Wheat Growers golf scramble set

The Morrow/Gilliam wheat growers will hold their benefit golf scramble on Tuesday, June 19, at the China Creek Golf Course in Arlington. Proceeds will benefit area wheat growers' activities in the two counties.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Foursomes

and individuals are welcome. There will be awards and a putting contest. Cost per golfer is \$45, which includes food and beverages for the day.

For information or to register, call the Oregon Wheat Growers League office at 541-276-7330, or visit www.owgl.org for a printable registration form.

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Local teens receive Bank of EO scholarships

Students from Heppner and Lone were among the 20 graduating seniors to receive \$500 Bank of Eastern Oregon scholarships through the bank's Agricultural/Business Scholarship Program. This is the 20th year the bank offered this program, giving away over \$96,000 to date.

Five of these scholarships were awarded to Heppner High School seniors and two were awarded to Lone High School seniors.

Zechariah Hintz, Heppner, was active in wrestling, track, drama and chess. He is a member of FFA, has earned his State Degree and was elected current Oregon FFA state treasurer. Other officer positions he held in FFA were assistant reporter, reporter, sentinel and vice president. Throughout high school, Zech held various student body officer positions of president, vice president, publicity director and Pep Club director. Academic awards include the golden Presidential Award; Student of the Year, Elks Most Valuable Student Award, State FFA Degree, Chapter FFA Degree and Greenhand FFA Degree.

Zech was very active in community service. Some of the efforts Zech helped with were collecting food for the needy, the community Christmas concert, singing at the assisted living facility, canned food drives, Morrow County fair set up and clean up, Heppner's chamber events and Mustang Mop-Up. He also joined Heppner's Beautification Committee, was a Booster Club volunteer and participated in the Ford Family Foundation community leadership program. Zech will defer college entry for one year due to his Oregon FFA State Treasurer duties, but plans to attend Cornell University as an agricultural sciences major in the fall of 2013.

Tayllor Gould, Hepp-

ner, was active in basketball and captain for two years. In FBLA, she was treasurer for four years and went to state competition in health care administration. In student government activities, she was treasurer throughout school. She was also involved in yearbook, civics and drama clubs, a counselor for Tupper Outdoor School,



Taylor Gould

queen for Homecoming and a member of Prom Committee. She also was a peer mentor for the junior high students, helping to reduce the amount of bullying that had been taking place. Tayllor was the creator and president of Pep Club. She held president and treasurer positions in her 4-H swine and horticulture club and was a Morrow County Ambassador for three years. Some of her community service activities included setting up Heppner's Christmas tree lights, volunteering at Friday school, Mustang Mop-Up, cleaning up fairgrounds for fair time, HES



Camron Day

Field Day and growing a welcome-home garden for military families.

Tayllor has received special recognition for her participation with yearbook, in language arts class, horticulture presentation at fair, for being assistant treasurer at HHS, Spanish 2 achievements, and for participation as an American Auxiliary Legion #87 representative. Tayllor has a strong commitment to her faith and has completed intensive course study in ministries. After graduation, Tayllor plans to begin her business management and entrepreneurship studies at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham.

Camron Day, Heppner, was active in baseball. He was also involved in Pep

Club and served as vice president in 11th grade student body. As a senior, he was voted a Homecoming prince. Camron participated in the baseball team's fire station breakfast fundraiser during Heppner's St. Patrick's Day celebration and he also volunteered to work the concession stands during fair and rodeo. Camron plans to attend Walla Walla Community College to begin his studies in agriculture business management.

Justin Bailey, Heppner, was band student of the year in 2011.



Justin Bailey

Community service found Justin helping at Heppner chamber events such as the Christmas celebration and dinner, putting up Christmas lights, helping with the St. Pat's boxing smoker and other chamber events. He often volunteered to help at Bank of Eastern Oregon's community barbecues. Justin plans to start business classes at Blue Mountain Community College and will then transfer to Eastern Oregon University.

Justin Pranger, Heppner, a 4.0 student and Valedictorian of his class, was active in basketball and FFA. He earned his State FFA Degree and is a four-year recipient of an academic letter. Other awards Justin received were for Spanish, language arts, world history, biology, math, and technology. He is a perfect attendance member of the Catholic youth group, a contributing member of Pheasants Forever, has volunteered his time as Little League umpire and has provided more than 320 hours of community service during his high school years.



Justin Pranger

Justin is enrolled in the University of Idaho for fall term and plans to major

in wildlife resources and minor in forestry.

Mary McElligott, Lone, was active in drama club, cheerleading and 4-H. She was a member of the Oregon Trail Livestock Club. During school, she volunteered her time to horticulture services in the community, Watershed Field Day, youth cheerleading and the St. Williams youth group. Mary plans on attending Blue Mountain Community College this fall to begin her general and livestock production studies.



Mary McElligott

Makenna Ramos was active in volleyball, basketball and track, and earned many awards and letters for her participation. She was volleyball and basketball captain.



Makenna Ramos

She is a member of National Honor Society, 4-H and the Lone Christian youth group. Student body officer positions were freshman class president, sophomore class vice president, junior class activities director, and senior class secretary/treasurer. Makenna was also the 2011 Wendy's High School Heisman winner, school level. She has been a Tupper counselor, volunteered at school carnivals, and was a member of the Spanish International Club. Makenna's community service included helping at the July 4 fish pond and duck race. She is a junior member of the Lone Auxiliary. Other community service found Makenna volunteering at the Lone Education Foundation dinner and the JDRF Diabetes Walk. She was also a Tri-County camp counselor.

Makenna plans on attending Oregon State University in the fall to work towards a degree in agricultural business management.

Local student to compete at finals rodeo

Kolby Currin, a seventh-grade student at Heppner Junior/Senior High School, has earned a position on the Oregon state National Junior High rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Gallup, NM from June 24 through June 30 to compete

in the eighth annual National Junior High Finals Rodeo (NJHFR) in the tie down roping, goat tying and rifle shooting competitions.

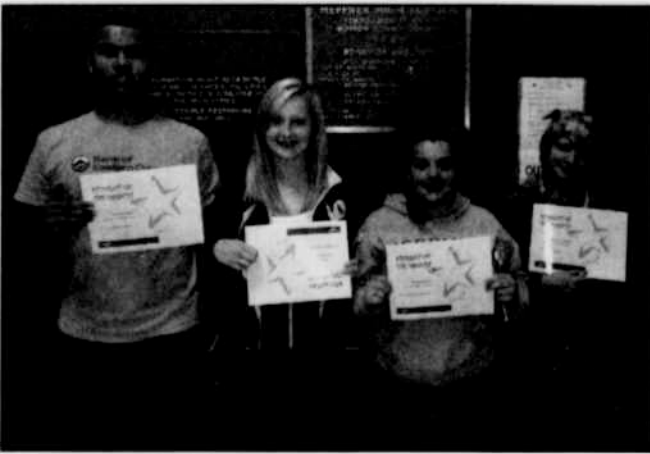
Featuring more than 1,000 contestants from 47 states, Canadian provinces and Australia, the NJHFR is the world's largest junior

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 performance.

To follow Currin's progress, visit www.nhsra.org for daily results.

HHS May students of the month



Heppner High School has announced the students of the month for May. (L-R): John Prophete, McKayla Kindle, Rylee Wagoner and Demitra Schmidt. Not pictured: Austin Gutierrez. The character trait for May was confidence. -Contributed photo

The Willow Creek Waterpark will open late this Saturday, June 16.

The pool will be open from 4-10 p.m. so that the lifeguards may attend Daniel Jeffrey's funeral service.

The pool party scheduled for 2:00 pm will be moved to 4:00 pm

HES celebrates OAKS achievements



Students at Heppner Elementary celebrate their success on the Oregon Statewide Assessment (OAKS). Students celebrated with ice-cream sundaes with all the toppings. Each student received a balloon with notes inside, some congratulating them on their achievement and some with donated prizes. -Contributed photo

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment. If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk: Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175 Community Counselling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161 OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)