Races from A1

opened doors to less restrictive social gather-

As Lane County was still listed under "low" risk status as of Saturday, tickets were sold to accommodate only 50 percent capacity of the Speedway.

Fans were asked to stay home if displaying any symptoms or were feeling ill and masks were required in the grandstand and concession areas when not eating or drinking or if people were not able to socially

The event marked the first step toward a "return to normal" for the Speedway, which saw its new ownership under Boyce facing a challenging last year.

Boyce's timing was less than ideal - she purchased the Speedway just as the COVID restrictions set in. Despite years of experience running the operation for the previous owner, nothing could have prepared her for the resulting shutdown and the restrictions were a major blow to the business.

"Last year was pretty rough," she said. "We did open for about 11 races. Normally, we run closer to 40 events."



The season opener saw an enthusiastic turnout as fans had been prevented from watching the few races that took place last year due to COVID restrictions.

Depending on weather, the Speedway's season usually starts around the end of March or beginning of April and runs until September or October. Last year, it opened in July - but only to drivers. And without fans, the Speedway didn't have much revenue to speak of.

"So we operated pretty much at a loss for the entire season," said Boyce. "But we felt like it was important to be open so that our drivers could be here to race and it would keep them going. We wanted to make sure that they were getting to

be here to do what they love and we could keep them in the sport."

Protection Program (PPP) loan, either, as The Speedway didn't staff weren't employed at

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normal capacity.

loan," said Boyce.

Fortunately,

urday.

"And the last thing I wanted was another

Speedway was able to

absorb the hit until it fi-

nally opened its doors to

spectators again on Sat-

Though operating at

just 50 percent capacity,

Boyce said things seems

to be heading in the right

hold 4,000, so 50 percent

capacity is right at 2,000

and that's a pretty good

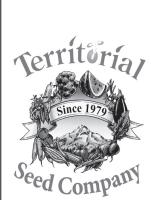
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