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Heppner FFA travels to Redmond for state convention



Heppner FFA Chapter members with the National FFA Vice President. -Contributed photo.

The Oregon FFA state convention was a success for the Heppner FFA chapter. Fifteen members of the local chapter traveled to Redmond for the annual convention. Members participated in many sessions that recognized members' accomplishments. Two Heppner members, Coby Dougherty and Beau Wolters, earned the highest degree that the state can award to a member, the

Oregon FFA State degree. Coby was also a finalist in the state for the Star in Ag Placement award.

Alex Lindsay was a candidate to be an Oregon FFA state officer. As a candidate, he participated in many interviews and problem solving situations. According to a spokesperson, the chapter is very proud of the way he represented himself, the chapter and community.

To advance to the state for proficiency awards, you must win at the district level. The Blue Mountain FFA District Outdoor Recreation winner was Alex Lindsay, the Grain Production Placement winner was Alex Lindsay and the Wildlife Management winner was Ethan Akers. The applications are evaluated

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Ione FFA competes in state convention



Ione FFA members (L-R front row): Colt Parker, Emily Taylor, Macy Rosselle, Austin Morter, Daniel Eubanks, Jake Heideman, Stephine Wendler, Eva Martin, Larysa Burrignt, Megan Doherty, Sarah Knop and Grace Ogden. (L-R back row): Morgan Orem and MaLinda Morter. -Contributed photo.

The Ione FFA Chapter traveled to Redmond during spring break to compete in the state FFA convention. Members placing at the competition were:

-Morgan Orem placed first in advanced portfolio and sixth in co-op quiz/interview.

-Grace Ogden was first in beginning portfolio and creed speaker and will be advancing to nationals. She also took fifth in photogra-

phy-people.

-Jake Heideman placed sixth in photography-people, sixth in photography-landscape and fourth in essay.

-Emily Taylor was second in agriscience project in plant systems and seventh in photography-people.

-In essay competition, Sonia Medina took third and Eva Martin fifth.

-Sixth place in photography equipment went to

MaLinda Morter.

-Larysa Burrignt placed seventh in ag poster.

-Daniel Eubanks took first place in agriscience project in power, technical and social systems and is advancing to nationals.

-Fifth place ag marketing team was Morgan Orem, Eva Martin and Megan Doherty.

-State FFA degree recipients were Austin Morter and Emily Taylor.

MCSO plans emergency drill

On Friday, Apr. 13, the Morrow County School District will conduct an emergency drill from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Boardman schools. All three schools, Sam Boardman Elementary, Windy River Elementary and Riverside Jr./Sr. High School, will be used during the drill. The drill is being conducted in partnership with local law enforcement and emergency responders, including the Boardman Police Department, Boardman Fire, Boardman Ambulance, Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Oregon

State Police. Local residents are advised that during the drill, it will seem like a real emergency is happening at the schools with law enforcement and emergency personnel traveling to and from the schools and being onsite performing the work they would do in a true emergency.

The purpose of the drill is to practice what would be done if an emergency situation occurred at a school building, such as a natural disaster, a fire or gas leak or violent incident. The drill will include school staff,

volunteer students, volunteers to portray parents and emergency personnel acting as if this is a real emergency.

After the incident at the schools, staff and students will be bused to a separate location, where the reunification portion of the drill will take place. Reunification means when students are evacuated from their school building and bused to another location; parents are then asked to travel to the reunification location

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Heppner football players honored at Shriners banquet



Pictured L-R: Coach Greg Grant, Shriner Gene Orwick, Wyatt Steagall, Shriner Herman Winter, Beau Wolters, Shriner Merlin Hughes, Shriner Archie Ball. -Contributed photo.

The Tri-County Shrine Club recently hosted a banquet to honor Heppner Mustang football players Wyatt Steagall and Beau Wolters. Both young men were chosen for the Portland Shriners Children's Hospital All-Star Team. Wyatt was selected to play in the Shrine game that will be held on Aug. 3 in Baker City. Beau will serve as an alternate on the team.

They were nominated by their coach for this honor and then selected by a committee on three criteria. Their athletic accomplishments, their academics and their community service were the reasons these play-

ers were chosen to represent the Shriners in their cause to help children receive medical care. The Portland Shriners Children's Hospital, which started operation in 1924, has served more than 60,000 children since its doors opened.

The players, their families and friends were first treated to a dinner. Heppner football coach, Greg Grant, spoke about each of the boys and their contributions to the Mustang football program.

Both Wyatt and Beau spoke, starting by thanking everyone who helped them achieve their success on the field. They thanked their

families, coaches, teammates and the community for always supporting them. They both spoke about what a great time they had wearing the Mustang "Blue and Gold" and of all the great memories they will take with them.

Members of the Tri-County Shriners Club in attendance were Herman Winter, Merlin Hughes, Gene Orwick and Archie Ball. A spokesperson stated that these two fine young men certainly deserve the honor of being selected to the Portland Shriners Children's Hospital All-Star team.

Council receives rough draft of proposed park 'behavior' ordinance

Sets up violators to be banned from use



Violators may soon be banned from the Heppner City Park. -Photo by David Sykes.

By David Sykes

A proposed new city ordinance, covering a wide range of activity no longer to be allowed in parks, and banning violators, was presented to the Heppner city council Monday night. "This is a very rough draft", stressed Mayor Cody High when presenting the proposed ordinance. The council will have a month to look it over and bring back changes next month.

Some of the banned activities include no soliciting, including operating a concession, selling or peddling any liquids or edibles, distributing circulars, peddle or vend any goods, wares or merchandise or set up or use a public address system in the park without a written permit from the city council. Also banned would be abusive, threatening, boisterous, vile, obscene or indecent language or gestures. Also banned is "blowing, spreading or placing any nasal or other bodily discharge" on park grounds.

City attorney Bill Kuhn, when questioned by councilmember Adam Doherty, said he would also add an excessive noise portion to the ordinance. See bottom of this story for complete ordinance under consideration.

Consideration of the

new ordinance was prompted by an increased number of incidents with people "misbehaving" while using the park. The ordinance would give law enforcement and city employees the authority to ban people up to 120 days from using the parks. Violation of the ordinance would be a Class C infraction. There would be an appeals process for banned people to appeal to the city administrator.

In other business, the council heard from a representative of PrineTime, a wireless internet service provider providing service in Heppner, about the possibility of establishing a franchise agreement with the city in exchange for some in-kind service such as free internet or helping to hang banners in the city. The city currently has franchise agreements with Windwave and Centurylink, both internet service providers. Ed Howard from PrineTime was at the council meeting to request an agreement. He said his company has an agreement with the city of Prineville where they are based, but does not pay a fee there. Both Windwave and Centurylink pay a franchise fee for use of the city right of ways. Howard had said earlier that the company had considered asking permission from the city to

put equipment on top of the water tower near the high school in order to improve reception and help them get service to people that have been requesting it, but had changed their mind and decided not to do that project. Howard said the company just wanted to get an agreement with the city in place in case of future need.

In other action the council agreed to sell bulk water to the Town of Lexington while they replaced the liners in their water tanks. The council did not know how much water would be needed but understood the project to take four to six weeks. "We want to help out our neighbors," Mayor Cody High said.

In other action the council approved a request from Carl and Pat Lauritsen for 10 laying hens on their property on May Street.

In other business the council discussed the coming need to purchase a new accounting system and new computer equipment to go with it. The city currently is using outdated accounting software and needs to update.

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