

Heppner students attend TSA National Conference 2016



Heppner TSA members (L-R) Bryan Fowler, Daichi Walters, Kai Arbogast and Will Lutcher. -Contributed photo

Four Heppner High School students attended the 2016 National Technology Student Association Conference in Nashville, TN. With 7,500 in attendance they competed in Technology Problem Solving creating a wind turbine, Structural Design and Engineering involving a light rail bridge section, and On Demand Video with a jungle theme, writing a script, filming and editing all within 48 hours.

The youth not only represented Heppner but also the state of Oregon as state officers. When interviewed after the conference, the

young men had positive feedback.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to practice leadership and public speaking, getting to address 7,500 people," said Kai Arbogast, while Will Lutcher said the best part was "Meeting and networking with other TSA members from across the Nation."

Daichi Walters said, "It was a great privilege to learn about the city of Nashville and the culture."

Bryan Fowler was apparently a fan of southern cooking, saying he liked "Getting to eat at famous

restaurants and experiencing the world's second-hottest hot sauce."

The students did get to experience many attractions beyond the competitions, including TSA general sessions, national business meeting, the Grand Ole Opry, an 1800s plantation and the old downtown Nashville, along with a major league baseball game.

Heppner received an award for Chapter of Excellence at the conference. The support of Morrow County School District and the community of Heppner made the trip possible.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

- Macias Valentin Hernandez, 33, of Kennewick, WA was found guilty of No Ops and fined \$260.
- James Wayne Ayers, 64, of Lexington was found guilty of No Ops and Driv-

ing Uninsured. The defendant was fined \$260 on the charge of Driving Uninsured; the No Ops charge will be dismissed if the defendant presents a valid driver's license within 30 days.

- Thomas Wade Matthew, 22, of Heppner was found guilty of Permit Un-

lawful Operation of a Vehicle and was fined \$260.

-Robert Shane Laughlin, 52, of Heppner was found guilty of violating a city ordinance - abandoned vehicles due to stored vehicles without current tags. The defendant failed to appear and was found guilty by default and fined \$200.

OTLD to host Knights of Veritas July 15

Oregon Trail Library District will host Knights of Veritas, an educational program about the Middle Ages, at all branches on Friday, July 15.

Performance will begin at the Irrigon branch at 10 a.m., continue to the Boardman branch at 1 p.m. and on to the Heppner Branch at 4:30 p.m.

The hour-long program is free and open to the public as part of the annual Summer Reading Program.

Knights of Veritas is renowned for providing programs for children, youth and families at schools, libraries, museums, cultural heritage and civic events throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The Knights have presented for thousands of families at hundreds of programs since its founding in 2004.

"We're thrilled to be coming out for this program," said Knights of Veritas Director Eric Slyter. "Our mission is to make history exciting and relevant to today's audiences, and show that even great warriors had a code of con-



The Knights of Veritas program, shown here during a presentation in Lone last year, will bring its educational program to Heppner July 15. -File photo

duct that was expected of them. Boys and girls of all ages love knights, and we love getting kids excited about learning and reading! They'll leave the program with a different understanding of the middle ages than when they came in!"

The Knights' various programming includes accurate replica arms and armour, an examination of the culture of the middle ages, common myths and misconceptions, accurate combat based on period manuscripts, rare antiquities that can't be seen

anywhere else in the Pacific Northwest, the Code of Chivalry and more.

Fun, engaging, interactive and family-friendly, the Knights of Veritas make history come to life and get kids of all ages excited about learning.

For more information about the upcoming program, contact Kathy Street at 541-481-3365 or otld-director@centurylink.net.

For additional information about Knights of Veritas, contact Eric Slyter at 509-855-1500 or visit www.KnightsofVeritas.org.

Steel drum band Bram Brata July 11 at Irrigon



Bram Brata

The steel drum band Bram Bratá will perform for the Music in the Parks free outdoor summer concert series at 7 p.m. on July 11 at the Irrigon Marina Park, located off Highway 730 in Irrigon. Visitors will want to come early for the performance to see the wild bird demonstration by Blue Mountain Wildlife at 6 p.m.

The name Bram Bratá is derived from two Trinidadian slang words meaning "an unexpected party." Audiences find this a fitting name as they enjoy the challenging and varied repertoire of Caribbean, Soca, jazz, popular and even classical music. Bram Bratá steel drum band performs on the average about

two times a month in the communities throughout the Northwest. They have performed in Hawaii, Disneyland, and at Caribbean music festivals in Oregon and British Columbia.

Admission to the concert is free. Visitors are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. Concessions will be available for purchase at the event, courtesy of Judy's Chuck Wagon. The Music in the Parks concert series is held each summer alternating between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. The concerts are free to the public and begin at 7 p.m. on Mondays through to Aug. 22. The Music in the Parks series is funded by the Morrow County

Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric and sponsored by the North Morrow Community Foundation.

Additional dates and performers during the season include a juggling show "Jugglemania" in Boardman on July 18; 7-Wheel Drive in Irrigon on July 25; Brass Fire in Boardman on Aug. 1; Dakota Brown Aug. 8 in Irrigon; Jamie Nasario in Boardman on Aug. 15, and the band Fallout in Irrigon Aug. 22.

ROAD WORK

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For more information, contact Ukiah Section Maintenance Coordinator Kevin Bednar at 541-427-3861, 541-969-4397 or Kevin.J.BEDNAR@odot.state.or.us.

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