

## Elks honor senior girls, mothers



The Heppner High School senior girls and their mothers were honored at a mother-daughter luncheon, hosted by the Heppner Elks Club Ladies, on May 21. Pictured (left to right) are: Back row—Melanie Gates, Christy Wizner, Karen Dyke, Patti Rill, Mindy Coster, Janet Wilson, Ashli Gould, Jeannie Collins, Alita Nelson, Kellie Nelson, Savannah Seewald, Kim Seewald, Baily Bennett, Misty Bennett. Middle row: Joslynn Troxell, Alyssa Wizner, Kaitlyn Dyer, Elizabeth Rill, Sidney Coster, Alana Wilson, Tessa Gould, Maggie Collins. Front row: Ashlie Hanson, Dawn Brosnan, Breyanna Hynes-Kissler, Rose Hynes-Kissler, Hanna Lovgren, Staci Osmin, Emma Osmin, Amy Tolar, Larissa Gray, Kellie Gray, Christy Correa, Makenzie Correa, Ann Jones, Jordan Jones, Dora Collins, Andrea Collins, Chris Whalen, Michaela Whalen. —Photo by Alita Nelson

## FSA administrator urges timely DCP/ACRE enrollment

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administrator Juan M. Garcia emphasizes the enrollment deadline for farmers and ranchers considering the 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) or the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE). Producers who wait until the last minute to sign up could face increased waiting time in FSA county offices.

The sign-up for both programs began Feb. 19. The deadline to sign up for ACRE is June 3. The

DCP sign-up period ends Aug. 2.

"We understand that producers have gotten busy, but they can't forget to visit their county office if they intend to sign up for DCP or ACRE," said Garcia. "Just as farmers and ranchers plan their spring plantings, producers should plan to schedule an appointment to visit their USDA service center at the earliest possible time. It's best to complete the paperwork now rather than to stand in line the day before the deadline."

The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013 or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013 (and vice versa).

For more information about the programs and loans administered by FSA, visit any FSA county office or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Heppner pool opens June 8

Willow Creek Water Park will have its opening day Saturday, June 8, from 1 p.m. until midnight.

Regular pool hours will be Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. until 8 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Rates are \$4 for adults 18 and up, \$3 for students five to 17, and \$2 for children four and under.

Senior citizens are \$2, and the family rate (immediate family only, five maximum) is \$14.

Individual passes for the year are \$75; family passes are \$140. Passes are available for purchase on opening day or by mailing a check to WCPD, PO Box 582, Heppner, OR 97836. Swim lessons are \$40

per session or \$35 with a pass. Sessions are: session one, June 17-27; session two, July 8-18; session three, July 29-Aug. 8. Sessions are Monday through Thursday only.

Pool parties are available. Rate is based upon number of people; the minimum one-hour starting rate is \$75.

## Chamber Chatter

Main Street office space available for rent with flexible terms: Are you or do you know of someone who is interested? Contact Heppner Chamber for more information.

Howe's About Pizza is now open for breakfast, served Mon-Sat. 7-11 a.m.: They have a full breakfast menu, so stop by and check it out and try a selection or two.

Saturday, June 1—8th Annual Youth Fishing Derby, for children ages 14 and under, to be held at Cutsforth Park (sponsored by Morrow County Parks): The event will run from 8:30 - 11 a.m., with lunch being provided by the Heppner Elks Lodge. Please contact Betty Gray at the Morrow County Public Works Office for more information, 541-989-8214.

Friday, June 14—Celebrate Heppner Event: The annual Merchants Sidewalk Sale will be taking place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Bank of Eastern Oregon will be hosting a barbecue lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; with children's games and small dog races to follow. A community flea market, craft fair and fundraisers will be set up around downtown from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and is open to any community members who are interested. Registration forms can be picked up at the chamber office, post office and Heppner Family

Foods bulletin board. The community play "Memories of the Flood," performed by the Dinner-at-the-Cemetery Players, returns to the Heppner Masonic Cemetery starting with dinner at 6 p.m. Through the actual words of some survivors of the 1903 flood, the dramatic production pays tribute to the amazing spirit of these survivors while also remembering the cost in lives of the devastation. Somber though this look-back is, optimism is the note on which the evening will end. Cost for the play, including dinner catered by Alvin Liu, is \$25. Tickets will be available at Murray's Drug, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Community Bank and Heppner Chamber of Commerce office. Seating is limited.

Saturday, June 15—Jackpot Blue Mountain Livestock Show: Market confirmation show for market sheep/goats with weigh in from 7-11 a.m.; showing 12 p.m. in the old beef barn at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. For more information, contact Nancy Gorham at 541-701-4167 or email at [nancygorham@gmail.com](mailto:nancygorham@gmail.com).

June 21, community farmer's market will be opening for the season at Heppner City Park from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Margaret Flaherty at 541-676-5972.

June 29-30, 5 p.m.-9 a.m.—Morrow County Relay for Life at Morrow County Fairgrounds: You can create a team, be a sponsor, volunteer or participate in some way. Contact Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536.

Sunday, June 23—Team Pooh on Cancer is sponsoring the Willow Creek 5k Run/Walk: Registration begins at 7 a.m.; check in begins at 7:15 a.m. The event starts at 8 a.m. and will begin at Willow Creek Reservoir. It's a 3.1 mile out and back route on scenic Balm Ford Road. To register, go to [Active.com](http://Active.com) and search for Willow Creek 5k registration; \$15 participant fee. Email questions [WillowCreek5K@gmail.com](mailto:WillowCreek5K@gmail.com). This year, your legs can support more than just

## Wolf depredation meeting scheduled

A wolf depredation meeting will be held June 5 at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Annex building in Heppner.

Topics will include how to make application for losses and other items regarding application. The public is invited to attend.

## Ione plans baccalaureate service

Ione Community Church will be hosting an ecumenical baccalaureate service for Ione Community School's senior class of 2013 on June 4 at 7 p.m.

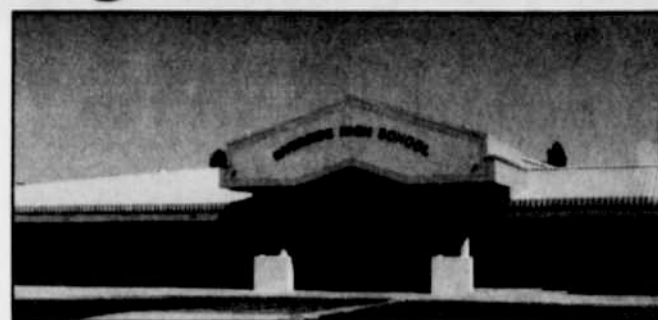
All are welcome to attend as this milestone is celebrated. A cookie and coffee reception will follow.

## Riverside named one of U.S. News' best high schools

For the fourth year in a row, Riverside High School in the Morrow County School District was named to the U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools list for 2013.

Riverside High School received a Bronze medal ranking for 2013, as it also did in 2010-2012. Bronze rankings are awarded to high-performing schools based on state exam performance. Only 13 percent of all schools in the country received a Bronze ranking, while seven percent received Silver and only two percent a Gold ranking. Riverside Principal Robert Elizondo said the school is working "diligently" toward a silver or gold ranking in the future.

There are 335 high schools in Oregon, and 88 of those were ranked among the U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools for 2013. Each year, U.S. News & World Report evaluates nearly 21,000 public high schools



Riverside High School in Boardman received a Bronze ranking from U.S. News and World Report.

in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Schools are awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze medals based on state proficiency standards, while seven percent received Silver and only two percent a Gold ranking. Riverside Principal Robert Elizondo said the school is working "diligently" toward a silver or gold ranking in the future.

Elizondo said he believes a focus on student achievement and meeting students' needs on an individual basis helped Riverside earn its Bronze medal ranking, as well as a committed staff who go the extra mile to provide students with multiple opportunities to succeed.

"Since almost 80 percent of our student population is below the

poverty guideline and minority, we have been able to overcome barriers and close the achievement gap," Elizondo said. "We are proud of the hard work the students and staff have demonstrated. We understand that hard work, structure and a vision for our students is important as we guide them into being productive citizens of Oregon."

Staff at Riverside is planning to celebrate the achievement at its next Pirate Pride assembly.

U.S. News & World Report has published the Best High Schools rankings since 2007.

## Morrow SWCD Board to meet

A regular meeting of the Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District board will meet Tuesday, June 4, at the Ag Service Center in Heppner beginning at 12:45 p.m.

Agenda items will include discussion of the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area Action Plan and lead agency status, approval of the May meeting minutes,

treasurer's report, Ambre Energy mitigation discussion, ODA Scope of Work, 2013-2014 Annual Work Plan, Free Spray Day Report, staff reports and partner reports, and an update on office building improvements. A discussion will be held concerning puncture-vine and board clarification on private versus public projects.

Two board positions

representing the Boardman and Irrigon areas are vacant. Landowner representation from all areas of Morrow County is essential in order to conserve, protect and develop soil, water and other natural resources for the economic and environmental benefit of the resources of Morrow County.

Meetings of Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

## WCCC holds Ryder Cup matches

On Sunday, May 9, the Willow Creek Men's Club played 27 holes of golf in various formats similar to the USA versus Europe Ryder Cup. The games included two-man best ball, two-man scramble, two-man alternate shot and singles matches.

The White Team bested the Black Team 17-1/2

points to 14-1/2 points.

The competition was judged to be great fun by the 32 participants.

The WCCC Men's Club president, Matt Scrivner, and vice-president, Ron Bowman, were in charge of the tournament. They stated that they anticipate a bigger number of participants in 2014.

## Regular Sunday men's play resumes

On Sunday, May 26, 16 men played golf in rather rainy conditions. Kelly Fox had low score for the day with a 64, and Fox and John Edmundson won the special events. The day finished with a delicious 60<sup>th</sup> birthday barbecue for Mike Doherty.

## Chamber lunch meeting

Hans Rudolf, stewardship forester for the Oregon Department of Forestry out of Pendleton, will give a presentation on the federal forestlands at this week's Heppner Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting. The meeting will take place Thursday, May 30, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. Lunch expense is \$10; Howe's About Pizza will cater.

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

## Local families needed for exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE) is seeking local host families for international high school boys and girls. These students are 15 to 18 years of age, and are coming to this area for the upcoming high school year or semester. These personable and academically selected exchange students are conversant in English, bright, curious and anxious to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host family. The exchange students arrive from their home country

shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year or semester. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to contribute to his or her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles. The students are well screened and qualified by ASSE. Families can choose their students from a wide variety of backgrounds, nationalities and personal interests.

Those persons interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family should call toll free: 1-800-733-2773.

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