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# Alpha wolves found dead

The alpha male and female from the Heppner wolf pack were both found dead in the last month. There were no outward indications for a cause of death and both wolves were shipped to OSU.

According to Steve Cherry, District Wildlife Biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Heppner District, "There are no signs of trauma or gunshot wounds found on either wolf. Both wolves are at OSU and waiting for results to come back on the disease and toxicology tests."

# Scholarships available for seniors

Applications are now being accepted for two scholarships that are available for Heppner and Ione seniors. Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. on April 1 to be considered.

The committee for the South Morrow County Scholarship will award scholarships to a college-bound Heppner High School or Ione High School senior based on academic achievement, community involvement and financial need. Students must be continuing their education at a community college, trade school, or four-year college or university. Applications will be accepted and awarded by the South Morrow County Scholarship Inc Board of Directors using their common local scholarship application and must include a transcript and principal/counselor evaluation form. The committee will accept scholarship applications until April 1 at 4 p.m. All applications need to be electronically submitted to Brandi Sweeney at brandi.sweeney@morrow.k12.or.us. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

The Coach Del LaRue Scholarship was developed in memory of Del LaRue, a long-time teacher and coach at Ione High School. Del had a passion for coaching basketball and track and loved seeing students set and achieve their goals. After retiring from teach-

ing, Del continued to coach track for twelve additional years. During this time, he helped many student athletes achieve their goals and was honored as national Track Coach of the Year.

This fund awards one \$1,000 scholarship to a college-bound Ione High School senior based on demonstrated academic achievement, community involvement and with preference given to students who have participated in the Ione High School Track Program.

Students must be continuing their education at a community college, trade school, or four-year college or university. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 accumulated GPA, attend Ione High School all four years of high school and shown involvement in community activities.

Applications will be accepted and awarded by the South Morrow County Scholarship Inc Board of Directors using their common local scholarship application and must include a transcript. The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust Committee, on behalf of the LaRue Family, will accept scholarship applications until April 1 at 4 p.m. All applications need to be electronically submitted to Brandi Sweeney at brandi.sweeney@morrow.k12.or.us. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants must:  
-Be at least 15 years old on the start date of May 1, 2021, and not reach the age of 19 during the term of employment in the program,  
-Have a social security number, or have made application to obtain one, and  
-Obtain parental or legal guardian consent to enroll in the program.

Selections will be made based on a review of applications. All applicants will

# Father Condon honored



A memorial was held for Father Condon a year after his death. -Contributed photo.

St. Patrick's Church in Heppner and St. Williams Church in Ione honored their departed Parish priest, the late Father Gerald Condon, this past weekend, a year after his passing on March 7, 2020 as Covid restrictions delayed any earlier arrangements.

Bishop Liam Carey from Redmond led memorial masses and blessed the headstone of Father Condon's tomb at the Heppner Cemetery.

A brunch was shared at the Gilliam Bisbee Building after the blessing. All gatherings were for parishioners only due to Covid restrictions, but a celebration open to the public will be held at a later date.

A memorial mass for Father Condon was also held in Dublin, Ireland last weekend where he was originally from.

# CBEC awards scholarships

During this unusual time of COVID-19, Columbia Basin Electric (CBE) is unable to send students on the Washington D.C. tour that they normally sponsor. Instead, CBE has decided to award four \$500 scholarships to high school juniors in their service area. Four students were selected, one from each high school in the service territory.

This year's recipients are: Kyrsten Smith from Condon, Maddie McMurray from Fossil, Haylie Peterson from Ione and Julianna Teeman from Heppner.

Kyrsten Smith is the daughter of Kelly and Greg Smith of Condon. She is active in honor society, leadership club, class president and participates in volleyball and tennis. Kyrsten also participates in 4-H, the Elk's hoop shoot, plays the guitar and drums.

Maddie McMurray is the daughter of Michele and Jon McMurray, Fossil.

Maddie is a member of student council, national honor society and active in basketball, volleyball and track. Maddie is also involved in 4-H and canned food drives.

Haylie Peterson is the daughter of Elizabeth and Treve Peterson from Ione. Haylie is involved in tennis, basketball, volleyball, 4-H, FFA and is on the honor roll. Haylie is also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and is an advocate of community service.

Julianna Teeman is the daughter of Rosa and Eric Cayce, Heppner. Julianna is involved in cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, track, drama, TSA and honors chemistry. Julianna also loves to help people by mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, dog sitting or babysitting. Her hobbies include crocheting, drawing, decorating, hiking, traveling and snowmobiling.

# Heppner Ranger District offers summer job opportunities for local youth

The Heppner Ranger District is recruiting four students between the ages of 15 and 18 for summer employment in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). Work can include noxious weed removal, fence removal and construction, trail maintenance, meadow restoration, campground maintenance, slash piling, marking timber, removal of tubing from tree seedlings, and fire line construction around logged units on the

Heppner Ranger District.

The program will last six weeks beginning June 21, 2021. Youth are paid the Oregon minimum wage rate of \$11.50 per hour (effective July 1, 2021, the wage rate will increase to \$12 per hour). No previous experience is required.

To apply, all interested candidates must complete and submit a signed application. Hardcopy applications can be picked up at Forest Service offices in Heppner

and Pendleton and at local high schools. Additionally, the application is available online at <https://www.fs.fed.us/sites/default/files/ycc-application-english-v2-exp-1-31-2020.pdf>. Applications will be accepted until 2 p.m. on April 15, 2021. Completed applications can be emailed to rebecca.weseman@usda.gov or turned in to the Heppner Ranger District office via mail or hand delivery at 117 S Main St., Heppner,

OR 97836.

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