Orem receives scholarship

Morgan Orem, a senior at Ione Community School was one of ten of the recipi-

Morgan is the daughter



Last year's operators back at OHV Park The Landing Barb Harris and Jacob Richmond sign contract with county

By David Sykes

operators of The Landing Lodge restaurant at the OHV park are back and ready to begin serving customers during the upcoming recreational season, it was recently announced.

After a somewhat contentious parting of the ways last year, restaurant operators Barb Harris and her son Jacob Richmond came back, patched up their differences with Morrow County and are now back in business. "We are happy to announce that we have come to an agreement with Morrow County allowing us to once again operate their Landing Lodge kitchen," Harris posted on the Facebook page. The first day of operation is Thursday, May 10.

Harris and Richmond had some contractual disagreements with Morrow County, which is owner of The Landing that is located at the Off Highway Vehicle park located in the moun-The county contracts with operators of the restaurant,

who pay the county a per-Last year's popular centage of gross revenues as a franchise agreement. There are also other rules about how to operate the business.

> Last year both parties were unable to reach a contract extension agreement enabling Harris and Richmond to keep operating the popular restaurant, so the county decided to put the operating agreement out for "proposals" from interested parties.

Harris and Richmond indicated interest in coming back as operators and submitted a proposal. After several "sit down" meetings with county staff and commissioner Don Russell, everyone came to an agreement and a new contract agreed, however, saying he was okayed and signed by commissioners at last Wednesday's commission meeting. After the signing, the commissioners seemed glad to have the issue settled and an operator back in place. "Maybe we should franchise awarding process have a commission meet- was transparent and open to tains south of Heppner. ing up there," Russell said. everyone. Commissioner Jim Doherty

Heppner weather slightly colder than



John and Barb Harris will be back at The Landing this year. -Contributed photo.

did think the process of putting out for proposals was a good idea, as it stimulated a conversation with the operators, got issues out on the table to talk about and also showed the public that the

glad to be back on the job. "Myself and my son are working together as a unified unit to make the park a better place to be. We had a sit-down meeting and we are in agreement (with the county). We can put this OHV park on the map and make people happy while they are there," she told the Barb Harris was also Gazette-Times Tuesday.



Morgan Orem was awarded a \$1,0000 scholarship by the **Oregon Wheat Foundation.**

student body president and Chapter FFA president. She was District FFA secretary in both her junior and senior years. She is active in the National Honor Society as president, active within her FFA chapter and has entered various projects and animals at county fairs. She also volunteers on several school and community projects.

Students were judged on their community involvement, academic achievement and an essay on a wheat industry topic.

Oregon Wheat Foundation scholarships are open to high school seniors whose parents are members of the Oregon Wheat Growers League or whose parents are employed by grower members of the organization. The scholarship is also open to students employed by grower members.

Scholarship information can be found in the Oregon Wheat Foundation section of the Oregon wheat website at www.owgl.org. Applications are accepted beginning in October.

Painted rocks found in Heppner

By Bobbi Gordon

According to area residents, painted rocks are finding their way into Heppner. What is it all about?

Have you been so lucky to find any painted rocks hidden in town? Have you wondered what the craze is all about? Or maybe you've never heard of this creative trend towards kindness.

In short, the painted rocks are a creative project that has taken the nation by force, with the number one goal to make someone smile and brighten their day. When someone finds a rock, they can be sure it's been painted with love from anyone ranging from little bitty kiddos to skilled artists and everyone in-between. Participating is something any one of any age can do, all you have to do is find one. The rocks will usually have a hashtag or scrub, and thorough drying Facebook page written on the back. This shows where the rock came from and seal your rocks when you're often with directions to post a picture to that area's painted rock Facebook page or hashtag. You can either a spray can, but others use keep the rock or re-hide it. The general rule is that if you find and keep a rock, painted rocks where they'll you create another one to cause property damage or re-hide somewhere else on private property without in your community. The idea really is as simple as inspiring someone through rocks. a random act of kindness. mation on Facebook, the ment could be damaged. original idea came from The Kindness Rocks proj- roundings when hiding and ect, although there have also searching for rocks. been many others that have been inspired and have be- can be found by searching gun their own rock sharing groups in their communities.



This rock was placed on the windowsill at the Gazette to spread some sunshine.



This rock was found near the door of the Century Link ilding. The inder is just something really nice and would like to thank the mystery folks for their little bit of cheer to the community in the painted rocks across America craze: -You should always paint on clean rocks. If you find rocks outside to paint, a quick soap and water bath, should be fine. -You should always finished painting them. One sealer suggested was Rustoleum Clear Enamel from Mod Podge. -Never hide your permission. -Don't trespass to hide

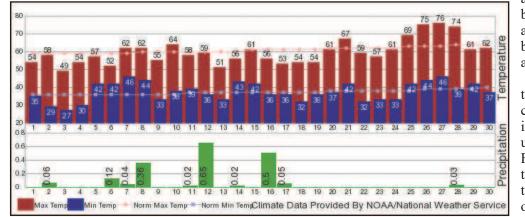
normal in April

According to preliminary data received by NO-AA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged slightly colder than normal during the month of April.

The average temperature was 48.6 degrees which was 0.4 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 59.7 degrees, which was 1.2 degrees below normal. The highest was 76 degrees on the 27^{th} . Low temperatures averaged 37.5 degrees, which was 0.3 degrees above normal. The lowest was 27 degrees on the 3rd.

There were three days with the low temperature has reached 5.43 inches, below 32 degrees.

1.85 inches during April,



which was 0.34 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation of at least .01 inch, was received on 10 days with the heaviest, 0.65 inches reported on the 12th.

Precipitation this year which is 0.19 inches below Precipitation totaled normal. Since October, the Prediction center calls for tation is 1.66 inches.

water year precipitation at Heppner has been 9.19 inches, which is 0.49 inches below normal.

The highest wind gust was 40 mph which occurred on the 1st.

The outlook for May from NOAA's Climate

tures and below normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner rise from 64 degrees at the start of May to 73 degrees at the end of May. Normal lows rise from 40 degrees to 47 degrees. The 30 year normal precipi-

above normal tempera-

Heppner student qualifies for college rodeo finals in Wyoming

and women's rodeo teams National Finals Rodeo. may have ended the season

The Blue Mountain athletes will head to Casper, that qualified are Clay Hall, Community College men's WY in June for the College

in third place in the North- man from Heppner, leads Hermiston, Cole White, a west Region standings of the nation and the Norththe National Intercollegiate west region standings in from Hermiston and Kaylee Rodeo Association, but steer wrestling as he heads Aldrich, a sophomore from five Timberwolf student- to CNFR. Other students Terrebonne, OR.

a freshman from Toowoomba, Australia, Preston Ped-Kolby Currin, a fresh- erson, a sophomore from third-year student-athlete

The women's team ended the year ranked fourth in the national standings, while the men's team landed in 17th. CNFR takes place June 10-16 at the Casper Events Center in Casper, WY.

of thumb for participating across the nation.

-Don't hide them in tall According to infor- grass where lawn equip-

-Be aware of your sur-

Painted rocks groups Facebook or hashtags. Several have been formed in other cities in Oregon, but There are a few rules the groups can be found all

Area experiences power outage

Columbia Basin Elec- night. tric Co-op reported that it experienced a system wide Wolff, CBEC's power outage on the eastern half source from Bonneville of the service territory last Power Administration was

According to Tommy

interrupted. CBEC employees conferred with BPA to determine the cause and power was restored in a little more than one hour.

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