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## Locals enjoy the 4th of July events

The July 4 celebration brought out young and old alike to enjoy all of the events. See page eight for more photos.



## Currin qualifies for national HS rodeo team



Jacee Currin (center) with her all-around saddle donated by Les Schwab. Also pictured, Les Schwab employees Nate Laughery, manager of the Prineville store, and Raymond Blevins, manager of the Sisters store. Les Schwab donates saddles to all of the Oregon High School Rodeo state champions.

Jacee Currin, a recent graduate of Heppner High School, has earned a position on the Oregon National High School rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Rock Springs, WY, July 14-20 to compete at the 71<sup>st</sup> annual National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR).

Currin won the Oregon High School girls all-around title for 2019, qualifying to compete in five events. She will compete in the barrel racing, goat tying, breakaway roping, pole bending and cow cutting competitions. This is the second time Currin has won the girls all-around, also taking that title in 2017.

1,650 contestants from 43 states, five Canadian Provinces, Australia and Mexico, the NHSFR is the world's largest rodeo. In addition to competing for more than \$150,000 in prizes, NHSFR contestants will also be competing for more than \$375,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named an NHSFR World Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 20 - based on their combined times/scores in the first two rounds - to advance to Saturday evening's final round. World champions will then be determined based on their three-round combined times/scores.

Featuring more than

## Heppner to hold second music in the park concert

This summer's second concert in Heppner's Music in the Park series will be held this Sunday, July 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner City Park on Main Street. Music will be provided by the Dakota Brown Band. Food will be available after 5 p.m. by donation to Hopeful Saints Ministry's upcoming mission trip to El Salvador in November.



District and facilitated by Heppner's Lutheran-Episcopal partnership known as Hopeful Saints Ministry. The next concert will be held on Sunday, August 11, and feature the Wasteland Kings from La Grande. The backup rain location for all concerts is the Heppner Elementary School gym lobby.

Dakota Brown, a young pop/soul singer, knew he was meant to be a musician after a major car accident resulted in severe injuries to his left hand, forcing him to play guitar opposite handed. "Something just clicked after that," Brown states. "I suddenly knew that singing was what I was meant to do." He soon teamed up with guitarist Luke Basile and in June 2011, formed the Dakota Brown Band. Today, Brown continues to play music throughout the Pacific Northwest and is currently working on a new solo album to be released in late 2019.

This concert series is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation

## Local students named to OSU honor roll

Jessica M. Kempken and Mekayla S. Kindle, Heppner, and Logan S. Grieb, Lexington, have made the scholastic honor roll for spring term 2019 at Oregon State University. Kempken, junior, studying BioHealth Sciences and Kindle, senior, studying Human Development and Family Science, both earned a straight A average. Grieb, junior, studying Management earned a 3.5 or better average.

A total of 1,327 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 4,352 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

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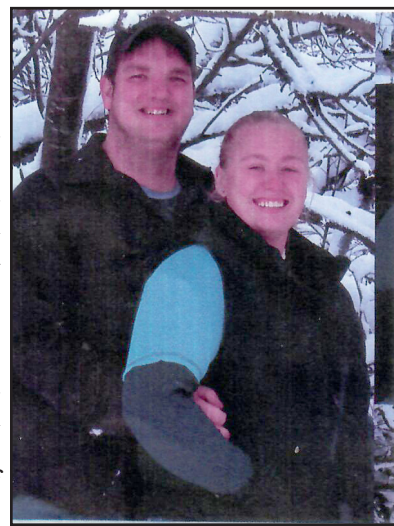
### Bergstrom and Ham to wed

Emily Bergstrom and Ryan Ham, both of Weston, Oregon announce their engagement to be married.

Emily is the daughter of Hal and Rita Bergstrom, Heppner. She graduated from Heppner High School, Walla Walla Community College and Washington State University and is employed at Associated Veterinary Clinic in Walla Walla, WA.

Ryan is the son of Hugh Ham, Colfax, WA and Connie Ham, Palouse, WA. He is a graduate of Walla Walla Community College and is employed at Whitman College in Walla Walla as a plumber.

The couple plans to wed July 13 at the Hardman Community Center in Hardman, OR.



Ryan Ham and Emily Bergstrom

### Bank employees graduate

Five Bank of Eastern Oregon employees and one Bank of Eastern Washington employee recently graduated from the 2019 Northwest Bank Operations School. Those employees are Michelle Gerber, BEO Boardman, Sandi Hainline and Christine McCrumb, BEO Heppner, Vanessa Williamson, BEO Arlington, Debi Munck, BEO Athena and Kallie Warren, BEW Pomeroy, WA. (Bank of Eastern Washington is a branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon).

The school, which the Oregon Bankers Association (OBA) has put on for more than 20 years,

includes four, one-and-a-half day sessions held from March through June. This year's sessions focused on bank regulations, new accounts, sales culture, employee supervision and safety and security, among other topics.

The school's graduation ceremony was held in Wilsonville and included a panel of bank CEOs who discussed the future of the industry, career opportunities and the importance of community engagement. Students were joined by their mentors, supervisors and bank executives for the ceremony.

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