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# Ione FFA places at District Shop Skills contest



**Pictured (L-R): Jolene Serrano, Kelly Doherty, Madison Orem, Grace Ogden, Sam Valle, Taylor Rollins, Carter Eynetich, Carson Eynetich, Gary Walls and Martin Mendoza. -Contributed photo.**

Members of the Ione FFA Chapter competed well at the Blue Mountain District FFA Shop Skills contest this past week at BMCC. "It was the first time since 2017 that Ione FFA attended the event," said FFA advisor, Erin Heideman. "I am incredibly proud of the perseverance of our members and their hard work."

Placing in the advanced tractor driving contest were 1<sup>st</sup> place, Gary Walls, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Carson Eynetich and 4<sup>th</sup> place, Sam Valle. In the beginning tractor driving in 1<sup>st</sup> place was Carter Eynetich and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Martin Mendoza. Other winners included

3<sup>rd</sup> place advanced wiring, Gary Walls, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Arc welding, Carson Eynetich and 7<sup>th</sup> place floral design, Kelly Doherty. The floral design team, the first ever for Ione, earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall and included Grace Ogden, Madison Orem, Kelly Doherty and Jolene Serrano.

FFA, once known as Future Farmers of America and changed its name to just the National FFA Organization in 1989, is the largest youth leadership organization in the United States. Go to [www.oregonffa.com](http://www.oregonffa.com) to learn more about this organization and follow Ione FFA on Facebook.

# Sale scheduled at Holly Rebekah Lodge

Holly Rebekah Lodge is gearing up for a Craft/Vendor sale in conjunction with the May Day Festivities to be held in Lexington on May 7. Starting at 10 a.m. and going until 2 p.m., the following vendors will

be set up and ready to display their wares Mary Mutt, Pam Norton and Charlotte Wiser, JoAnn Shannon, David and Carmelita Williams, Julie Baker, Petra Payne, Daniel Jepsen, Jeanie Collins, Hailey Winters, Brown House Coffee (Laura Winters), Kaitlyn Zinter, DeAnna Plum, Parkland Jewelry, Lacy Hines, Jess Schiller, Chelsey Geer, Karen McAninch, Kirstin Espinola and Nicki Bergstrom.

The lodge will also be serving a lunch of soup (cream of broccoli, cream of potato and taco), dinner roll, cookie and coffee available for \$5. Cinnamon rolls will also be available for \$3.

# Farmers market to hold vendors' meeting

Willow Creek Farmers Market will hold a vendors' meeting Tuesday, April 26, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at Flood Town Books, 413 N. Main St., Heppner. All vendors and interested vendors are encouraged to attend.

For more information, email [willowcreekfm@gmail.com](mailto:willowcreekfm@gmail.com) or call Andrea Di Salvo at 757-285-5792.

## Good News Only

By Doris Brosnan

It might have been a first? Elks' Easter egg hunt in the snow. Organizers Colin and Erin Anderson needn't have worried about whether or not egg hunters would show up at the football field last Saturday. A great number from the four age groups, beginning at zero, were undeterred by the falling snow, adding to what was already on the ground. The Easter Bunny was active, which might have helped it stay warmer, and was there for pictures. When not hunting for the eggs, some plastic-filled with surprises and some wrapped sweets, some of the attendees had fun in snowball skirmishes. A metal detector cannot find them, but some undiscovered eggs just might show up as the snow melts.

What a fine look "127 Main" has added to Heppner's Main Street. The off-white front with black, bold lettering makes a real "Uptown" statement. Brings a smile to visualize the difference in other Main Street store fronts that could be made by other entrepreneurial thinkers like Cam Sweeney.

Our community knows what a gift she is, and our Saturday visitors were fortunate to have had Peggy Fishburn willing to volunteer at our museum. Although the museum will not open for another month or so, Peggy agreed to open it and kept it open for four and a half hours for twenty-two guests from the Spokane and Portland areas. Peggy reports that all those visitors are descendants of the "Jones" family who perished in the 1903 Flood, with the exception of one wee one-year-old boy who was saved from the rushing water. As he was carried by the flood past the Methodist Church, a young mother who had just lost her child to the strong current, was able to reach him and hang on. "Had she not been

successful in saving your great-great grandfather, none of you, none of us, would be here today." they learned from a family member who knows the history. The group also visited the Methodist Church and the cemetery.

Our community also welcomes two individuals who will be two more great assets. Kane Sweeney, HHS and OSU graduate, has returned and taken a job with the Umatilla/Morrow County Circuit Court. His fiancé, Haille Lantz, has joined him and is subbing in the schools, working as a teacher assistant at Heppner Daycare, and volunteering with the HJHS Drama Club, assisting with stage management and set design for their upcoming spring production. (Kane held a strong interest in drama while at HHS and OSU and has already been approached about participating in a possible "Dinner at the Cemetery" production in 2023.)

In case someone missed the news, April Herzog wants to bring to readers' attention that Shirley Rugg will celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday this Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>. April is impressed with what she calls Shirley's combination of "grit and compassion, like whiskey in a teacup." Birthday greetings sent to PO Box 157 can still reach the birthday girl.

Lots of jobs are listed on the employment-opportunities list kept by the Chamber of Commerce, on its web site and available at the office on Main Street.

Thanks to the contributors to this column, it has continued for another week. To add to readers' interest and pleasure, you really should take a few minutes to contribute your positive tidbit to [dbrosnan123@gmail.com](mailto:dbrosnan123@gmail.com) or call 541-223-1490, right?

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

# Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Glen Diehl, has released the following Justice Court report:

-Daniel E. Reyes, 41, Heppner, was convicted of driving while suspended, fine \$440.

-Kenneth M. Stookey, 59, Heppner, was convicted of driving uninsured, fine \$265; no operator's license, fine \$265; and failure to drive within lane, fine \$265.

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## Celebration of Life for Ryan Neal

The family of Ryan Neal has been touched deeply by the outpouring of love, care and concern after our loss. Thank you for reaching out, we have been uplifted by hearing from each and every one of you. A celebration of life will be held outdoors

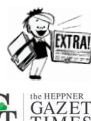
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Gary, Kathy, Rochelle, Ari and Sonja



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