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Gibbs selected as 2015 Morrow County Fair & OTPR Queen

Macy Gibbs, 17, of Heppner has been selected as the 2015 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen, the fair and rodeo board has announced.

Macy, the daughter of Jay and Susan Gibbs, is a senior at Heppner High School. She has been riding for 13 years. Her quarter horse, Kanga, will serve as her royal mount, with Rookie as an alternate.

Aside from riding, Macy is active in FFA in state Ag sales, state degrees, a Supervised Agricultural Experience project, leadership and first place in district ritual; 4-H, both in leadership and as champion sheep showman and high point earner in livestock judging; sports, with a second-year letter in basketball, first-year letter in cheerleading, and third-

year letter in golf, as well as second in state for 1A-4A girls golf and a tri-sport award; and academically, earning an academic letter and being named to the HHS honor roll.

She is currently employed by Mader-Rust Farm, as well as working as a babysitter.

Macy also has high future ambitions for herself, desiring to graduate high in her class and then go on to attend Oregon State University and obtain a degree in agricultural business management.

In her rare downtime, Macy's activities sound a lot like the rest of her time...she enjoys sports, riding, being involved with agriculture and younger youth, FFA and 4-H.

"I enjoy spending time with friends and loved



Macy Gibbs

ones," she adds. "I like having conversations with all people and learning about the world and area around me."

Macy's official coronation will take place at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce's Town & Country Awards, Jan. 15, 2015. More information will be available closer to the event.

Local veterans among those honored in trip to D.C.

By Andrea Di Salvo

Several local veterans were among a group of 25 World War II veterans from Eastern Oregon to participate in a World War II Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. last month. Henry Krebs, 88, of Ione, and Al Riney, 89, of Heppner, along with wives Robin Krebs and Linda Riney, spent four days being honored for their service to their country nearly 70 years ago. Also making the trip was Robert Reid of Irrigon, formerly of Ione and Heppner.

Krebs served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1946, taking part in the South Philippines Liberation; he received several medals for his service, including a Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Service Star and a Purple Heart.

Riney also fought in the South Pacific, serving there with the U.S. Marines from 1941 to 1945. He fought at both Guadalcanal and Okinawa.

The Gazette-Times was unable to reach Reid regarding his service record.

Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon (HFEO) is one of 117 regional hubs in 42 states participating in the national Honor Flight Network (HFN) program honoring World War II veterans by taking them to Washington, D.C. to visit their National World War II Memorial. Linda Riney said that, in order to qualify for the flight, participants had to be World War II



Robert Reid (left) and Henry Krebs at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial in Washington, D.C. -Contributed photo

veterans and not have seen the World War II Memorial, which opened to the public in 2004.

According to the HFEO website, almost 100,000 World War II veterans from across the nation have participated in the HFN program launched eight years ago. World War II veterans travel free of charge in appreciation for their service and sacrifice seven decades ago preserving our freedoms. "Guardians" assisting the veterans pay for their own lodging, meals, and airline expenses. HFN operates totally on dona-

tions; even the HFN staff donate their time. Many of the Honor Flight volunteers were Korean War and Vietnam War veterans.

Henry Krebs said he learned of the opportunity to fly to D.C. in the Ruralite.

"There was an article there from the Honor Flight folks in Bend asking World War II veterans to submit their names," said Krebs. "I filled a form out and mailed it in and they informed me sometime in May that I was on the list, but they only take 25. I wasn't that high

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Ballot drop boxes available for voters

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4. All ballots are due by 8 p.m. that day, and must be received, not simply postmarked, on that day. For voter convenience, 24-hour drop boxes are located throughout the county. Ballot drop locations are as

follows:

Heppner: Courthouse parking lot (24 hours) or the Morrow County Clerk's Office, Room 102 inside the courthouse. Open 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m., M-F and

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Health district goes forward with Ione health center

By April Sykes

The Morrow County Health District Board at their meeting Monday night gave their okay for the district to proceed with the Ione school-based health center.

"I believe they've got to have a facility," commented board member Barb Huwe, Irrigon. "I think this is very exciting."

MCHD CEO Dan Grigg put forth a business plan for the facility, which was created with input from all participating parties, including Grigg, Ione Community School Principal Sarah Crane-Simpson, director Sheree Smith and Diane Kilkenny from Morrow County Public Health, Kimberly Lindsay, director of Community Counsel-

ing Solutions, and Mary Ann Wren from Advantage Dental.

According to the district's Ione School Based Health Center income analysis, on start-up MCHD is expected to lose over \$21,000 as a result of the new enterprise, with a total budget of \$83,169. On start-up, MCHD's income projections include \$2,130 in net revenue from an estimated 15 medical visits and a \$60,000 state grant.

The first year of operation, expenses are estimated at \$79,678, but with a \$5,883 gain for the year. Income for year one is estimated at \$85,560 with \$25,560 in

income from 183 medical visits and a \$60,000 state grant. Total second-year expenses are estimated at \$81,124 with a \$5,714 gain for the year with \$26,839 for 192 patient visits and a \$60,000 state grant. Year three projects 202 medical visits with \$28,180 in net revenue from medical visits and the \$60,000 state grant. For \$88,180 in net revenue and \$82,616 in total expenses for \$5,565 in net revenue.

Grants, however, are not certain and depend on continuation of the state program.

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G-T Trophy Corner



Above: Ace marksman and experienced hunter Steve Peck bagged this 25" 4x5 mule deer buck in Little Potamus this past rifle deer season. Below: Casey Fletcher, 13, bagged his first buck the opening weekend of rifle season. Casey is the son of Andy and Andrea Fletcher of Lexington. -Contributed photos



Allen Osmin, 10, shot his second buck Oct. 15. Allen, who is in the ODFW mentored youth hunting program, shot the buck at 158 yards on Osmin Ranch. He is the son of Derek and Lora Osmin and the grandson of Frank and Cara Osmin. -Contributed photo



Evan Kollman is shown with his first buck, a four point, shot at 200 yards in the Heppner Unit. Evan is the 13-year-old son of Brian and Amy Kollman. -Contributed photo

Fall back Nov. 2

The days are getting shorter, and it's time to "fall back." The Gazette-Times would like to remind everyone to set their clocks back for the end of Daylight Savings Time this Sunday, Nov. 2.



Fourteen-year-old Colton Evans with the buck he shot recently. Colton went hunting with his cousins, Kandan and Taylor Evans, who also bagged a buck each. All of their bucks were bagged in the Fossil Unit. The rest of Colton's hunting crew included his grandpa Ken Evans, his dad Swayne Evans and his uncle Gibb Evans. -Contributed photo

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