

# HEPPNER 50¢ Gazette Times

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## Cruz-In winners announced



This Mustang was one of the entries in the 18th Annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In. -Photo by David Sykes.

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In was held March 16 in Heppner with 33 cars entered in the event. Cars and their owners came from Heppner, Hermiston, Pendleton, Richland, Kennewick, The Dalles, Ontario, Ione, Pasco, Irrigon, Spray, La Grande, Summerville, Umatilla, Klamath Falls, Boardman and Walla Walla.

Best of Show went to Larry and Diana Stephenson from West Richland in a 1937 Buick Special Model 44. Their Buick also took the top award for the Participant's Choice class and Best Fat Fender.

The Mustang's Choice winner was Robert Schilling of Pendleton in a 1968 Ford Mustang and the Leprechaun's Choice went to

Steve and Kathy Oliver from Summerville in their 1965 Ford Thunderbird. Best Convertible honors went to Boardman's Jeff Sax and his 1968 Pontiac LeMans convertible.

Best 30s and 40s car or pickup was a 1939 Chevy pickup owned by Archie Ball of Heppner. The 50s and 60s pickup winner was a 1956 Ford pickup owned by Derek Harrington of Irrigon. The best 50s and 60s car winner was William Hickey of Walla Walla with a 1969 Oldsmobile Toronado.

Loyal Burns of Ione won the 70s or newer pickup class with his 1981 Chevy C10 pickup. The best 70s and 80s car winner was Joe Munoz, Pasco, and his 1989 Pontiac Firebird.

Rick Ball, Pasco, won Best 90s to 2004 car with a 2002 Ford Thunderbird. Best 2005 and newer car belongs to Eric Cayce of Heppner, a 2015 Dodge Challenger Super Bee.

Best foreign car or pickup was a 1972 Triumph TR6 belonging to Chris Roop, Pendleton and best Restomod car winner was Michael Johnson of Ontario with a 1969 Chevy C10 step-side pickup.

Best Muscle Car belonged to Gary Carr of The Dalles, a 1967 Chevy Camaro; Best Paint was a 1960 Ford Thunderbird belonging to Betty Burns of Ione and Best Street Rod was a 1936 Pontiac two-door owned by Sam Bilyeu of The Dalles.

## Pastors invited to submit Easter messages to G-T

Area pastors are invited to submit Easter messages to the Heppner Gazette-Times for publication in the April 17 newspaper. Deadline for submission is 5 p.m. Monday, April 15.

Messages may be emailed to editor@rapidsolve.net, mailed to Gazette-Times at P.O. Box 337, Heppner, OR 97836, faxed to 541-676-9211 or brought into the Gazette-Times office, 188 W. Willow in Heppner.

## Morrow County Health District hosts annual banquet

Morrow County Health District hosted its annual employee recognition banquet on last Friday, recognizing employees for their years of service.

Longevity Awards for five years of service were presented to Regina Brannon, medical assistant at Pioneer Memorial Clinic, Kris Jones, primary care services manager, Rachel Schonbachler, RN, Mindy Smith, RN and Lauren Crum, RN.

Awards for ten years of service were presented to Dr. Russ Nichols, clinic physician and hospital chief of staff; Diana Sharp, medical laboratory technician; Shawn Cutsforth, information services manager; Lori Jones, certified medication aide, Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Del Turner, paramedic, Boardman Ambulance station.

The recipient of the Longevity Award for 25



Vicki Rayburn and Sheila Botti, recipients of the 2018 Morrow County Health District Service Excellence Award.

years of service was Kim Thompson, patient care coordinator at Pioneer Memorial Clinic and Susie Thompson, RN at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Clinic received the award for 30 years of service.

The 2018 Service Excellence Awards were granted to Vicki Rayburn, current housekeeper and cook at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner and

Sheila Botti, medical assistant and limited x-ray technician at Irrigon Medical Clinic. "Both have only been employed with the district for a relatively short time and both were nominated in the spirit of the award for their continuing efforts of going above and beyond what is expected of them in their positions," stated Bob Houser, CEO.

## Heideman earns highest FFA degree

Jake Heideman of the Ione FFA Chapter earned the highest degree the FFA organization can bestow upon its members during the annual state convention. The State FFA Degree is given to qualified members of the state FFA association. To be eligible to receive the State FFA Degree from the State Association, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

Have received the Chapter FFA Degree; Have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree; While in high school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural experience;

Have earned and productively invested at least \$1,500 or unpaid placement hours, times a factor of 3.56, plus actual dollars earned and productively invested must be equal to or greater than the number 1,500. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree. A minimum of 500 hours must be worked in the last two years regardless of the type of SAE project;

Demonstrate leadership ability by performing 10 procedures of parliamentary law, giving a six-minute speech on a topic relat-



Jake Heideman

ing to agriculture or the FFA, serving as an officer, committee chairperson or participating member of a chapter committee; Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor and the principal or superintendent. Must have an accumulative GPA of 2.0 as of Dec. 31 of the year applying. GPA is based on the last term/semester completed;

Have participated in the planning and completion of the chapter's program of activities; Have participated in a total of 30 activities with at least five FFA activities above the chapter level. Chapter meetings do not count. Example: The same activity completed for three years counts as three activities;

Have participated in a

minimum of 10 school and/or community activities. Example: The same activity completed for three years counts as three activities; Completed at least 25 hours of community service in a minimum of two different activities. All hours are cumulative. i.e. - the 10 hours used to obtain the chapter degree can be used toward the state degree. The community service hours must be in addition to hours spent on paid or unpaid SAE projects. The hours cannot serve a dual purpose in fulfilling both community service and SAE requirements.

Heideman, the son of Deacon and Erin Heideman, is a junior at Ione Community School and participates in football, basketball, track, trap-shooting, 4-H and FFA.

## Kraig Cutsforth hired as new city manager

Brings wide range government and business experience to job

By David Sykes

Kraig Cutsforth has been hired by the Heppner City Council as the new city manager. Cutsforth, 58, comes to the job with a wide range of experience in both government and the private sector, including a stint as Burns City Manager and seven years on the Hermiston city council. "I am honored to be able to serve the city of Heppner as the city manager. I will work hard to deliver positive results," he told the Gazette-Times Tuesday.

Cutsforth takes over from his sister Kim Cutsforth who has served previously in the same position and is currently the interim manager. The council appointed Cutsforth at a special city council meeting last Wednesday, and then announced his hiring at its regular monthly meeting Monday. His first day on the job will be May 1.

Other experiences in Cutsforth background include branch manager of the Heppner Community Bank, a self-employed

rental property investor, six years of human resource activities for the Dept. of Ecology and Dept. of Corrections and an economic analyst for the Dept. of Ecology for the state of Washington. He has a BS degree in business administration from the University of Oregon.

On the subject of budgeting, which the city has had problems with in the recent past, Cutsforth said in a letter to the council, "Experience on the budget committee at the City of Hermiston, creating two budgets in Burns and 16 years in the finance industry makes me very knowledgeable about budgets and finances."

He also pointed out his wide experience in dealing with the problems facing small cities, saying he has "led many committees over the years such as budget, sewer, street lighting, streets, refuse, land planning, water and economic development in Hermiston and Burns."



Kraig Cutsforth

## Creeks and lake "looking really good"

In other business at Monday's meeting the council heard from councilmember and Undersheriff John Bowles, who said with the recent flooding and large water runoff he toured the creeks and lake around Heppner and talked with the Corp of Engineers who assured him "we are looking really good right now," Bowles told the council.

During the recent flooding and highwater runoff it was reported that the Corps reduced output from the dam substantially including a complete shutdown

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