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Hintz named to 'Best & Brightest' list for 2017

Heppner graduate Zech Hintz has made the list of the 2017 Best & Brightest Business Majors, as named by Poets & Quants for Undergrads, a social network site for people interested in undergraduate business school education.

Hintz, who graduated from Heppner High School in 2012, is a student and member of the Class of 2017 at Cornell University's Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. He is majoring in



Zech Hintz

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Irrigon man arrested for rape

Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Jason Kane Kissler, 35, of Irrigon on several sex-related charges over the weekend, MCSO Undersheriff John Bowles has announced.

On April 15 at 4:52 a.m., MCSO received report of a disturbance at a residence off Depot Lane in the Irrigon area. During the course of the investigation, the reporting party,

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Jason Kane Kissler

Bunny Sightings



Teagan Roy, 6, takes a break from collecting Easter eggs to visit with the Easter Bunny Saturday in Heppner City Park. The daughter of Jake and Lindsey Roy of Heppner, Teagan was part of the large crowd that turned out for the annual Easter egg hunt at the park the day before Easter. -Photo by David Sykes

Irrigon makes push to keep county facilities

Commissioners weigh options, including moving to Boardman

By David Sykes

Several members of the Irrigon community made their case to the Morrow County Commissioners last week, that the county keep its current offices and services in Irrigon, and not move them to Boardman.

The county is in the process of evaluating new expansion and building plans for services and facilities located in the north end of the county, including the planning commission offices, VA, county clerk, parole and

probation and sheriff's department. Commissioners and county staff are evaluating several options, one of which is to purchase an empty Blue Mountain Community College building in Boardman and move all or some of the services there. The current facilities are too small and in too poor a condition to continue to be used, according to county officials.

Irrigon community activist Barbara Huwe presented a petition to the



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commissioners asking that all current services located in Irrigon be left there. She said 200 to 300 people had signed the petitions; however, some of the petitions got lost after she gathered them, so not all were presented to the commission at their weekly meeting last week in Irrigon.

Huwe said the offices are very important to Irrigon's economy and moving them to Boardman would be a blow to the few local businesses there are left in town. She said the

county may think buying the former BMCC building is a good move financially, but may find expensive alterations are needed once purchased. Huwe suggested that the county look at building a new facility at the site of the current justice court and planning commission office site. She said a two-story building could accommodate all the county's needs and keep the services in Irrigon.

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Larry Lindsay was honored at a luncheon last week. -Photo by David Sykes

'Click it or ticket' in Morrow County next month

Morrow County Sheriff's office will be running a "Click It or Ticket" campaign next month, MCSO Undersheriff John Bowles announced last week.

Morrow County deputies will be focusing on enforcement of safety belt, distracted driving, speed and DUII (Driving Under the Influence) laws at various times and days during the two-week campaign, planned for May 15-28. The campaign will be funded through a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation in partnership with the Oregon State Sheriff's Association and Oregon State Police.

In a press statement, Bowles said the enforcement is to address driving fatalities while focusing on traffic safety. Deputies will be watching for overall seatbelt compliance, speeding, and violations of unlawful cell phone use such as talking or texting while driving.

"In recent years, lack of safety belt use was a major factor in 20 percent of mo-

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Morrow County school board discusses graduation requirements

By April Sykes

The Morrow County School Board adopted graduation requirements at its monthly meeting at the Morrow Education Center in Irrigon Monday night.

The board approved requirements for four different diploma types:

-the basic diploma, to students in grades nine-12 who complete a minimum of 24 credits as follows: 4-English, 3-mathematics, 3-science, 3-social studies,

1-health, 3-arts, 1-career ed, 1 PE, 5-electives, 20 hours community service, plus other requirements.

-the standard diploma to students in grades nine-12 who complete a minimum of 26 credits as follows: 4-English, 3-mathematics, 3-social studies, 1-health, 3-arts, 1-PE, 2 "career pathways" classes, 5-electives, down from 7, 20 hours community service, plus other requirements.

-the honors diploma for college-bound students, no D or F on transcripts, pass grade 11 benchmarks, maintain a 3.5 GPA or a 3.25 with a score of 1190 or their SATs or 24 on their ACTs and credits as follows: 4-language arts, 3-science, 3-math, 4-social science, 1-health, 1-PE, 1-career education, 2-foreign language, 1-technology, 1-fine arts, 9-electives, 12 college credits (Eastern Promise/Dual Credit/Ex-

panded Options.)

-and the modified diploma for students who have demonstrated the inability to meet the full set of academic standards for a high school diploma even with reasonable modifications and accommodations, has demonstrated an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers; or

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BMCC to hold grand opening of Boardman training center

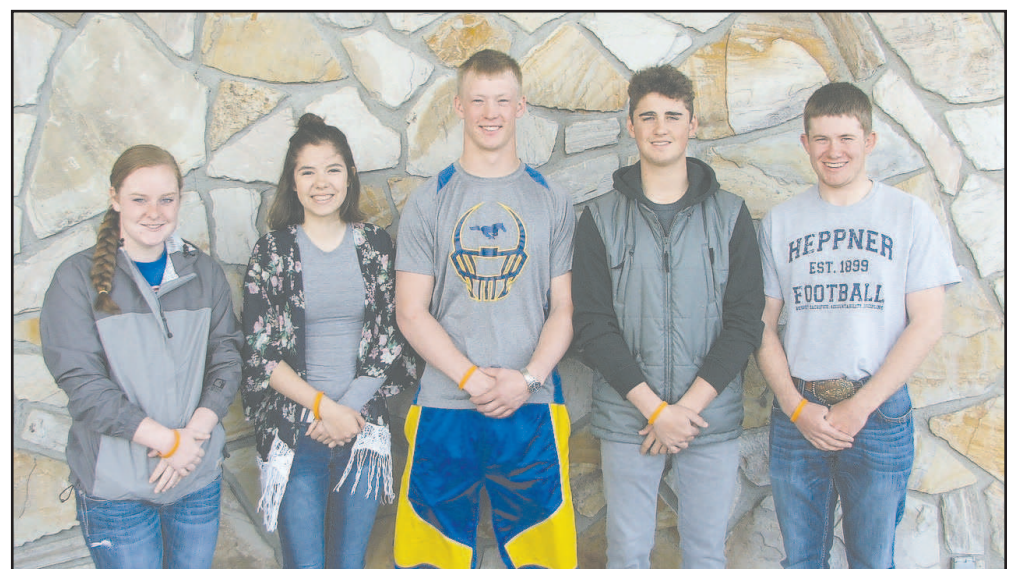
The public is invited to the grand opening of the new Blue Mountain Community College workforce training center next Thursday, April 27, from 4-6 p.m. at 251 Olson Rd., Boardman.

The newly-constructed training center provides job skills workshops, college preparatory classes for adults and customized training for business and industry.

Also at that time, BMCC will honor Louie and Betty Carlson by dedicating the main conference room at this new facility as the "Carlson Room" in their honor.

The Carlsons will receive this honor because of all their past work on behalf of BMCC.

MS Walk this Saturday



Heppner High student council officers (L-R) Taylor Hamby, secretary; Sophie Grant, vice president; Kevin Murray, president; Jake Lindsay, publicity director; and Kolby Currin, treasurer. The student council members are shown wearing their orange "join the movement" bracelets, which were handed out to the entire HHS student body this week, to encourage support of Saturday's MS walk. -Photo by David Sykes

By Sophie Grant, HHS Representative for Eastern Oregon Walk MS

The 19th annual Eastern Oregon Walk MS will be held this Saturday, April 22. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church with the walk to begin at 10 a.m.

The local high school

students are supporting the walk by sporting the national MS Walk "join the movement" orange bracelets throughout the week. Participants are encouraged to form teams to walk, helping raise money for MS research.

MS stands for Multiple

Sclerosis, a disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. MS affects more than 2.3 million people around the world, including members of our community.

Sunset 5K Walk/Run next week

On Friday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. the Lexington Grange will host a Sunset 5K Walk/Run. The walk/run will begin and end at the Grange building (66296 Marquardt Rd., Lexington). An ice cream social will take place immediately following.

Pre-registration can be done online at <https://goo.gl/forms/H8h7KJy3CXTf51X2>, or registration will start at 6 p.m. before the run. The run will start at 6:30 p.m. The cost for the run is \$12 or \$20 with an event shirt.

Proceeds from this event will go to Asher's Army to help with Asher Schonbachler's fight with Leukoystrophy 4H Syndrome.

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