



the HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

50¢
VOL. 141 NO. 21 8 Pages Wednesday, May 25, 2022 Morrow County, Heppner, Oregon

Heppner holds Town and Country event



Sue Gibbs (left) with representative from Amazon AWS.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce held their annual Town and Country event May 19, 2022, at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building in Heppner. During the event several locals were recognized for long-standing contributions to Heppner and the surrounding area.

Winners of awards at this year's event were Kason Cimmiyotti and Kylie Boor as youths of the year; Sue Gibbs, Heppner Elementary, as educator of the year; Sheryll Bates as woman of the year; Tripp Finch as man of the year; Community Counseling Solutions as business of the year and Dale Bates winning the lifetime achievement award.

Citizen Educator of the Year, Sue Gibbs, was presented the award by Alvin Liu. Matt Combe, Alicia Doherty and Kim Cutsforth all commented on Sheryll as being an asset for the community and always willing to help out. Combe said, "Sheryll has a genuine interest in helping out wherever she is needed within our schools and community." Doherty continued, "If it wasn't for Sheryll, we would not have all of the events in town that bring us together."

The Man of the Year award was presented to Tripp Finch by Troy Morgan, who said, "For years he has made a positive impact on this community, quietly working under the radar. He is always quick to help."

The Youth Award winners, Kason Cimmiyotti and Kylie Boor, received their award from teachers Andrea Nelson and Petra Payne. The speech introducing the two students stated, "In the classroom they set a high bar of excellence. They ask thoughtful questions and thrive on feedback. Just getting an assignment done is not enough, rather they strive for quality. They love to help others and



Youth award winners Kylie Boor (2nd from left) and Kason Cimmiyotti (2nd from right) posed with Amazon Web Services (AWS) representatives.

are community focused. Combined they have over 250 hours of community service. They both have mentored young children in our Spurs program offering guidance and support to children who need a little extra TLC. They continuously find ways to help others, on their own they notice when someone is in need or struggling and they are eager to lend a helping hand."

Morrow County School District graduations begin with the Riverside (Boardman) graduation at 10 a.m. June 4 at the Riverside Jr/Sr High School. Baccalaureate will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church June 1st at 6 p.m.

Next will be Irrigon High School's ceremony at noon on June 4 at the high school. The Irrigon baccalaureate is scheduled for June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Family Worship Center.

The last graduation ceremony for the day will be Heppner's, held at the Heppner High School gymnasium, June 4 at 2 p.m. Heppner's baccalaureate is scheduled for June 1 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.



Community Counseling Solutions pictured Back (left to right): Rebecca Humphreys, Dirk Dirksen, Mike Snyder; Front (left to right): Rick Worden, Kaitlynn Evans, Judy Healy, Hanna Rinehart, Christine Gray, Kimberly Lindsay, David Sykes.

Rep. Greg Smith wins 12th primary

Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) won his 12th republican primary election and is now on to the general election this November.

"I am honored to once again be on the ballot in November, humbly asking to serve District 57 for another two years. Thank you to Republicans and for everyone that has put their faith in me," said Representa-



Tripp Finch, Troy Morgan and Alicia Doherty. -Photos by Tylynn Cimmiyotti.



Dale Bates (left) with David Sykes.

representative Smith. Representative Greg Smith is Conservative Republican currently serving his 11th term as an Oregon State Representative, making him the longest serving member in the House of Representatives. To reach out, please visit Rep Smith's Facebook Page or send him an email at rep.gregsmith@oregonlegislature.gov.

Perk and Brews has new owners



Terry Butler and Ciara Grogan are the new owners of Perk and Brews in Ione. -Photo by Bobbi Gordon.

By Bobbi Gordon

Perk and Brews, 425 Main St, in Ione has been sold to Ciara Grogan and Terry Butler, who took it over May 1. The couple recently moved to Ione from Madras, OR, where they worked in construction. Ciara was originally from Hermiston and Terry from Portland.

The quaint little bistro in Ione is open Tuesday through Sunday and closed on Mondays. They are open until 10 p.m. each of those days except Sunday when they close at 1 p.m. Breakfast is served all day, every day and they also have pizza, burgers, deli sandwiches, espresso, beer and wine and much more. They have been busy redoing the kitchen to make more space for cooking and fixing up the dining areas as well.

When asked what brought them to Ione, Grogan told the Gazette they were ready to get out of construction due to injuries and thought it would

be a slower pace. "I was wrong about that," she said. Grogan's dad lives in Ione, and she wanted to be closer to him as well. They were able to find a place to live in Ione so decided to buy the restaurant.

Grogan continued, "I love it here. The community has been great, very supportive. They are really good people." She is working on a new menu and will be ready to implement it very soon. They already have daily food specials and are creating special coffee drinks.

Grogan said she has four kids, ages 10 to 16 and Terry has three from 11 to 27. She has family in Hermiston, but his family is mostly in Portland and Alaska.

Ciara and Terry invite everyone to stop by and check out what they are doing and say hi. The new phone number for Perk and Brews is 541-561-8973 for calls or text messages.

2022 graduations scheduled for next week

All high schools in Morrow County will hold their graduation ceremonies next week from June 1 to June 4. The Morrow Education Center will kick off the graduation week, holding their ceremony on June 1 at 5 p.m.

Ione Community School will then be next with their ceremony scheduled for June 3 at 7 p.m. at the school gymnasium. A baccalaureate will be held for Ione seniors at the Ione Community Church June 1 at 7 p.m.

Morrow County School District graduations begin with the Riverside (Boardman) graduation at 10 a.m.

G-T closed Monday for Memorial Day

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 30. The deadline for all news and advertising for the June 1 issue will be Friday, May

June 4 at the Riverside Jr/Sr High School. Baccalaureate will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church June 1st at 6 p.m.

Next will be Irrigon High School's ceremony at noon on June 4 at the high school. The Irrigon baccalaureate is scheduled for June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Family Worship Center.

The last graduation ceremony for the day will be Heppner's, held at the Heppner High School gymnasium, June 4 at 2 p.m. Heppner's baccalaureate is scheduled for June 1 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

27, at 5 p.m. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, May 31.

The G-T wishes everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend.

POLARIS
UPGRADE YOUR RIDE
ELEVATE YOUR ADVENTURE

NEW FOR 2022

CHECK OUT THE ALL-NEW 2022 POLARIS LINEUP. WE'LL HELP YOU LOCK IN WHAT YOU WANT.

Morrow County Grain Growers

CALL 541-989-8221 ext 204 for more information

POLARIS | OFF ROAD

WARNING: Polaris' off-road vehicles can be hazardous to operate and are not intended for on-road use. Driver must be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license to operate. Passengers, if permitted, must be at least 12 years old. All riders should always wear helmets, eye protection, and protective clothing. Always use seat belts and cab nets or doors (as equipped). Never engage in stunt driving, and avoid excessive speeds and sharp turns. Riding and alcohol/drugs don't mix. All riders should take a safety training course. Call 800-542-3764 for additional information. Check local laws before riding on trails. ©2021 Polaris Inc.