

MILTON-FREEWATER

Winners go hog mild at show

By ANTONIO SIERRA
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The person who came up with the saying about old dogs and new tricks might have reconsidered their subject if they worked extensively with hogs of any age.

Armed only with a prodding instrument and a surfeit of moxie, the young 4-H contestants in the swine showmanship competition at the Milton-Freewater Junior Show on Saturday made their best attempt at trying to get their prize pigs to walk around a small circular arena.

While some swine calmly trotted around the pen with only a minimal amount of prodding, there wasn't a round where a pig wouldn't squeal in protest, abandon its route to commiserate with another hog, or stop in its tracks to stick its snout in the dirt.

In one instance, the hog felt that it had done its duty and laid down in the middle of the arena.

Jeff Papke of Prineville was tasked with judging each child's showmanship ability, but he also spent time at the end of each round providing general advice in how improve driving their swine.

A recurrent tip to the 4-H members was to use the prodding instrument that the pig responded to the best, whether it be a pole, switch or a firm slap to the backside, rather than whatever tool was most popular with the other contestants.

"It's about what the pig wants, not about what you want," he said.

There's many factors that go into being a good

showman, Papke said after the competition ended, but a good one always guides his or her livestock in a way that makes it look effortless.

Putting on the junior show is not effortless, requiring the help of many volunteers to keep it going every year.

Located just off Highway 11 north of Milton-Freewater, the junior show is a county fair in miniature.

Without the usual coterie of vendors, live entertainment and carnivals, the junior show invites 4-H clubs and Future Farmers of America teams from around the area to compete in livestock and home economics competitions.

The junior show originated as the Fruitvale Calf Club and Dairy Day in 1929, which included homemade lunch served by the local grange and a dairy presentation from a specialist.

Dairy day had morphed into the East Umatilla 4-H Fair by the 1950s and in 1959, it merged with the Pea Festival to become the junior show.

While the show long relied on tents and panels to house its exhibitions, the modern site includes several permanent buildings.

Tim Leber, the junior show's livestock director, said the event continues to grow. This year's event featured 300 participants, 111 hogs, 16 steers and dozens of chickens, goats, rabbits, sheep and other small animals.

With 4-H and FFA teams from Milton-Freewater, Athena, and Weston, northern Umatilla County

is well represented at the junior show. But the show also features teams traveling across the border from Walla Walla County in addition to several envoys from Pendleton, Hermiston and Echo.

An increase in interest has been met with investments in new infrastructure on the show grounds from the nonprofit board.

Leber pointed to a new multi-purpose building built in 2013, which includes cow stables, a petting zoo area and space for auctions and showing competitions. Just this year, a family donated a new livestock wash rack that the contestants were putting to judicious use.

He said the junior show relies on fundraisers and donations to keep their operations going while continuing to maintain and expand their facilities.

Leber thinks the junior show has found its niche being at the start of the livestock competition circuit and on Mother's Day weekend.

There were plenty of proud mothers surrounding the show arena on Saturday.

After several rounds spanning several age groups, MacyPearl Machado of the Kinda Cousins 4-H club in Hermiston took home the supreme grand prize.

When asked what led her to grand prize, MacyPearl didn't hesitate.

"My mom," she said, making eye contact with her mom just beyond the arena gate.

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Photo contributed by Kari Goodheart

A car sticks out of a stairwell at 495 E. Main Street, Hermiston, after a chase and crash on Sunday.

Crash after chase leads to arrest of burglary suspect

By PHIL WRIGHT
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The crash of a vehicle fleeing law enforcement Sunday in Hermiston led to one arrest for burglary and other charges, but two suspects remain at large.

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office in a written statement reported deputy Nathan Rankin at 11:22 a.m. Sunday was driving his patrol vehicle north on Northeast 10th Street near Sandstone Middle School, Hermiston, when he saw a newer model, gray Toyota Corolla leaving the driveway of the residence at 395 N.E. 10th St. Three people were in the car, and Rankin recognized the vehicle belonged to Amanda Lynn Clawson, 35, of Hermiston.

Circuit Court records show Rankin on March 28 gave Clawson a ticket for driving uninsured.

As Rankin passed by, the car turned south onto Northeast 10th, accelerated and whirled west onto

East Ridgeway Avenue. Rankin activated his car's overhead lights and turned around to follow. The Toyota sped through residential areas and eventually drove onto Diagonal Road and then East Main Street. The sheriff's office stated Rankin turned off his siren and ended the pursuit out of concerns for public safety.

The deputy saw the vehicle speed west on East Main Street and crash into a building at 495 E. Main St. Rankin neared the crash and saw two males and a female run from the scene, and he captured Clawson.

"Clawson admitted she was driving the vehicle," according to the sheriff's office, and she said she tried to elude Rankin because one of her passengers told her he had a warrant. She also would not identify her two passengers.

Clawson told Rankin she had methamphetamine in her purse and firearms inside her vehicle. Rankin searched the car and found

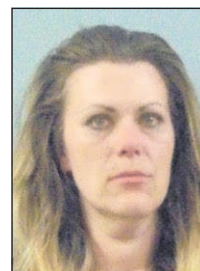
approximately 1/8th ounce of possible meth and several ounces of marijuana. He also saw two handguns, a large metal safe, jewelry and paperwork with the name "Maret," which is the name of the family that lives at 395 N.E. 10th St.

Oregon State Police trooper Dain Gardner assisted Rankin. He went to the Maret residence, discovered the back door was damaged and contacted the family, who confirmed their residence was burglarized.

"They went to the crash scene and identified their stolen property in Clawson's vehicle," the sheriff's office reported.

Rankin also found what appeared to be a hand grenade in the car. The sheriff's office called the Oregon State Police Explosives Unit, whose members determined it "to be a non-explosive, fake device."

The sheriff's office booked Clawson on the following: felony attempt to flee trespass, possession of burglary tools, two counts of first-degree theft, possession and delivery of meth and possession of a hoax destructive device.



Clawson



Staff photo by Antonio Sierra

MacyPearl Machado of Hermiston, center left, prods her pig as a competing hog pokes between her legs at the Milton-Freewater Junior Show Saturday.

DEQ receives 1,100 public comments about possible changes for Carty

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
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Two weeks after the comments period closed, Department of Environmental Quality officials are still wading through more than 1,000 comments about the proposed emissions increase at a Boardman natural gas plant.

Citizens had until April 30 to weigh in on a proposal by the Portland General Electric Carty Generating Plant to increase the limit to which it can emit volatile organic compounds. The facility requested that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality increase the annual limit to its emissions from 24 tons to

194 tons. They also asked for an increased limit on carbon monoxide emissions, from 99 to 324 tons per year.

Doug Welch, the DEQ permit writer who has been fielding comments, said they received about 1,100 comments, most of which opposed the limit increase. He said many were from environmental groups, and were more like petitions. Welch said about 740 came from Columbia Riverkeeper, based in Hood

River. Welch said fewer than 10 of the comments the DEQ received were in favor of the increase.

Welch said they will review and respond to all the comments individually.

Welch said DEQ hopes to finish going through comments by the end of this month. After that, the EPA has up to 45 days to review the permit. The public can then appeal the EPA or DEQ's decision.

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