

HES recognizes students of the month for January, February



Heppner Elementary honored their Student of the Month recipients for January and February at an assembly on Feb. 28. The character trait was treating others as you would like to be treated, including friendship, love, respect and cooperation. Pictured are (bottom L-R) Brooklyn Wilson, Jake Lentz, Reece Gorham, Adan Guerra, Madlin Payne, Jesse Bowles, Paige Beebe and Owen Guerra, (top L-R) Cassidy Henrichs, Mason Alleman, Kylie Boor, Kevin Rea, Chance Jones and Cami VanArsdale. —Contributed photo

ABANDONED VEHICLES

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Cutsforth told the council this restricts some people from working on, restoring or repairing cars, or for those who have simply failed to renew their tags on time. She said in order to enforce the ordinance fairly it was necessary for her to send out letters to all people who had vehicles with expired tags, which has upset some people around town.

The city ordinance explains a discarded vehicle this way: "Any vehicle which does not have lawfully affixed unexpired license plate and/or is in one or more of the following conditions: inoperative, wrecked, dismantled, abandoned, or junked. Discarded vehicles include major parts thereof including, but not limited to bodies, engines, rear ends and transmissions."

The proposed revised

ordinance would allow residents to keep vehicles with expired tags on their property if they purchase a permit for \$25. Following is the text of part of the ordinance:

D. Abandonment on private property:

1. Any vehicle parked or left standing upon any private property in excess of five days without the consent of the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the property may, at the request of either, be removed by the police department.

2. Any "discarded" vehicle left standing upon any private property in excess of five days and not stored in a building may be removed by the police department.

E. Removal: Any vehicle abandoned or "discarded" as the same is defined in this chapter may be taken into custody by the

police department and held and sold as provided in this chapter.

F. Storage with permit: The owner of an abandoned or discarded vehicle may apply for a permit to allow temporary storage of such vehicle. The application shall be on a form supplied by the city and shall include the following information:

1. Circumstances for storage and intent; length of proposed storage (not to exceed 12 months); complete description of vehicle, including VIN number.

2. The application must be accompanied by a \$25 application fee. The application fee will be refunded if the application is denied. All property owners within 200 feet of the property where the vehicle will be stored will receive written notice at least 10 days in advance

Cold February brings much-needed moisture

February was colder than normal but gave the water year a boost, according to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton.

The average temperature was 33.3 degrees, which was 4.5 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 40 degrees, which was 7.4 degrees below normal. The highest was 58 degrees on the 13th. Low temperatures averaged 26.6 degrees, which was 1.6 degrees below normal. The lowest was two degrees, on the 7th.

There were 17 days with the low temperature

below 32 degrees. There were eight days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 1.52 inches during February, which was 0.40 inches above normal.

Measurable precipitation of at least .01 inch was received on 15 days with the heaviest, 0.22 inches, reported on the 7th.

Snowfall totaled eight inches, with at least one inch of snow reported on four days. The heaviest snowfall was three inches, reported on the 7th. The greatest depth of snow on the ground was seven inches on the 9th.

The outlook for March from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation.

Normal highs for Heppner rise from 51 degrees at the start of March to 58 degrees at the end of March. Normal lows rise from 30 degrees to 36 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.52 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

Step into Heppner for a wee bit o' Ireland

Heppner's 32nd St. Patrick's Wee Bit O' Ireland weekend is coming March 13-16.

"So put on your green hats, jewelry and clothing, and get ready to have some good old 'Wee Bit O' Ireland' fun," says Heppner Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sheryll Bates.

The celebration unofficially starts on Thursday, March 13, with Father Condon's play "The Story of St. Lawrence O'Toole." The play will be performed in the St. Patrick's Church parish hall, 560 NW Jones, starting at 7 p.m.

Friday will start the bulk of the weekend event with lots of arts, crafts, the annual book sale and food galore, as well as the seventh annual Chamber of Commerce Amateur Irish Boxing event to be held at Heppner High School; the doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

and the event will begin at 8 p.m. Shuttle service will be available.

Saturday is truly a full day; the activity begins at daylight with the sheep dog trials, and continues with lots of places to shop, eat and sit.

Remember to check out the vendor's square, the annual book sale, arts and crafts.

Anyone who is up for a little exercise will find that in the Remembrance Walk/5K Run. Cruz-In vehicles will be on display, and residents and visitors alike will have an opportunity to take part in the Welly Toss, KUMA Coffee hour, a visit to the Morrow County Heritage and Agricultural Museums, Leprechaun Run for children in grades K through six, and the Great Green Parade, which begins at 1 p.m.

Following the parade will be O'Kiddie Tricycle Races, Ceili, Ewe-Do-

Bingo and the famous O'Ducky Race.

The evening will close out with some great entertainment: The Old Time Fiddlers will be performing at the fairgrounds dance hall starting at 6:30 p.m. and CrossStrung will be performing at the Heppner Elementary School gym starting at 7 p.m.

Sunday will bring the final chance to watch the sheep dog trials, as well as take in the annual road bowling competition as a participant or spectator. With a little something for everyone, members of the St. Patrick's Committee say they hope everyone will participate in as much of the weekend as they.

For more information, call 541-676-5536, visit www.heppnerchamber.com or check out Facebook at "St. Patrick's Celebration Heppner Oregon USA."

And don't forget to wear your green.

of the day on which the council will decide whether or not to approve the permit.

3. The permit will be issued for storage on private property only. No storage of abandoned or discarded vehicles will be allowed on public streets, shoulders of city streets, public rights of way, or public property. The permit shall be granted for the maximum of one vehicle for one year. Unless renewed, the vehicle is subject to immediate removal by the police department. The permittee shall immediately notify the city when the vehicle is licensed and operable.

The vehicle must remain in movable condition, i.e., with fully inflated tires and wheels to remain on vehicle at all times. Windows must remain closed and doors locked, so as to reduce animal nesting and access by children. The area around and under the vehicle shall be kept clear of weeds and debris. No vehicle parts may be stored in the open. Violation of any term or condition of this section shall result in immediate termination of the permit and upon 72 hours notice of permit termination, the police department may remove the vehicle.

4. Approval of the permit is at the council's discretion and they may place additional conditions on the permit. The permit will be reviewed at the next council meeting after the application and fees have been received by the city and the proper notices mailed to affected landowners.

The Monday, March 10, public hearing on the revised ordinance will be at 7 p.m. at city hall. Complete copies of the proposed ordinance changes are available at city hall for the public to look at prior to the meeting.

Grow 'em and show 'em



The former Hog Handlers, now the Grow 'Em, and Show 'Em 4-H group. Back row: Shayna Osmin, Zach Bredfield and Keegan Gibbs. Front row: Jett Stewart, ZaBrena Masterson, Aubriana Rodriguez and Serenity Rodriguez. Not pictured but participating in the 4-H group are Olivia Schmidt, Blake Greenup, Hunter Greenup, Kael Osmin and Macy Gibbs. —Contributed photo

By Serenity Rodriguez, club reporter

On Feb. 16, the 4-H Hog Handlers met to elect officers and pick a new name for the club.

The newly-elected officers are Macy Gibbs,

president; Shayna Osmin, vice president; Keegan Gibbs, treasurer; Olivia Schmidt, secretary; and Serenity Rodriguez, reporter.

The club also voted on a new name, choosing

"Grow 'Em, and Show 'Em" to reflect the fact that they now include all livestock and not just hogs.

The club's next meeting was held at the NRCS office on March 2.

Irish boxing event March 14

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce wants to remind everyone to take in the seventh annual amateur Irish boxing event, sponsored by the Chamber and Y102 Haystack Broadcasting.

The Irish "smoker," as it has been called, takes place Friday, March 14, in

the Heppner High School gym. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the event will begin at 8 p.m. Admission will be \$10 for ages 12 to adult; \$5 for eight to 11 years of age; and free for seven and under.

Attendees can also purchase a 2013 St. Patrick's button for \$3 for

two chances to win \$100. The first drawing will be held during intermission.

A shuttle service will begin to pick up riders by Heppner Family Foods at 6:15 p.m. and at the back door of Bucknum's at 6:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., and will be repeating trips until all the riders have been delivered up to the high school. After the event, the shuttle will drop riders off where they were picked up.

This year's fight card sponsors are Devin Oil/Devin Mobile, Northwest Farm Credit Services, Sweeney Mortuary and Tom Denchel Ford. The corner sponsors are Bruce Young Logging and John Britt Logging.

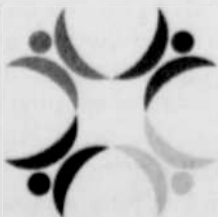
Questions? Call the Heppner chamber at 541-676-5536 or email heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

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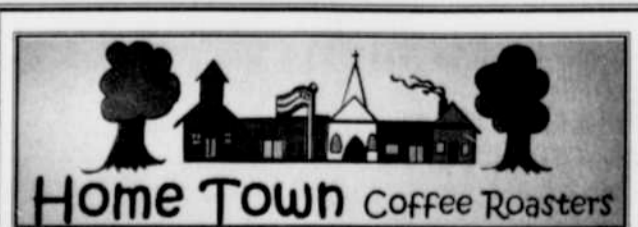
Cordially Invites the Public to Attend an Open House to Meet DAN HAMBLETON, M.D.

On Thursday, March 13th
1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at

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410 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR



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