

Heppner players named to football All-State teams

The 2013 All-State Football teams for 2A were recently announced. Five Heppner players were named to six All-State positions as follows:

2nd Team Offense: Brian Rill, running back.

Honorable Mention Offense: Kaden Clark, quarterback, and Jordan Bailey, wide receiver.

1st Team Defense: JC Putman, defensive lineman, and Jordan Bailey, defensive back.

2nd Team Defense: CJ Kindle, linebacker.

Full awards are as follows:

Offensive Player of the Year

Dalton Reimers, Grant Union

Defensive Player of the Year

Tucker Wright, Grant Union

Lineman of the Year

Colby Moll, Regis

Coach of the Year

Jason Miller, Grant Union

1st Team Offense

QB, Dalton Reimers, Grant Union

RB, Justin Dragoo, Knappa

RB, Jeremiah Grieser, Regis

RB, Josue Avilez, Central Linn

WR, Kody Nelson, Grant Union

WR, Nathan Mumford, Portland Christian

TE, Austin Palek, Knappa

OL, Tucker Wright, Grant Union

OL, Dallas Langley, Monroe

OL, Cole Walker, Gold Beach

OL, Colby Moll, Regis

OL, Trevor Dolby, Regis

Kicker, Jess Cayatano, Portland Christian

2nd Team Offense

QB, Steven Mumford, Portland Christian

RB, Brian Rill, Heppner

RB, Austin Baker, Monroe

RB, Peyton Mesa, Oakland

WR, Rayce Houser, Grant Union

WR, Garrett Litterell, Gold Beach

TE, Austin Nix, Oakland

OL, Caleb Batease, Grant Union

OL, Jordan Delay, Gaston

OL, Angus Swan, Oakland

OL, Brandon Adams, Gold Beach

OL, Noah Fessler, Regis

Kicker, Jovani Garcia, Monroe

HM Offense

QB, Kaden Clark, Heppner

RB, Bryce Linker, Stanfield

RB, Jesse Delucia, Portland Christian

RB, Ty Sawyer, Kennedy

WR, Jordan Bailey, Heppner

WR, David Guild, Portland Christian

WR, Zach Hollenbeck, Monroe

TE, Derek Carl, Gold Beach

TE, Blake Traeger, Kennedy

1st Team Defense

DL, Kyle Erickson, Grant Union

DL, JC Putman, Heppner

DL, Angus Swan, Oakland

DL, Shane Branch, Regis

LB, Tucker Wright, Grant Union

LB, Chris Debusman, Portland Christian

LB, Austin Nix, Oakland

LB, Colby Moll, Regis

DB, Rayce Houser, Grant Union

DB, Jordan Bailey, Heppner

DB, Nathan Mumford, Portland Christian

DB, Zach Gescher, Regis

Punter, Justin Dragoo, Knappa

2nd Team Defense

DL, Jordan Delay, Gaston

DL, Emile Wolpert, Portland Christian

DL, Dallas Langley, Monroe

DL, Brandon Adams, Gold Beach

LB, Dalton Reimers, Grant Union

LB, CJ Kindle, Heppner

LB, Paul Pepelaskov, Portland Christian

LB, Trevor Dolby, Regis

DB, David Guild, Portland Christian

DB, Justin Dragoo, Knappa

DB, Garrett Litterell, Gold Beach

DB, Josue Avilez, Central Linn

Punter, Hayden Snow, Oakland

HM Defense

DL, Damon Greenshields, Enterprise

DL, Nate Parks, Nestucca

DL, Sam Moreno, Kennedy

DL, Tanten Rhoads, Central Linn

LB, Craig Grassath, Neah-Kah-Nie

LB, Adam Borycki, Monroe

LB, Brandon Hensley, Gold Beach

LB, Tate Barnes, Central Linn

DB, Levi McClellan, Grant Union

DB, Austin Morey, Gaston

DB, Jeb Harper, Oakland

DB, Kendall Seitzinger, Monroe

Punter, Jackson Cross, Toledo

HHS announces math students of month for November



Heppner High School math teacher Troy Morgan has announced the Math Students of the Month for November. Pictured (L-R) are Skyler Palmer, Geometry; Joe Schmidt, Math 070; Jesse Corbin, Algebra Connections; Brian Rill, Algebra 2; Kelly Wilson, Algebra 2; and Taylor Hamby, Algebra. —Contributed photo

HOUSING SHORTAGE TOPIC AT CREZ

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property tax breaks to businesses locating at the Port of Morrow will eventually cause workers to live near where they work, purchase homes and contribute to the county tax base in this manner. So far that has not happened, with many of the workers at the new Port businesses living either in Hermiston or the Tri-Cities, Washington. CREZ and the GEODC hope to change this.

Nachbar also asked that CREZ, and the scope of the GEODC study, not only look at short-term housing but also include the question, "Why are people not choosing to live in Boardman where they work?"

"In general, the demand for housing is driven by new job growth. In the case of Morrow County, new jobs being generated at the Port of Morrow are driving an increase in the demand for housing. Unfortunately, however, that demand is not being captured by the County or the City of Boardman," Nachbar said in a written plan presented to the CREZ.

"Any plan to develop new housing in Boardman or the County should address the underlying reason for why residents are not choosing to locate there. While a short-term or mid-term solution might provide some needed units, ultimately people will make their choice of residence based on the overall desirability of a community," he stated.

"People tend to locate in areas that provide the quality of life they are

seeking. While quality of life is subjective, individuals seek communities that are attractive, provide a range of services and amenities, have good schools, and convey a strong sense of community. The design of communities including their streets, parks, schools, shopping, town centers, civic buildings convey an immediate impression which determines their desirability.

"Investing in these critical elements of a community has long-term payoffs in terms of attracting new residents and developing a strong sense of place," Nachbar said in urging the CREZ to also take a long-range planning approach.

CREZ board chairman Don Russell said he has talked to some workers at the Port who do not live in Boardman and some have told him they did not buy a home in Boardman because they feel it would be easier to sell a home in Hermiston. They have also said that wives of workers at the Port have a better social and shopping life living in Tri-Cities or Hermiston.

"What am I supposed to do while my husband is at work?" Russell says is the comment he has heard about the spouses of Boardman workers. He said Hermiston even sometimes gets low marks from spouses who would rather live in the Tri-Cities.

Russell also said it was a benefit to businesses to have their employees living close to where they work.

"If your people live here, they are more apt to not be always looking for

another job," he pointed out.

CREZ board member and Boardman City Manager Karen Pettigrew said the schools in Boardman hired 10 new teachers this year but there was not place for them to live in Boardman, so they had to live elsewhere.

"The teachers said there was nothing available," Pettigrew said. Pettigrew also showed some frustration with the pace of fixing the housing issue.

"We need some marketing. I am sick of thinking about it, and talking about it. I want to get the programs going and get some advertising out about them (the incentive programs). We are missing the boat for people who are coming to work here," she said in stressing the need to get moving on the project.

The CREZ also discussed South Morrow County and its shortage of rental housing.

"Rental issues are different in South Morrow County," said CREZ board member and Heppner resident Greg Sweek. "Our problem is there are really old houses not all in good shape. A duplex will not pencil out," he said, pointing out that rents charged in South County are not high enough to pay for construction of a new duplex unit.

CREZ board member Marc Rogelstad said a low-end rental unit in Boardman will go for between \$800 and \$1,000, with duplex renting for \$800, which is lower than average rents in Heppner.

Elks holds annual hoop shoot



On Dec. 8, the Heppner Elks Lodge hosted its annual Hoop Shoot Free Throw contest at Heppner Elementary School. Kids from Heppner, Ione and Lexington ages eight to 13 were invited to compete in this free event. The participants shot 25 free throws with the first-place winner advancing to the Northeast District competition in Hermiston. Pictured are local Hoop Shoot winners not shown in last week's issue of the G-T. Back (L-R): Maggie Flynn, Sophie Grant, Amelia Baker, Kevin Smith, Trent Smith and Dakota Howard. Front (L-R): Sydney Wilson, Blake Carter, Drew Coe, Derrick Smith, Zander Fisher, Brock Hisler and Brian Lindsay. —Contributed photo

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