

Local youth represent county at 40th spelling championship

Conor Brosnan of Heppner, Lilee Roggow of Irrigon and Ryan Ibarra of Hermiston will be representing Morrow County this year at the Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship.

The spelling championship will take place at the Oregon State Fair in Salem this Saturday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The contest will take place at the Hart of the Garden at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. Students competing in the championship have won their school, district and

county written spelling contests.

This is the seventh year Oregon Spellers has sponsored the Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship. Oregon Spellers is an all-volunteer group that formed in 2009 in response to the Oregon Department of Education's budget-driven decision to eliminate their state-level spelling contest, which they had run for 33 years. Oregon Spellers is funded solely by donations. For more information, visit the Oregon Spellers' website at <http://www.oregon-spellers.org>.

spellers.org.

Following the Championship, Emily Sinovic from KATU will be the emcee for "The Bee at the Fair"—a "just for fun" verbal spelling bee also sponsored by Oregon Spellers. The bee is open to all Oregon State Fair patrons. The junior division for 12 and under will begin at 2 p.m. in Columbia Hall (Creative and Artistic stage) with the teen and adult division to follow at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact visit <http://www.oregonspellers.org>.

IMESD provides free hearing screenings to students this fall

PENDLETON—The InterMountain Education Service District (IMESD) will provide free hearing screenings to public elementary school students at area schools this fall.

Hearing screenings are conducted annually by the IMESD's Audiology Department for public school students in Umatilla, Morrow and Union counties.

The program is cooperatively sponsored by 18

regional school districts.

Students to be screened include kindergarten, first and third grade students, new students to a county and parent/teacher/principal referrals of students in other grades.

Children who fail the initial screening will be re-screened within a three-week period.

Screenings begin Sept. 1 and continue through Nov. 12.

Parents who do not want their child's hearing to be screened should notify their child's school as soon as possible.

Anyone who has questions regarding the hearing screening program, contact the local school principal or the IMESD Audiology Department at 541-966-3147. Information can also be found on the IMESD website at www.imesd.k12.or.us.

Visit your local library in September for chance to win children's books

Ready 2 Learn is sponsoring prize packs for families who use their library cards during the month of September. There will be 10 prize packs total—each prize pack contains new children's books, learning games and a \$50 deposit into an Oregon College Savings Plan account (account must be opened by cardholder).

How do you enter? When you use your Ready 2 Learn card to check out a book or attend a library program anytime during September, your card is scanned and you are entered to win.

The drawing takes place Oct. 1 and winners will be announced on the

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/readytolearnoregon. Limit one entry per cardholder and one prize pack per family. If you don't have a Ready 2 Learn card, you can visit your local library and sign up for one for free.

Ready 2 Learn is a program designed to give parents and children ages birth through five years access to a world of books, movies, music and fun activities, plus opportunities to meet other parents of young children and a free monthly newsletter.

The R2L card also helps families start building a college savings account in their child's name. For more information about

Ready 2 Learn, visit readytolearnoregon.org.

Ready 2 Learn is for children who live in Umatilla, Morrow, Union, Baker, Grant and Wallowa counties through a partnership with regional libraries, the InterMountain Education Service District, Greater Eastern Oregon Behavioral Health Inc., Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Ready 2 Learn is funded by a Library Services and Technology Act grant managed through the Oregon State Library. Additional funds are provided by the Oregon College Savings Plan.

Heppner cross country off to a great start



The Heppner High School boys' cross country team placed second at the Green and Gold Invite last week in Pendleton—a great start for a new team.

Running for Heppner were (above L-R) Hayden Qualls, Trent Smith, Hunter Nichols, Reno Ferguson, Mitchell Von Gunten and Skyler Palmer.

Running in the girls' middle school race were (right L-R) Hannah Palmer (ninth place) and Madelyn Hunter (second place).

There is still time to join if anyone is interested. Ask at the school office for more info.

—Contributed photos



DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

—Marco Antonio Garcia, 29, was convicted of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to have his driver's license suspended for one year, as well as six months prison time with credit for time served and one year post-prison supervision. An additional count of Theft II was disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$200.

—Marco Antonio Garcia, 29, was additionally convicted of Theft II, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to discharge. Fines, fees, restitution and assessments totaled \$1,209.

—Marco Antonio Garcia, 29, was additionally convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C Felony, and sentenced to have his driver's license suspended for six months, as well as six months prison time with credit for time

served, to run concurrent with previously imposed sentences, and one year post-prison supervision. Additional counts of Felon in Possession of a Restricted Weapon and Carrying a Concealed Weapon were disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$200.

—Marco Antonio Garcia, 29, was additionally convicted of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to have his driver's license suspended for one year, as well as 18 months prison time with credit for time served, to run concurrent with previously imposed sentences, and one year post-prison supervision. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$200.

—Kyle Eugene McKenzie, 30, of Prineville, OR was convicted of Violation of Wildlife Laws with Culpable Mental State, a Class C Felony, on the charge of Taking a Bull Elk in Closed Season. The defendant's hunting license

was suspended for life and the defendant sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, to include 80 hours of community service, and five days jail time with credit for time served. The defendant was found not guilty of an additional count and acquitted of a third. Fines, fees, restitution and assessments totaled \$8,500.

—Mario Morales, 32, was convicted of Criminal Mischief II, a Class A Misdemeanor, and sentenced to 60 days jail time with credit for time served, to run concurrent with previously imposed sentences. Morales was additionally convicted of two counts of Harassment, a Class B Misdemeanor, and sentenced to 60 days jail time on each count, with credit for time served, to run concurrent with previously imposed sentences. An additional count of Assault IV – Constituting Domestic Violence was disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$300.

Sheriff's Report

July 25 (cont.): —MCSO received report of four black cats left at the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge.

—MCSO received an inquiry from a subject on Kangaroo Court Lane in Irrigon. The caller said a male had been living there, but had been gone for more than 90 days and wants to know if the stuff is now his. He requested deputy contact.

—MCSO received report of loud music on Magic Garden Lane in Irrigon. MCSO responded and made contact with both parties.

—MCSO received request from Columbia River Ranch for an on-call nurse to give an injection. M.C. Health Department advised who to contact at Home Health.

—MCSO received contact from a woman on Magic Garden Lane in Irrigon who said that her ex is restrained from seeing or contacting, but they were both at the watermelon festival and now she is concerned for her safety. MCSO made contact.

—MCSO received report that a male was beating up his mom on Wyoming Street in Irrigon. MCSO

responded.

—MCSO received report of a subject who lost control of a vehicle and wiped out a fence. MCSO arrested Raul Tzompaxtle Carvajal, 18, for Failure to Carry and Present and Reckless Driving. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail. MCSO cited Miguel Angel Hernandez Paz, 26, for Providing a Vehicle to an Unlicensed Driver. The vehicle was impounded for no insurance and no licensed driver.

—MCSO received report of a noise complaint. The caller said the music on the PA system in Heppner had been playing non-stop all day. The caller said he did not want contact, but would file a complaint with city hall the next Monday. MCSO was advised.

—MCSO received report from a driver on Hwy. 74, Heppner, that she hit a deer and it was on the road suffering. She said it was crawling in the middle of the road. MCSO responded and reported that the deer was already taken care of.

—MCSO received report from an Irrigon resident that someone was throwing stuff at their house. The caller said they could hear

it, but when they went out to look, they couldn't find anything or anyone. MCSO responded and made contact with the caller.

—MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject of loud music playing for several hours on Hurd Place around 10 p.m. MCSO responded, checked the area, did not find any loud music but did make contact with a gathering, who said they knew about the ordinance and shut their music off at 10 a.m.

—MCSO received report of neighbors playing very loud music on Main St. in Heppner. The caller said the neighbors had a scanner and didn't want MCSO to give out information over the radio. MCSO responded, but was unable to locate the music.

—MCSO received report of a party with loud music on Washington Lane in Irrigon. MCSO made contact and the music would be turned down.

—MCSO received report of a party with loud music on Crooked Road in Irrigon. MCSO responded and they advised they would turn the music down.

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