

## Morrow County students celebrate achievements

It's been a successful spring for students in Morrow County. Students throughout the district have shined at various academic competitions throughout the region. Here are the highlights:

### Windy River Elementary Spelling Contest

Congratulations to the Windy River Elementary Spelling Contest winners for 2013:

Division I: First place: Isabella Ganova; second place: James Tiboni; third place: Andrew Zellars.

Division II: First place: Rose Jurcich; second place: Jared Miller; third place: Daisy Paredes.

Both first-place winners will be invited to compete at the InterMountain Education Service District's regional spelling contest at Blue Mountain Community College on May 13. All students will receive awards at the end-of-the-year assembly at the Windy River.

### District-Wide Math Contest

Congratulations to the grade-level winners of the Morrow County School District Math Contest: Third grade: Cody Fletcher; fourth grade: Madelyn Nichols; fifth grade: Gavin Robinson & Nicole Prophet; sixth grade: Jaiden Mahoney; seventh grade:

Karlee Gale; and eighth grade: Kyler Sorenson & Alexandria Dunn.

### Eastern Oregon University Regional Math Contest

Congratulations to the Morrow County School District junior high and high school math students for their outstanding performances at the Eastern Oregon University Regional Math Contest. In the Small School Category (pool of 13 schools), the math relay category was a clean sweep with Irrigon students taking third place, Boardman students taking second place, and Heppner students taking first place.

Heppner High School also took home first place for overall team in the small school division.

### 2013 Spring Knowledge Master Open

Congratulations to Windy River Elementary and Heppner Elementary schools for their participation and respective first and second place finishes in our Statewide Knowledge Master Team completed this spring. Both schools are at the top of the list for Oregon. First place: Windy River Elementary School, Boardman; and second place: Heppner Elementary School, Heppner.

## Food gets active with cultures



On April 12, the Fab Four Foods Group got up to their elbows in active cultures as they experimented with making two kinds of yogurt. One had to be incubated at room temperature and the other had to be kept at a certain temperature. Above, Morgan Orem and Renee Peterson jar up their yogurt. —Contributed photo

## Celebrate Heppner to include flea market, craft fair

Celebrate Heppner will include a community flea market and craft fair for this year's event on Friday, June 14.

The Celebrate Heppner Committee is working on the list of activities taking place during the day and would like to invite any community members who would like to set up a table and participate in the community flea market, fundraisers and craft fair to contact Heppner Chamber of Commerce get a spot on Main Street. Pick up a registration form at the chamber office or post office. The merchant sidewalk

sales also will be happening that day, along with other activities soon to be published.

Anyone interested in participating as a community flea market and craft fair vendor, contact the chamber at 541-676-5536 to get signed up. Anyone planning on having a garage or yard sale, let the chamber know, and they will include it in the schedule.

"So, put Friday, June 14 on your calendar," says Chamber Executive Director Sheryll Bates, "and plan on participating in this year's Celebrate Heppner Event!"

## Ione students shine in county spelling contest



All three Ione Community School spelling champions placed at the Morrow County contest on May 13. Henry Padberg (left) placed third in the middle school division; Jill Rudolf (middle front) was first in elementary; and Oskar Paterson (right) was first in high school. Jill and Oskar will advance to the state competition in Salem this August. —Contributed photo

## Free trees available this week

Morrow SWCD will have free bare root tree seedlings available Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ag Service Center, 430 W Linden Way in Heppner. Species available are Western Larch, Douglas Fir, Ponderosa Pine and Spruce. Trees will be given away on a first come, first served basis. Customers are asked to bring their own containers.

## Neighborhood Center seeks board members

The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County in Heppner would like to extend invitations to one person from Ione and one person from Lexington to join its board of directors. Interested parties, please stop by the Neighborhood Center or call 541-676-5024.

## Bell choir to play in Ione June 15

The Raytown Christian Church Youth Vocal and Bell Choir from Raytown, MO will provide a concert June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Ione Community Church. This is their 42<sup>nd</sup> annual trip; they are heading to the Pacific Northwest for the first time almost a decade.

The youth bell choir is made up of students from grades six through 12 and

has been nationally recognized by the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Their vocal choir, readers and drama leaders help round out a full program around the theme of "Courage!"

The youth will also be helping lead worship at Ione Community Church on June 16 at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

## Chamber lunch meeting

David VanDerlip of Oregon Rural Housing Services will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, this Thursday, May 16, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. Cost of lunch is \$10; Willow Creek Diner will cater.

Lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than noon the Wednesday before.

## Community lunch menu

Volunteers from the United Methodist Church will serve lunch on Wednesday, May 22, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include scrambled eggs; ham, bacon or sausage; hash browns; citrus salad; biscuits and gravy; cinnamon rolls; and tomato juice. Milk is served at each meal.

Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

## Wheat Foundation selects MoCo scholarship recipient

The Oregon Wheat Foundation awarded nine \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors. Students were judged on their community involvement, academic achievement and an essay on a wheat industry topic.



Kyle Harrison

Kyle Harrison, son of Travis and Kirsten Harrison, is a graduating senior from Heppner High School. He plans to at-

tend Eastern Oregon University or Oregon State University, studying exercise science/nutrition, with plans to get a degree in kinesiology. Kyle is a four-year honor student and a two year National Honor Society member. He

has been involved in basketball, golf, football, 4-H and FFA, as well as many community services.

## Collins awarded Ag scholarship

Local student Maggie Collins was one of four local students who received scholarships from The McGregor Company's Standing Tall for American Agriculture Scholarship Program.



Maggie Collins

The McGregor Company reported that it "found a wellspring of strength and intelligence in the pool of applicants in the Standing Tall for American Agriculture Scholarship Program." This program focuses support of agriculture at a most important level—students. Four local high school seniors each received a \$1,000

Standing Tall for American Agriculture Scholarship, to go towards their college tuition.

One recipient, Maggie Collins of Heppner, apparently showed great interest in the Ag industry, as evident in her applications and essay. Collins is planning to attend the University of Idaho. She will receive \$1,000 towards her tuition.

"There are fine futures ahead for all of us as these young, intelligent people consider careers in agriculture," reports company president Alex McGregor.

## Donkey basketball this Friday

The Heppner FFA chapter would like to remind everyone about the Donkey Basketball game at the Heppner High School gym this Friday, May 17.

Pre-game entertainment includes a mini petting zoo and roping lessons given by Garrett Robinson and Tate Gentry at 6 p.m., with the game to start at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be pur-

chased ahead of time from the HHS and HES offices. Advance prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$4 for children 10 and under. Students in grades K-4 have received coloring pages and, if they show up to the game with their page colored, they get a free ticket in. Tickets purchased at the gate are a dollar more for each age group.

## Sheriff's Report

April 29: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office cited Rufino Lopez Ramirez, 38, for Violation of the Speed Limit-School Zone and No Operator's License.

-MCSO received a report of harassment. MCSO released no further information.

-MCSO received report of a sprinkler pipe broken and causing high water in the street on Columbia Lane in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report of two horses loose in Boardman. The horses were put back into their pasture.

-MCSO cited Ricky J. Hawkins, 50, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that she had a cat in a trap. A deputy responded and transported the cat to Pet Rescue.

-MCSO cited Guillermo Mendoza Guzman, 18, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 80 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received report that the Irrigon library project, under construction, was broken into the previous night. A deputy responded and took the report.

-MCSO received report of pit bulls running around the marina in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report from a farmer of a theft in Irrigon. The caller reported that one of his fields was hit and 96 sprinkler heads taken. He said he had seen where someone had pulled off the road and left a pop can and wanted to have fingerprints pulled. He requested deputy contact.

-MCSO received a report from an Irrigon woman who said she had a check cashed by an unknown person.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon man that he had \$500 in coins and \$1,000 in jewelry taken from his home.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner teacher that he has been receiving harassing text messages from an unknown person. He requested contact.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman of a suspicious subject knocking on her door. She advised the person left and no deputy was needed.

-MCSO received report of a big dump truck where the city parks its vehicles in Heppner that has a blinker on like someone had been messing with it around 9 p.m.

April 30: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report from an Irrigon female that her brother broke her headlights and was trying to take the tires off her car at 3:46 a.m.

-MCSO received another call from the Irrigon female at 3:49 a.m. to report that her brother took the lugnuts off her car and broke a headlight. A deputy

responded and the subject said her brother left and she didn't want to press charges.

-MCSO received report from a subject who said that a male wearing a ball cap and driving a Ford 3/4 ton 4x4 pickup with SW on the side plate ran him off the road on Hwy. 74 Lexington and was out of sight within a minute. He reported that the vehicle ran two vehicles off the road on both sides.

-MCSO received request for extra patrol on Gale St. for vehicles speeding on Gale St. in Heppner. The caller said that one vehicle was a large brown Ford pickup that said "wasted wages" on it.

-MCSO deputy reported a subject on a bicycle in front of Irrigon City Hall that would not stop for the deputy. The deputy pursued the subject on foot and arrested Marion Ivan Taylor, 53, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamines and Failure to Appear. An addition charge of Possession of Methamphetamines was added. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO, Heppner Ambulance received report of a female subject who had gone into a hardware store in Heppner wanting them to make a new set of keys. However, they advised they could not without the original set. The caller said he gave the woman a ride home and asked her where she kept her keys, but then she seemed confused and wondered what they were looking for.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that she had been receiving spam calls again.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that there was a horse in her yard.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that someone had been dumping garbage in the alley. She wanted to find out who was the dumping the garbage and have it removed.

-MCSO received report from a Boardman woman that they had just moved into a house and a car pulled into their driveway and had been sitting there for the last 20 minutes with no reason to be there.

-MCSO received report of an open garage door and one subject in the garage in Irrigon. A deputy made contact and advised that a woman was just getting home from work.

-Heppner Ambulance received request for an ambulance for a disoriented 81-year-old female. Heppner Ambulance responded and she was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

-Irrigon Ambulance transported a 56-year-old male who had fallen and hurt his hip and shoulder.