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MULVIHILL AT HEPPNER CHAMBER

-Continued from PAGE ONE the state is making more of an effort to get kids more involved with education at an earlier age, including all-day kindergarten.

"Morrow County is performing well but we can do better," he says. "We are still getting 20 percent not graduating and that is a death sentence for kids with a road to incarceration later in life."

Mulvihill also said that

He said third grade is a critical time for students. "Third grade reading is very important. We are putting all our chips on the third grade reading and making sure they are ready at that age."

Ione 4-H clubs share Christmas cookies



Back (L-R): Aaron Smythe, Renee Peterson, Hailey Heideman, Katelyn Thompson, Mackenzie Heideman, Eva Martin, MaLinda Morter and Gary Walls. Front (L-R): Cecelia McElligott, Kayla Rodriguez (guest), Haylie Peterson and Jayne Simpson. Not pictured are Morgan, Madison and Matt Orem, and Grace Ogen. *-Contributed photo*

A Christmas cookie exchange, the Bakery Bunch members, with the help of leaders Rebecca Jepsen and Heidi Nelson, each made a Danish tea ring to take home. Claudia Smith taught the older group how to use a candy thermometer, and they cooked up two different recipes of fudge.

The meeting was topped off with a round of Jeopardy, which included questions relating to food, 4-H and Christmas.

Community lunch menu

Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church members will serve the first lunch of the year on Friday, Jan. 3, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include baked fish with parmesan topping, rice pilaf, orange-glazed beets, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls, and Peach Melba bread pudding for dessert. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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7 PM - MIDNIGHT

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Kollman wins hospice fundraiser raffle



Robanai Disque (left), director of Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice, presents Amy Kollman with the wood art she won in the hospice fundraiser raffle. The Amish wood art was made by Dick Jones and donated by Jones and his wife Sharon. *-Photo by April Sykes*

Catholic men to hold first Friday meeting

The men of St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic Churches will hold their first Friday of the month meeting on Friday, Jan. 3, at 6:45 a.m. in the parish office in Heppner. The meeting will be followed by Mass at 7:30 a.m.

First Friday Friends of Jesus starts 2014

The January session of First Friday Friends of Jesus will be held this Friday, Jan. 3, at All Saints Episcopal Church from 8 a.m. to noon.

All children ages four through 12 are invited for a morning filled with Bible stories, crafts and games. A free lunch is served, and there is no cost to attend.

Newcomers are always welcome.

Seminar to explore topic of 'Christ versus anti-Christ'

Pastor Allan Payne will conduct a free seminar called "Christ Versus the Anti-Christ," hosted by the Heppner Seventh-Day Adventist Church. The first meetings are this Saturday and Sunday, January 4 and 5, at 7 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public. Questions, call 541-561-9132.

UMATILLA NF HIRES RANGERS

-Continued from PAGE ONE Reid also has experience in fish biologist and program manager.

Other short-term work assignments included serving as the Siskiyou Mountains district ranger and the North Umpqua district ranger.

He also took temporary assignments as the threatened and endangered species coordinator on the Malheur National Forest and the lead fish biologist for the Coconino National Forest in northern Arizona.



Ian Reid

timber management, mining, grazing and rangeland management, wilderness and wild and scenic rivers and wildland firefighting.

Reid and his wife Annie have two young daughters. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, snowboarding, trail and river running, and volunteering in civic organizations.

Reid will report to duty early in January.

Holly Rebekah to host Jan. card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting their monthly card party on Saturday, Jan. 4, at the lodge hall in Lexington. Play will start at 7 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per person.

"New and experienced players are welcome to come and participate," says a lodge spokesperson.

Snacks will be provided throughout the evening.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

December 19, 2013: -Travis Michael Martin, 20, of Boardman and Kasandra Larie Kaneaster, 18, of Boardman.

December 23, 2013: -Larry Edward Stumper, 68, of Heppner and Deena Lynn Reid, 65, of Heppner.

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 Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161

Obituaries

Robert Nelson Nichols

Staff Sergeant Robert Nelson Nichols, 31, of Heppner, passed away Monday, December 23, 2013 in an ATV accident near Heppner. A funeral service was held 11 a.m. Saturday, December 28, at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene in Hermiston, OR with concluding service and military honors to follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.



Robert Nelson Nichols

Rob was born July 8, 1982 in Hermiston, the son of Darlene Brown and Russ Nichols. When he was a boy, he was crazed with a need to fish, with backpack off, school shoes swapped for boots and down to the creek with a pole in five seconds flat. As a youth, his pole still got a workout, but hunting became his focus. Tweety birds, wayward skunks, deer, elk...all were stalked, outwitted and counted as victories. As a young man, Rob's passions became his family, his faith and his country.

Soon after graduating from Heppner High School in 2002, Rob became the father of Aaron Robert. His greatest adventure began when he married his sweetheart Lynette Yutzie of Arlington, OR on August 30, 2003. His family grew to include Duke, Kasiddee, Emmett and Landon. The family moved often, as Rob was enlisted in the United States Army and served two tours of duty in Iraq. Last year he was medically discharged with honors, and the couple decided to try life close to the family ranch in

Heppner. He enjoyed being close to his parents and numerous friends from his youth. Being close to his favorite hunting and fishing spots were an added bonus.

Flashing his long-lashed, baby-blue eyes helped Rob get almost everything he wanted, but his quick smile diffused the tensions that such tactics might cause, and his contagious laugh made him friends wherever he went. He readily shared the best of himself and his legacy lives on in those who cherish their heart-to-heart, comical, eye-rolling and even ornery memories of this son, grandson, husband, father, friend.

Rob is survived by: wife, Lynette; sons, Aaron, Duke, Emmett and Landon; daughter, Kasiddee; grandparents, Frank Brown, Donna Nichols, and Ned and Kathy Clark; parents, Russ Nichols of Hermiston, and Darlene and Matt Clark; mother- and father-in-law, Michael and Connie Jo Yutzie; sisters, Katie (Kyle) Fetterhoff and Nichole (Shane) Rodriguez; brothers, Kenny (Shannon) Nichols, and Justin (Aracelli) Clark; brother-in-law, Travis (Glenda) Yutzie; and an incredible extended family and numerous friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rob Nichols Memorial Fund, c/o Bank of Eastern Oregon, PO Box 39, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Boardman 4-H club holds canned food drive



The Boardman Community 4-H Club conducted a canned-food drive before Christmas. Members cruised around Boardman on Dec. 15 on this wagon (above) to pick up food. They put the collection bags out a week before the pickup date so residents could fill them and leave the bags on their front steps for club members to pick if they were not home. The 17-member Boardman Community 4-H Club is led by Glaya Baker and Cheryl Taylor. *-Contributed photo*

Local boy raising money for Belize mission trip

Sebastian Wenberg of Heppner will be taking part in a mission trip to Belize over his spring break this year. Mission trip participants will help at an orphanage, do vacation Bible school for children and help with some medical needs.

Wenberg is currently conducting a fundraiser to help pay the way for his trip. He is selling citrus fruit, including Florida navel, Florida mandarins, Minneola Honeybells, Ruby Red grapefruit or a variety box.

All orders are due by Jan. 13. For prices and questions, call 541-922-8698.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be the annual luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 9, from noon to 1 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. The theme for this year's luncheon is "Heppner Magic, It's the People."

Gallery will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than Thursday, Jan. 2, to guarantee a lunch.

Town and Country tickets will also be available for purchase for \$20, so anyone who doesn't have tickets by then can plan on purchasing them at the annual luncheon.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Alvin Liu of Cornerstone