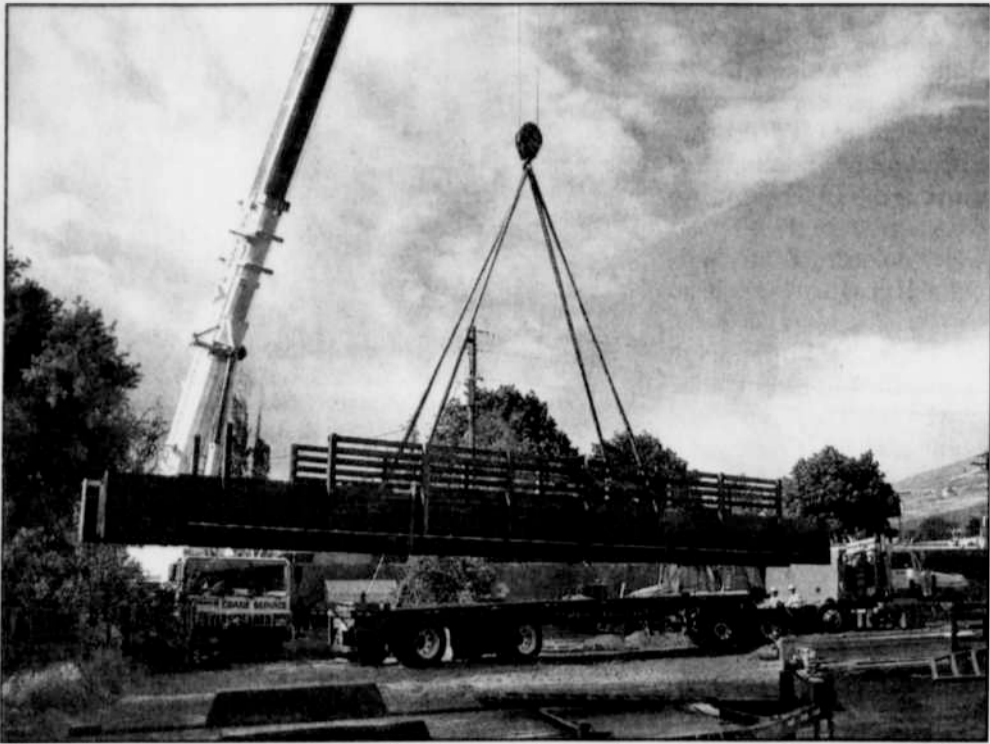


## Lovers' Lane bridge replacement arrives



Workmen use a crane Tuesday morning to place the new Lovers' Lane bridge across Willow Creek to Court Street. The bridge was purchased several years ago from the City of Pendleton to replace the decaying and unsafe former structure. —Photo by David Sykes

## Ranger district hosts May 31 fieldtrip

Group to tour Kahler Dry Forest Restoration Project

The public is invited to attend a fieldtrip to the Kahler Dry Forest Restoration Project, located south of Heppner, on May 31. The fieldtrip will provide an opportunity to discuss proposed vegetation treatments within the Kahler project area.

The Kahler project seeks to restore dry upland forest conditions, improve forest resiliency and reduce the risk of uncharacteristic disturbances throughout the Kahler Creek watershed, utilizing a combination of thinning and prescribed burning.

Kahler is an integrated vegetation management project proposed by the Umatilla Forest Collaborative Group (UFCG).

The UFCG is a wholly-independent collaborative group whose mission is to develop and promote solutions from a diverse group of stakeholders to improve and sustain ecological resiliency and local community socioeconomic health in and near the Umatilla National Forest. UFCG participation is open to the public.

Transportation for the tour is provided and includes field stops to proposed project units in addition to recent commercial thinning units where similar treatment prescriptions were implemented.

Heppner participants can board the bus at 9 a.m. at the Heppner Ranger District office, 117 South Main in Heppner, or can catch up

with the group at 10 a.m. at the junction of State Highway 207 and Forest Road 21 West.

Participants should pack a lunch and be prepared to walk short distances by wearing long pants, sturdy footwear and appropriate clothing for the weather. The tour will end back at the district office in Heppner around 4 p.m.

For more information about the fieldtrip, contact Jon Day at the Heppner Ranger District 541-676-9187. For more information about the Kahler Dry Forest Restoration Project, visit the website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/umatilla/landmanagement/projects>.

## IMESD honors 2013 Crystal Apple Award winners

PENDLETON — One Heppner teacher and two lone staff are among six Morrow County education staff members honored at the 2013 Crystal Apple Awards on Wednesday.

One staff honored at the event were Kathy Bolin and Diana McEligott. Bolin is a bus driver who has been with the lone district eight years. McEligott has been two years in lone; she teaches fourth and fifth grade. The Heppner recipient was Morrow County School District teacher Karen Smith-Griffith, who teaches fifth and sixth grade at Heppner Elementary; she has been with the district 26 years.

Other Morrow County recipients were Kathie Goad, Riverside Jr-Sr High School Educational Assistant; Laura Rowe, Irrigon Elementary Title I/Fifth Grade Teacher; and Becky Seewer, AC Houghton Elementary Educational Assistant.

The InterMountain Education Service District honored 49 education staff members from 17 school

districts and the IMESD as 2013 Crystal Apple Award winners during two ceremonies this month. A ceremony to honor 35 education staff from school districts in Umatilla and Morrow counties and the IMESD took place on May 15 at the Pendleton Red Lion Hotel Ballroom, and a ceremony to honor 14 education staff from school districts in Union County will take place May 22 at the Gilbert Event Center at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

Each year, the IMESD, along with local school districts, honors teachers and other education staff for their dedication and commitment to students, as well as their abilities to go above and beyond the call of duty in their schools. Nominations are submitted over a two-month period by administrators, co-workers, parents, students and community members. Winners are selected from these nominees by school district office administration.

"The Crystal Apple Awards are a way for the

IMESD and our local school districts to show their appreciation for staff who have served as shining stars over the past year," said Casey White-Zollman, director of the Crystal Apple Awards program.

"We often take for granted the work our education employees do each day, so it's nice to take time to really recognize those special people who really make a difference in our schools and with our kids."

This will be the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Crystal Apple "Excellence in Education" Awards ceremony for Umatilla and Morrow counties, and the second in Union County.

The Crystal Apple Awards are sponsored by the IMESD, Mid Columbia Bus Company, First Investors, Bank of Eastern Oregon, First Community Credit Union, KCMB radio, 99.9 The River radio, KUMA radio, Rotary Club of Pendleton, St. Anthony Hospital, the Wildhorse Foundation, and WC Construction.



Kathy Bolin



Karen Smith-Griffith



Diana McEligott

## Sheriff's Report

May 2: Morrow County Sheriff's Office cited Samuel V. Abramov, 38, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 71 mph in a 55 mph zone.

MCSO cited Ramon Garay Sanchez, 29, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 86 mph in a 55 mph zone.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that she was chased by two pit bulls.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon man that he has had an ongoing problem with a mechanic in the Hermiston area. He reported that the mechanic had an issue with his landlord and was evicted. The caller said he had been trying to get his 10-wheeler back, but the mechanic advised he had sold it.

MCSO received report of an elderly female at a store in Heppner who was very confused and could not get a hold of her husband.

MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that her purse had been taken out of her vehicle the previous day while parked at the grocery store.

MCSO cited Walter Ernest Gerard, Jr., 55, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone.

MCSO cited Kevin Douglas Lenkersdorfer, 49, for VBR, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone.

MCSO received request for deputy contact concerning a field he irrigates, however the water sometimes sprays on a road that he owns and he has gotten complaints from the neighbors.

MCSO, Heppner Fire Department received report of a controlled burn out of control on Court Street in Heppner.

MCSO received report from the caretaker for the I-84 Boardman rest area that he discovered some suspicious stuff left at the rest area.

MCSO received report of a suspicious vehicle, a red Mustang with white on the side, driving very slow around Usage Lane/Washington Lane and West 8th in Irrigon. Two females in their 20s, one blonde and one brunette, were reported to be in the vehicle.

MCSO received report of a Traeger barbecue stolen in Heppner, perhaps the first week of February.

MCSO received report of an old motor home sitting on property in Irrigon for a long time. The caller said the plates had expired in 2007.

MCSO received report of dogs barking all hours, day and night on Morgan St. in Heppner.

MCSO received report

of dogs barking all the time on Chase St./Center St. in Heppner.

MCSO received report from a Lexington man that he was being telephonically harassed by his ex-girlfriend and a male subject.

MCSO received a call from a crisis hotline that a male subject in Boardman had taken all of his blood pressure pills, then threw them up. The hotline requested a welfare check on the man.

MCSO received request for a behavioral health transport for a patient back to a motel when he was released from the hospital.

MCSO received report of a subject driving erratically on Hwy. 730/182. MCSO and Umatilla County Sheriff's Office were both out of position.

MCSO received report that Hermiston Police Department arrested Sonny James Phipps, 26, on a warrant for three counts of Parole Violation/Possession of Methamphetamine and Failure to Appear. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with no bail.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that someone had used her credit card. She needed a police report to fax to Wal-Mart where the card was used.

## Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court Report.

-A Heppner minor pled no contest to careless driving accident and no ops/driving outside restrictions/passenger in vehicle and was fined \$350 and \$260, respectively.

-Tara Mahoney, 48, of Pendleton pled no contest to violating the basic rule 76/55 and fined \$260. A further charge of no ops was dismissed.

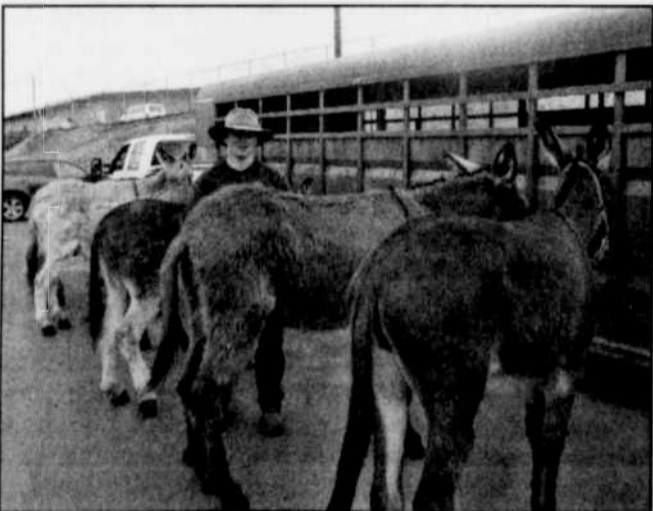
-Daniel Christopher Pryor, 44, of Heppner pled no contest to VBR 94/55 and was fined \$435.

-Shirlee Anne Sweigart, 69, of Heppner was found guilty of maintaining a dog as a public nuisance. She was fined \$160 and ordered to pay restitution of \$779.50 for veterinarian bills.

-Lynn E. Wiley, 63, of

Pendleton was found guilty of exceeding the maximum weight by 2,900 pounds, in a tandem over the limit (34,000 pounds) at 36,900 pounds, and fined \$200.

## Yes, these donkeys can jump



Darren Doan brushes down his donkeys in preparation for the donkey basketball game at Heppner High School on Friday, May 17. —Photo by April Sykes

## DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-William Michelle Adams, 55, was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 19 months prison time with credit for time served and 2 years post prison supervision. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$260.

-Dana Marie Flock, 27, was convicted of Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony and was sentenced to 90 sanction days and 30 jail days. The defendant was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$940.

She was ordered to pay \$1,000 in restitution to the victim.

-Patrick Alan Greer, 33, was convicted of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class C felony, and sentenced to 24 months prison time with credit for time served and 5 years post prison supervision. The defendant was further convicted of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class C felony, and sentenced to 24 months prison time with credit for time served with previous sentences and 5 years post prison supervision. The defendant was further convicted of an additional count of Sexual Abuse in

the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, and sentenced to 30 months prison time with credit for time served to run consecutive with previous sentences with 5 years post-prison supervision.

-Cynthia Ann Brown, 25, was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony, reduced to a Class A Misdemeanor and sentenced to 180 jail days suspended and 24 months probation. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$500: The defendant was further convicted of Failure to Appear in the Second Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and sentenced to 24 months bench probation. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$1,000.

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