

Heppner TSA competes at state level



Pictured (L-R): Front; Daemon Worden, Jacob Finch, Madison Palmer, Roen Waite, Saul Lopez, Hannah Finch, Ty Boor, Cameron Proudfoot and Dailen Schultz. Back; Jaime Cavan-Harris, Karver Wilkins, Jacob Haugen, Brian Lindsay, Thomas Bales, Trevor Nichols, Cody Fletcher and Joe Sherman. -Contributed photo.

The Heppner High School TSA Chapter attended the Oregon Technology Student Association State Conference. They competed in VEX Robotics designing, building and controlling a robot to move game pieces around the ring. First place winners were Cody Fletcher, Joe Sherman and Trevor Nichols; second place, Ty Boor and Cameron Proudfoot; third place, Jacob Finch and Daemon Worden.

Solving involved designing and building a bridge as long and tall as possible to support a golf ball. Second place winners were Trevor Nichols and Joe Sherman; third place, Roen Waite and Dailen Shultz.

Dragster Design involved designing and building a compressed air powered race car. First place, Ty Boor; third place, Karver Wilkins. Fashion Design was designing uniforms for employees of a theme park ride called the "Power

Charger." First place, Madison Palmer; third place, Brian Lindsay and Thomas Bales.

The next competition is Technology Bowl where teams of three go head to head with other teams answering technology related questions as quickly as possible.

The Junior High TSA Chapter will be having their spring competition May 11th. They will be competing in Technology Problem Solving and Solar Powered Race Cars.

Four Heppner TSA students will be attending the National TSA Conference in June located in Dallas, TX. Those attending are TSA state president Hannah Finch and TSA state officers Serena Humphreys, Madison Palmer and Jacob Finch along with their advisor Dave Fowler.

Lexington to celebrate second annual May Day event



Lexington residents enjoying the 2021 May Day event. -Contributed photos.

In 2021 a small group of residents in Lexington wanted to start something positive to draw the community together. They decided that "May Day" was a good time to celebrate the town, the community and the coming of spring.

Spring is ushering in with new life of livestock and the springing up of crops, the growing of gardens and leaving winter behind. "The goal was to bring a few traditions of May Day and add some more that we hope will grow and carry on for years to come. We wanted to supplement the surrounding communities and add to the opportunities to come together," noted Juli Kennedy, Lexington's mayor. "As Heppner has St. Patrick's Celebration, Ione has the 4th of July and now Lexington has May Day. It has been a very long time since Lexington has had anything like this and the responses have been overwhelming," Kennedy continued.

The committee is look-

ing forward to seeing everyone Saturday, May 7 at the town hall in Lexington, 425 F Street. They kick off the morning at 9 a.m. with a 5k run/walk, there will be pies, baked goods, a bouncy house, kid's activities and a parade at 11 a.m. that goes down Arcade Street and back to town hall. The event will also host food vendors, raffles, a car show and a corn hole tournament.

There will be an open house at the Bellamy House (old Lexington school) from noon to 4 p.m. on

May 7 as well with a candidate's forum sponsored by the Republican Party from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

The Lexington Fire Department is having a breakfast that morning at 8 a.m. as well and the proceeds for the breakfast will go to the Fire Department. The rest of the fundraising going on will be going to help our Grand Marshal Asher Schonbachler for medical needs. Watch next week's issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times for a story about Asher.

Death Notices

Ralph W. Akers - Ralph W. Akers of Boardman, OR, was born September 21, 1941, in Ione, OR. He died on November 17, 2021, in Kennewick, WA at the age of 80 years.

30, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the old Akers homestead, 2.2 miles downstream from Ione, follow the flags.

Please share memories of Ralph with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

A celebration of life service with military honors will be held Saturday, April

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A big Thank You to Theresa Crawford, Kandy Boyd and all our Election Board members on Administrative Professionals Day! You make a difference.

Theresa and Kandy have gone above and beyond the normal expectations to support the Clerks office during the COVID-19 pandemic. They both came in and completed their jobs just like it was any other day. My office can't offer the services we do without them. I want everyone to know how grateful I am to have them work for me and you. I'd also like to thank all the election workers that help us run great elections in Morrow County.

Thank You for your hard work and dedication.

Bobbi Childers, Morrow County Clerk

The Voters' Pamphlet is Out!

Check your candidates. Read about the measures. Be an informed voter!

County Commissioner, Morrow County, Position 3

David Sykes
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Newspaper Publisher and Real Estate Broker

Occupational Background: Editor and Publisher of Umpqua Courier Newspaper in Reedsport, Oregon 1976 -79. Owner & Publisher of Heppner Gazette-Times Newspaper from 1980 to present. Started Sykes Real Estate Brokerage in 2003. Founded Sykes Brothers Printing in 1988 which is still operating today.

Educational Background: Graduated Reedsport High School 1968. Attended the University of Oregon for three and one half years majoring in Journalism.

Prior Governmental Experience: Chairman of The Morrow County Planning Commission for 10 years. Currently a member of the Morrow County Board of Property Tax Appeals

Morrow County has many talented, intelligent, and industrious people working in all sectors of our government, businesses, and in volunteerism. I am running for commissioner to offer these citizens support from their government as they build better lives for themselves, their children and grandchildren.

Our county is endowed with an array of opportunities and resources. From our industries and renewable energy businesses to our many agricultural assets, we have a varied and strong economy upon which to build our future. I support a diversified economy not only to provide stable well-paying employment for ourselves, but also for our children to stay, find jobs, and one day call Morrow County home.

I have lived and built businesses in Morrow County over the past 42 years. which has allowed me to create contacts and relationships in all areas and cities of the county. In my job as a newspaper owner and reporter I have attended and written articles on hundreds of county commission and Columbia River Enterprise Zone meetings and activities. I know the workings of our county government very well and if elected as your new county commissioner I will bring this knowledge with me on the very first day on the job.

Foremost I will do everything I can to foster and develop cooperation and communication between people from all economic sectors and geographical locations of our county.

David Sykes

(This information furnished by Sykes for Commissioner.)

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DAVID SYKES

for County Commissioner