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Heppner student honored at state fair

Elizabeth Finch, a fourth grader from Heppner Elementary School, was honored during a reception held at the Oregon State Fair in Salem on Sunday, Aug. 26. Elizabeth's artwork was chosen from over 2,000 submitted to the AITC Calendar Art Contest. The contest celebrates Oregon's many agricultural and natural resource goods and is sponsored annually by Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation (AITC).



Above: Elizabeth Finch was honored for her art work. Below: Drawing selected for the calendar by Elizabeth Finch.



This year, 2,011 entries from across the state entered artwork featuring Oregon agriculture and natural resources into the contest. The winning art is published in a school-year calendar and distributed statewide. The contest is open to all Oregon public, private, charter and homeschool students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Since Oregon produces over 220 different commodities, students have a wide variety of subjects from which to choose.

Elizabeth said, "I drew a horse herding cattle. I like to draw horses and I thought I would be good at drawing cows and horses. I chose to draw that scene because I thought it would look pretty. I chose the scene because it is one of the commodities of Heppner. A lot of people have cattle."

"The calendar contest is a great project for teach-

ers and students. It gives them an opportunity to teach about and discuss the bounty and beauty of Oregon agriculture and incorporate art into their classrooms," said Jessica Janssen, AITC executive director. Each month in the calendar features one of the winning student's art and each day of the year has a fact about agriculture.

Besides having their artwork published in the calendar, each winning student received a \$50 award and certificate. The artwork of all 13 winners will be on display during the Oregon State Fair which runs through Labor Day in Salem. Calendars are free to Oregon teachers and can be ordered for just \$4 on oregonaitc.org/shop.

Community Bank pays students for good grades

In the eighth year of Community Bank's Earn While You Learn program, 704 student-customers in the eastern Oregon and southeast Washington area cashed in on their good grades, earning a total of \$16,777.

Community Bank CEO Tom Moran had this to say about the EWYL program, "Community Bank is proud to announce the continued success of our Earn While You Learn program, which couples two items we are very passionate about; encouraging the academic success of our young peo-

ple, and learning the value of savings. This program is also an excellent example of how banking with a locally owned and operated institution directly benefits the people of our communities. Thank you to our customers who ultimately help the bank fund our local programs like Earn While You Learn, as well as other sponsorships and donations in our neck of the woods."

The program is designed to encourage students in their academic success by awarding Community Bank youth savings account customers for their

good grades. During the months of June and July, all Community Bank branches accepted end-of-the-year report cards from students in first through twelfth grade. For every top grade (indicated on the grading system used for each school) in a main school subject that appeared on the report card, Community Bank deposited \$1 into their Community Bank youth savings account. The Earn While You Learn Program is an annual reward of \$1 per top grade, up to \$50 annually per student, with payments given for the whole school year in June and July.

G-T Trophy Corner



The Heppner Gazette-Times wants to see pictures of your trophy animals from this hunting season. Stop by to have your picture taken, drop off photos, mail them to PO Box 337 in Heppner, email them to editor@rapidsolve.net or text cell phone photos to 541-980-6674.

Chace Jones, Heppner, took his archery buck in the Silvies unit on Aug. 25, opening morning. His antelope was taken in the Malheur unit on Aug. 24. Both animals were taken under the youth mentor program. -Contributed photo

County rodeo boasts winners

Jett Stewart wins amateur calf roping saddle

Jett Stewart rode away with the coveted Morrow County Amateur Calf Roping saddle from the 2018 Morrow County Rodeo Aug. 19.

There were two winners for the MOCO all-around cowboy for 2018 with a tie between Willy Gentry and Gus King.

Wes Aragon won the saddle in the ranch bronc riding and Sue Gibbs took home the buckle in the Janice Davis Memorial barrel racing.

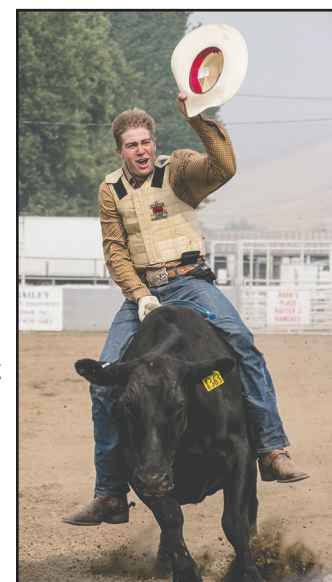
The winning team in the hide race was Gus King



Willy Gentry and Wacy Coil work together to catch the calf in the ribbon roping event. -Photo by Juli McDonald.



Looks like the mutton is doing the bustin' with this young cowpoke. -Photo by Juli McDonald.



Bo Foster rides away on his cow in the cow riding. -Photo by Juli McDonald.

and Tate Gentry.

It was the team of Devin Robinson and Devin Rea who took first place in team roping. They were followed by Jaiden Mahoney and Gus King. Third place went to Lane Bailey and Jeff Bailey.

Ribbon roping team of Gus King and Coy Patterson took first place, Johnny Pederson and Stephen Thompson took second and Willy Gentry and Wacy Coil came in third.

Devin Robinson placed first and Tony Currin second in open tie down calf roping.

Breakaway roping went to Jacee Currin. Jett Stewart took second.

It was Brandon Davis who stuck on the cow the longest during cow riding.

Bo Foster and Willy Gentry came in second and third. The top steer rider was Blaine McClure.

Senior barrel racing had Jessica Lewis tying up first place with Jaiden Mahoney second and Libby Lewis third.

Intermediate barrels was Mary Ashbeck in first, Tenley Rosenbalm in second and Paige Miller in third.

Zandra Masterson came in first in the junior barrel racing event, with Reece Weygandt in second and Marcus McGuire in third.

Coming in first in mutton bustin' was Jordan Fredericks. Second was a tie with Jack Eckman and Landry James. Gavin Wade Browne and Alexander

First Heppner community meeting deemed successful

By Sheryll Bates

The Heppner citizen and business community meeting was held on Monday, Aug. 20 with over 200 community people and had a strong agency turn out of at least 10 representatives to hear the communication from the community members. The meeting was organized by Melissa Lindsay, Heppner Chamber of Commerce and the City of Heppner. Businesses and community members had been expressing concern with some of the recent vandalism of the parks, theft and suspicious neighborhood activity that had been taking place. "Heppner, being a proud, proactive community got together to share their concerns and work to develop some solutions to what they felt was not the kind of community they wanted Heppner to become. The community members were respectful and expressed their willingness to get involved because they love their community," said Sheryll Bates, Chamber of

Commerce director.

Tiah Sanderson Devin with Sade Project Management served as the facilitator and the evening started with expressed concerns and questions of the community members present. Anyone wanting to share was given the opportunity, some had questions for specific agencies, some had concerns of what the community could do, but through this sharing those present heard the message over and over, "What can we (our community) do to change this?"

One of the solutions suggested was to start a neighborhood watch and address some of the suspicious neighborhood activity and vandalism that had recently been observed and what to do to curtail this. It was suggested that everyone needed to be more observant and document what they saw and report it to the sheriff's office, no matter how small they thought it was. Video could be helpful and the question

was asked what were the homeowner rights?

Community members brought up code violations and the necessity to better enforce the codes, asked what it would take to have better enforcement, would it be necessary to hire a city employee to focus specifically on those issues, the city and sheriff's office work together to address any code violations. It was mentioned that the city is working on ratification of enforcement of the city codes.

There is concern about the drug abuse that is affecting the community and creating further crime. It affects not just the individual, but children and family. It was noted that there is a need to include assistance to high school students as well.

Community members brought up the need for more law enforcement, possibly local vs. contract with

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