

6th Annual Blue Mountain Century Scenic Bikeway Ride



Bikers from Oregon, Washington and Arizona enjoyed the weather and local hospitality on the 6th annual bike ride sponsored by the Heppner Chamber. -Photo by David Sykes

Sept. 16 and 17 saw another successful "Extreme" ride sponsored by the Heppner Chamber. The Heppner Community hosted 33 riders on the Blue Mountain Century Scenic Bikeway ride this past weekend. Oregon riders hailed from: Bend, Kent, LaGrande, Sisters, Scappoose, Portland, Heppner and Ione; riders from Washington were from Kirkland, Ridgefield and Vancouver; and last but not least Mesa, Arizona.

The ride, with beautiful scenery and good roads to ride on, started out a little chilly in Ukiah but warmed

up nicely and bringing them back into Heppner quite easily with a favored tailwind. Saturday night ended with a homemade BBQ dinner prepared by Alvin Liu of The Gateway Café; and a great slide show of the Saturday ride prepared by Dale Bates. The Sunday ride from Heppner to Ukiah started out warmer than usual in Heppner and no rain to slow them down. There was a little smoke when the ride ended in Ukiah, but the riders were fortunate that Friday night, Saturday and Sunday only brought sunshine.

The weekend included new friendships, old friendships and a ride none of the riders should soon forget. Hopefully all are planning on coming back next year to try it again.

Local volunteers Robin Bredfield, Deb and Craig Gutierrez, Dale Bates, Dennis Johnson and Jay Gibbs helped with support for the riders all weekend. Bredfield was available to nurse any injuries, but fortunately her skills weren't required. Local businesses that accommodated the weekend were Breaking Grounds

Ione Education Foundation to hold annual dinner, auction

The Ione Education Foundation's 15th annual dinner and auction will be held Sunday, Sept. 23 at the Ione American Legion hall. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner starting at 7 p.m. Dinner will consist of prime rib, salmon, baked potato, bread salad, dessert and two beverages.

Following dinner will be a live auction of items donated by community members and businesses, raffles and a silent auction. Please call Joe McElligott at 541-422-7257 no later than Sept. 21 if you are interested in donating items



The Ione Education Foundation will hold its annual dinner and auction Sunday at the Ione American Legion Hall. Dustin Padberg (left) served as last year's auctioneer. -Photo by David Sykes

for the live auction

Tickets are available at the Ione branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon or at the door. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for ages 7-12 and free for ages six and under. Ticket sales will be limited to 250 adults and may be reserved by calling the bank at 541-422-7466.

In addition to the dinner and auction, the annual meeting will be held

at 5:30 p.m. The board has two director positions up for renewal, currently held by Anita Orem and Brian Doherty. Orem has chosen to renew her three-year term and Brian will be leaving the board. A nominating committee will place a replacement for Director Doherty on the ballot to be voted on during the annual meeting.

IMESD offers free hearing screenings to students

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 Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties. The program is cooperatively sponsored by the IMESD's 18 component school districts.

Students to be screened include kindergarten, first and third grade students, new students to a district

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 began at the end of August and continue through the middle of November.

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

If you have questions about the hearing screening program, please contact your child's school.

HHS celebrates homecoming this week

Heppner High School is celebrating homecoming this week with Mustang Music Festival as the theme. Dress up days are happening all week, including a bonfire for the students on Wednesday.

Thursday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. will find students showing their school spirit with the spirit parade, leav-

ing the high school to go to Main Street and stopping at the Shamrock for a cheer. A pep assembly will follow at the football field.

The homecoming game will be Friday at 7 p.m. versus Toledo. During halftime, the court will be presented and the king and queen will be crowned.

Morrow County Health Department to hold flu clinics

A flu clinic will be held at each of the following locations:

-Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone Rd., Boardman on Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Phone: 541-481-3148.

-Stokes Landing Community Center, 195 NW Opal Place, Irrigon on Sept. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 1

p.m. Phone: 541-922-3603.

-St. Pat's Senior Center, 182 N Main, Heppner on Sept. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone: 541-676-5380.

-Ione Fire Hall, 150 W Main St., Ione on Sept. 27 from 4-7 p.m. Phone: 541-422-7504.

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Missionaries to speak at Nazarene church



Missionaries Tim and Michelle Eby, (center) and their children, Amber, Christopher, Heather and Jonathan -Contributed photo

Missionaries Tim and Michelle Eby will speak at the Heppner Nazarene Church, 350 Gilmore Street in Heppner, on Tuesday, Sept. 26. A lasagna supper will be served at 5:30 p.m., with the Ebys scheduled to speak at 6:30 p.m.

The Ebys serve as career missionaries with the church of the Nazarene in Dakar, Senegal. Tim works in leadership development and church growth in the country of Senegal as well as assisting the field strategy coordinator across the

Africa West Field Michelle serves as the treasurer for the field and supports local ministry. Spokespersons for the Church of the Nazarene ask for prayers for them as "they support the AWF leadership, coordinate partnerships, and lead volunteer teams to develop training centers all across the 16 countries of West Africa."

Tim grew up on the mission field in Papua New Guinea with his parents, Lee and Carol Ann Eby. He said he felt a call to mission service at the age of 16 and pursued his education in aviation at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas.

Michelle is also a missionary kid from Beirut, Lebanon, where her par-

ents, Larry and Sharon Buess, served with the Church of the Nazarene.

Tim and Michelle met

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Lexington to support Extension Service District

By Bobbi Gordon

Lexington town council discussed whether or not to support the formation of the Morrow County Extension Service District at its meeting on Sept. 12. Julie Baker from the Extension office attended the meeting to answer questions on how it impacts the town of Lexington and any of its residents that currently use the extension service.

Councilor Sheila Miller asked for clarification on exactly what it would cost Lexington kids that would like to join 4-H if the council decided to not support it. Baker was unable to provide an answer, saying that information is not available at this time as it will be need to be determined based on the number of Morrow County cities that do not join the district. Miller suggested the possibility of providing a few scholarships to pay

the fee for some Lexington residents who would like to join 4-H or use other extension services if it was not approved.

Currently the tax base for Lexington is \$9.81 per thousand of assessed value. Baker stated that the formation of the Extension Service District would add \$.33 per thousand, putting it to \$10.14, which is over the \$10 allowed by Measure 5. That would make the additional \$.14 come out of the Lexington town budget somewhere else and Miller stated the tax dollars from last year were not enough to cover the necessary expenses already.

Bobbi Gordon, council member, suggested the council approve the formation of the district and have it placed on the May ballot to be voted on by Lexington residents. Gordon stated

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