

Weed awareness week celebrated with spray give-away



Locals line up at Heppner City Park for the Free Spray Day held last Friday; the NRCS and SWCD gave away 330 gallons of the pre-mixed spray. —Contributed photo

Oregon's 10th annual Invasive Weed Awareness Week was celebrated in Morrow County the week of May 18-24 with a broadleaf herbicide give-away sponsored by Morrow SWCD and NRCS. "Spike," Oregon's

330 gallons of pre-mixed herbicide were given away.

Morrow County Grain Growers donated the herbicide and Morrow SWCD provided the containers, labels and safety data sheets. The herbicide is labeled for lawn areas and some of the weeds targeted were dandelions, puncturevine, mallow and bedstraw.

"Weed control is an important part of healthy watersheds and excellent public outreach tool," said an SWCD spokesperson.

Everyone receiving the herbicide signed an agreement stating they would read and follow the label directions before application.

invasive weed mascot, attended the county "Free Spray Days" held Monday in Boardman, Wednesday in Irrigon and Friday in Heppner to encourage invasive weed control, healthy watersheds and clean water. A total of

Nazarene church to host visiting missionaries

Heppner Church of the Nazarene will host a service with visiting missionaries Michael and Diane Chapman this Friday, May 30, at the church. The event will begin with a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. with the service to follow 6 p.m.

The Chapmans have been Nazarene missionaries since 2007 and have lived in Papua New Guinea for the last four years.

The Chapmans are currently living at Kudjip Nazarene Mission Station in the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea. Michael oversees the building projects at Melanesia Nazarene Bible College. Diane teaches the missionary children at the elementary school in Kudjip. The couple says they enjoy working closely with mission teams visiting Papua New Guinea, hosting and providing opportunities for teams to have an experience of a lifetime working alongside the people of Papua New Guinea. Michael and Diane also work with the Nazarene College of



Michael and Diane Chapman

Nursing administration, staff and students.

The couple originates from Alaska, where they lived for 21 years before feeling called to serve in Papua New Guinea. Their home church is Chapel of the Cross in Anchorage.

The Chapmans have two sons. Their oldest son Joseph lives with his wife Bekah and children Alexander and Jamilyn in Boise, ID. Their youngest son Jonathan and wife Kathy live in Germany with their two children, Jonathan Gregory and Dexter.

The Chapmans say they have a great desire to make connections and build relationships with the people of Papua New Guinea. They say one of their greatest privileges as missionaries is going to rural bush churches and developing close relationships with people there.

"Many times we go intending to encourage the local pastor and congregations but we end up the ones encouraged," they say.

Local students succeed at annual spelling contests

South Morrow students took top honors in spelling when Morrow County students participated in a spelling contest May 12 at Blue Mountain Community College.



Serenity Rodriguez

Serenity Rodriguez, Heppner Elementary; Olivia Schmidt, Heppner Jr.-Sr. High School; and Emily Holland, Ione Community School, were top placers in their divisions. Emma Rietmann, also of Ione Community School, placed second in her division.



Olivia Schmidt

The students each took a written spelling test

during the contest, and then first- through third-place winners were selected in each of three divisions for each county: Division 1 (first through fifth grades), Division 2 (sixth through eighth grades), and Division 3 (ninth through 12th grades). Winners received gift cards and trophies.

The first-place winner from each division will be invited to compete at the state competition Aug. 30 in Salem during the Oregon State Fair.

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Division 1: First, Serenity Rodriguez, Heppner Elementary; second, Mary Hammond, Windy River Elementary; third, Brittnee Ford, Irrigon Elementary.

Division 2: First, Olivia Schmidt, Heppner Jr.-Sr High School; second, Emma Rietmann, Ione Community School; third, Fabian Mirnada-Walk, Irrigon Jr.-Sr High School.

Division 3: First, Emily Holland, Ione Community School.

Elks recognize senior girls with mother-daughter tea



The lady Elks held a mother/daughter tea on May 21 to honor Heppner High School's graduating girls; Kim Cutsforth was guest speaker at the event. Pictured are (front from left) seniors Brittany Lesperance, Mallorie Jones, Lily Sandford, Micha Hintz, Ryan Dougherty, Kyla Dyer, Nicole Kempkin, Mckayla Kindle, Blake Greenup and Samantha Lemmon, and (back from left) Darcy Robinson, Shelly Jones, Sylvia Sandford, Teresa Hintz, Dawna Dougherty, Donna Sherman, Becky Kindle, Tiffanie Greenup and Tonja Lemmon. —Contributed photo

Mustang golf girls take second at state

Boys finish season strong

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The Heppner High School girls golf team finished in second place at the OSAA State Golf Championship last week. The Mustangs competed against 12 other teams and were mostly from 4A schools, which are much larger than Heppner. Molalla (688) won the championship, Heppner (772) second, Valley Catholic (777) finished third, Ontario (779) fourth and Henley (780) was fifth.

At the end of the first day of competition the Heppner girls (386) were in second place behind Molalla (348). The Mustangs were only one stroke ahead of Valley Catholic (387) and eight strokes ahead of Ontario (394) and Henley (394). Blake Greenup led the team by shooting an 85 on the day, and that score had her in seventh place overall. Paige Grieb played her best round of the year and followed with a 98. Maddie Lindsay was next with a

101, Macy Gibbs 102 and Emily Rea 107.

On the second day the team knew they would not be catching Molalla. They also knew they would have to golf well again to stay in second place. They did do well and matched their first day score to hold off all challengers. Blake Greenup was the model of consistency and shot another 85. Paige Grieb and Maddie Lindsay both shot a 99 on day two. Emily Rea was next with a 103 and Amanda Rea had a 117.

With her two-day total of 170, senior Blake Greenup finished the championship in seventh place. Juniors Paige Grieb with a 197 total and Maddie Lindsay with a 200 both finished in the top 25. Kylie Collom from Henley finished first and her twin sister Katie was second.

The Heppner boys golf team finished in eighth place out of 14 teams at the state championships. Nine of the teams were from 3A schools and only

one 2A team placed higher than Heppner. A total of 80 golfers from all around the state competed. The Mustangs played well over the two-day tournament and their team score of 707 reflected that. On the second day they actually lowered their day-one score by five strokes. St. Mary's of Medford won the championship by shooting a 590. Dylan Wu of St. Mary's won the state championship.

Freshman Logan Grieb followed his district title with a top-20 finish at state. Grieb shot 81 in both rounds to finish in 19th place with a two-day total of 162. Tate Gentry played well and shot a 172 total to finish 32nd. Other scorers for the Mustangs were John Propheper, who shot a 184, Shane Miles with a 192 and Jesse Corbin, who carded a 195 over the two days.

The OSAA State Championship for both teams was held in Corvallis at the Trysting Tree Golf Club.

Heppner pool to open June 7

Willow Creek Water Park (WCWP) will celebrate its opening day Saturday, June 7, with free hot dogs, pop and snow cones. Opening day hours will be from 1 p.m. till midnight.

After June 7, regular pool hours will be 1-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Rates will be \$4 for adults 18 and up, \$3 for students ages five to 17, \$2 for children four and under, and \$2 for seniors; family rate for a family of five is \$14.

Individual season passes are available for \$75 with family season passes for \$140; passes are available on opening day or by mailing a check to WCWP, PO Box 582, Heppner.

Swim lessons will be given in three two-week sessions, Monday through Thursday, June 16-26, July 7-17 and July 28 through Aug 7. Lessons are \$40 per child with a \$5 discount with a pass.

Pool parties can be scheduled. The therapy pool may also be available;

for questions on that or any of the other WCWP programs, call 541-676-5752.

Morrow SWCD, Weed Board to meet

The quarterly Weed Advisory Board meeting and regular meeting of the Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District Board are scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, at the Ag Service Center, 430 W Linden Way in Heppner, beginning at 7 p.m.

The board will receive an update from the Morrow County Weed Supervisor on weed activities and future plans.

Time will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting to receive comments from the public.

Agenda items for the SWCD meeting include approval of the April meeting minutes; treasurer's report; status of funding agreements; staff reports; and partner reports. The Director Zone position for the Boardman area will be filled by appointment. A board position representing Irrigon remains vacant.

Meetings of Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

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She says that, of course, she wants to spend more time with her son and three grandkids, but also looks forward to spending time with her brother and her parents. Ewing says she will go on an Alaskan cruise with her parents and her

brother and his family this July, adding that her mother is excited to celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary at the glaciers.

At the same time, Heppner has become home, and she says she looks forward to spending her retirement here when she and Bill aren't travelling.

"I've made some good friends here. Heppner is a close-knit community and I enjoy that a lot," she says. "It's nice to go downtown and everyone knows who you are."

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