

Heppner FFA receives Food For All grant to help fight hunger

INDIANAPOLIS—The Heppner FFA chapter in Heppner has been awarded \$2,500 as part of the FFA: Food For All program. The nationwide program provides grant money to local FFA chapters to support year-long service-learning projects that address local hunger needs.

The Heppner FFA plans to help fight hunger by replacing laying hens they currently have to continue to provide fresh eggs to the Neighborhood Center. The grant will provide monies to help pay for the hens and their feed.

In addition, Heppner FFA will have some students who will raise broiler chickens to be processed to provide a protein source for families through the Neighborhood Center. The grant will help to fund purchasing 100 chicks, the feed to raise them and the monies needed to process them in a USDA certified facility.

"We hope to learn a lot through this process and have the opportunity to tour a USDA certified poultry processing facility," said Heppner FFA Advisor Beth Dickenson. "Students will have the chance to learn new skills and share



Heppner FFA members hold the new hen chicks that will be raised to produce eggs to be donated to the Neighborhood Center as a part of the Heppner FFA Food For All Grant project. These 25 chicks will begin laying eggs when they are about six months of age. The FFA chapter received five breeds, including Grey California, Blue Wyandotte, New Hampshire, Barred Rock and Ameracauna. Pictured are: Front row kneeling—Riane Dompier, Kaelyn Lindsay, Kolby Currin and Jake Lindsay. Standing—Rylee Kollman, Logan Grieb, CJ Kindle, Patrick Collins, Kevin Murrroy and Taylor Nelson. -Contributed photo

their new knowledge with community members via a workshop that will be held in the spring."

The FFA: Food For All grants are sponsored by Donaldson Foundation, Elanco, Land O'Lakes, Nationwide Foundation, Nutra Blend, Sealed Air, Tractor Supply Company and Tyson as a special project of

the National FFA Foundation. The program provided nearly \$360,000 to FFA chapters in 40 states and the Virgin Islands. In addition, the FFA: Food For All grant program is part of the National FFA Organization's Hunger Home platform. More information about the program can be found

at FFA.org/foodforall. The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 629,367 student members who belong to one of 7,757 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Heppner FBLA members qualify for state competition

Even after leaving Heppner at 5 a.m. and traveling in terrible winter conditions, the Heppner High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) met with success last Thursday at the FBLA Regional Contest in La Grande. After taking hour-long exams in each event, most of the members who competed placed and qualified for state competition.

Students who placed and their events are: Agribusiness—second, Kevin Murray; fourth, Patrick Collins. Computer Applications—ninth, Carson Brosnan. Helpdesk—eighth, Emily Cecil and Meranda Lemmon. Hospitality Management—third, Jessica Kemp-

ken, Sydney Maben and Riane Dompier; fifth, Cara Arbogast, Jaiden Mahoney and Claire Grieb.

Introduction to Financial Math—fourth, Sophie Grant. Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure—second, Keegan Gibbs.

Marketing—sixth, Madison Combe and Sophie Grant; eighth, Taylor Hamby, Caitlynn Baily and Kaelyn Lindsay.

Sports & Entertainment Management—third, Patrick Collins, CJ Kindle and Ryan Smith; fourth, Kevin Murray, Weston Putman and Logan Grieb.

All of these students have qualified to participate at state competitions in Portland April 7-9 at the Double Tree Hotel.

Heppner senior class plans dessert auction for Friday

The Heppner High School senior class will hold a dessert auction Friday, Feb. 12, during the half times of the varsity boys' and girls' basketball games.

Caregiver classes in Heppner this week

CAPECO is offering a short-term educational program called Powerful Tools for Caregivers in Heppner beginning next week. This free six-week series is designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend with a chronic health condition. All participants will receive The Caregiver Helpbook, a book developed specifically for the class.

The series of six weekly one-and-a-half-hour sessions begins Thursday, Feb. 18, and continues through

March 24. Each session will meet from 2:30-4 p.m. in the dining room at St. Patrick's Senior Center, 190 N Main St., Heppner. Pre-registration and attendance at the first class is required.

For more information or to register, contact Health Promotion Coordinator Helena Wolfe at 541-561-5443 or hwolfe@capeco-works.org. If you are interested in this program but cannot attend at this time, contact Wolfe to be added to a waiting list for future classes.

CITY COUNCIL

-Continued from PAGE ONE can't do all this by myself," she said.

The Mayor empathized with her dedication but said, "We just don't have the resources. The money isn't here." He said the best they could do was maybe have council members talk to people about the problem, but that would be about the extent of assistance.

Herzog told the Heppner Gazette-Times that anyone who would be able to help is encouraged to call her at 541-676-9000.

In other business at Monday's meeting the council:

-Heard that bid opening for construction of the new fire hall will be on Feb. 18;

-Was told that council member John Bowles will be the new Morrow County Undersheriff;

-Heard that City Manager Kim Cutsforth was recently appointed to serve on the Oregon Community Foundation, which oversees some \$18 billion in funds, proceeds of which are given out to Oregon Communities as grants.

The council also heard the following report from the public works director:

Water Dept. Replaced 1 Y 2 inch water meter at All Saints Episcopal Church and fixed

a water leak at Public Works office.

Sewer Dept.

Cleaned contact basins once, painted the sewer plant office, did nine septic dumps, completed the recycled water report and sent it to DEQ, and finished the DEQ Supplemental Environmental Project proposal. If approved, this will help subsidize some of the violation fine and also benefit the community.

Streets Dept.

Got most of the lights fixed up at Frank Gillam Drive, took down Christmas lights, wreaths, and banners, had one snow and ice event, swept streets one time, replaced stop sign on Chase St. and installed a poly blade on the snow plow.

Parks Dept.

Rehabbed three Hager Park picnic tables and three City Park tables, burned a ditch and cleaned out the storm drain at the kids' park and put up new flags at Memorial Park.

The council also adopted the following goals for the coming year.

Heppner City goals for 2016:

1) Update the Master Water Plan - to aide in prioritizing water projects and to seek funding. Investigate funding opportunities, li-

aise with Anderson and Perry. Prioritize developing a plan to fix reservoir 3 and replace water pipes at Cannon, Green and Matlock Streets. Develop a plan to implement a GIS mapping system to aid in the mapping and maintenance of our water system.

2) Update the Transportation System Plan to aide in prioritizing street improvements. Research methods for updating in-house.

3) Review personnel manual and make changes as necessary.

4) Revise and establish an Emergency Action Plan. Involve the hospital, HVFD, MCSO, etc.

5) Update Urban Growth Area (UGA) Code and Inter Governmental Agreement with Morrow County.

6) Fence the perimeter of the City Yard on Riverside Ave. with a chain link fence.

7) Amphitheater—set up program for summer events, movies, music.

8) Install auto flushers in the restroom at the City Park near the library and add automatic sprinkler timers.

9) City Hall—start planning for exterior repairs, replacing failing windows and installing a ventilation fan. Bathroom in public meeting area.

10) Install an alarm at the sewer plant to alert public works about overflow or pump problems.

11) Update or correct ordinance inconsistencies or errors as they are noticed, such as clarifying the dog ordinance.

12) Establish nonsmoking areas in the city parks where children play.

13) Begin planning for a replacement for the sewer jet truck.

14) Replace the community holiday tree at city center with a healthy tree.

15) Develop a plan to repair tree-damaged sidewalks on Main Street.

16) Schedule city clean-up days for the spring and fall.

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 Baked or Mashed
 Garlic Bread - Soup & Salad -Dessert

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Community lunch menu

Christian Life Center volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include navy beans and ham, mixed vegetables, broccoli slaw, corn muffins and raspberry cookie bars. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.



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