

Around About By Justine Weatherford

More than 400 persons participated in the Rolling Hills Run last Sunday, which could have been dubbed the "Windy Hills Run," as the runners and walkers felt the chilling wind. In its only two years of existence this run has become Eastern Oregon's second largest run, being second only to Pendleton's annual River Run.

Heppner's City Park, the scene of the run's ending and the award ceremony, has surely had good usage so far this month. A really fine group of very young Easter egg hunters met the big bunny there on the first Saturday, and then on the second Sunday the runners, walkers and many interested spectators were there for several hours of the cold afternoon.

Several three-generation groups completed the run or walk, including Linda Shaw and her mother, Mrs. Pearson, and Shaw son J. J.; and Eric Connor and his parents, Shirley and Dean Connor, and Shirley's mother, Bernice Nash. The awards ceremony was staged from the front porch of the Heppner U.S. Bicentennial project, the historic Democrat Gulch Schoolhouse, by Awards Committee Chairman John Edmundson, Announcer Gerald Pierson and their assistants Little League President Bob Krien and daughter Jennie. Announcements were made of coming weekend runs in Eastern and Central Oregon.

A happy event during last week was the high school dramatists' presentation of "The Truly Remarkable Puss-In-Boots." Some months back it was recommended that I be sure to attend this play. I did attend and agreed with the recommendation—I really enjoyed every minute and think the youngsters and parents attending enjoyed it too. It would have been worth an admission charge.

Again I am impressed with the work done by city and county officials. The city council really carefully considered the matter of furnishing water to locations outside the city. A chat with Judge McElligott, who reviewed the many significant matters the county court struggled with last week, proved to me that that group really works.

Last Tuesday some people had their first look at the CBS Channel 6 TV program concerning the Willow Creek Dam, which was video-taped by Kit and Shirley George of Sears. The TV crew made much of the film at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at the Episcopal Church on February 15. It surely showed lots of negative reaction with only the Army Engineer spokesman giving a positive viewpoint. Some persons seem to think that the TV treatment will someday reach the "60 Minutes" program.

Looking back at the Rolling Hills Run, it was most educational to watch the runners come to the check-in tables as the run ended. Each table had spiked boards marked for the eight different age categories, and the attendants at the tables saw that the bottom section of each runner's identification tag was removed and pushed down on the spike on the appropriate board in the order in which the runner got to the table. The many committees who worked with General Chairman Liz Curtis put in lots of time on this event as they began working many months ago.

As I stood listening to the awards ceremony, I was so proud of the many local people who won honors, of the group of outstanding runners from other communities who participated, of the county and Heppner merchants who contributed prizes, and, in fact, of everything happening except the cold weather. It was pleasing to visit briefly with Harold Kerr—he and his wife Carol were here from Corvallis. Also it was nice to again see Scott Hutchins, the Lufkin, Texas, U.S. Army flash, whom many of us enjoyed knowing while he was here working as an engineer on the dam project. He came from Walla Walla, Wash. to compete in the 6.2 mile run.

When I was in San Antonio, Texas earlier this year, I learned a little about running from my stepson Bill Knoll, now 47, who runs almost every day and who participates in weekend runs regularly. I went with him to a short run on a Sunday morning. It seemed like over a thousand participated in that five-mile run. Bill enters five-mile, ten-mile, half-marathon and even marathon runs. He stays very fit and says that if he ever quits running he knows he won't feel as well as he does now.

That nice Sunday in February in San Antonio, the morning run began and ended in the large city park which surrounds the beautiful Chinese Sunken Garden where I enjoyed walking about and admiring the plantings, pools, waterfalls, interesting bridges and buildings during the run. The runners took off at 7 a.m., and we were back at the Knoll home across town about 8:30 a.m. with another T-shirt for Bill's big collection of run T-shirts. He has won a few prizes in his age category, including a nice turkey for last Thanksgiving. I expect he will be winning even more often when he moves into the over-50 classification.

Preparing for and staging a successful running event requires many committee workers. Now the congregations of several churches are preparing for annual sales in this county in May and June. Many persons are busily putting in lots of time and effort. The Methodists of Heppner have set their Yard Sale, which will also include a homemade food sale and a sandwich-salad-pie and coffee or punch luncheon, for May 14 on Church Street. At Ione the well-established, first-Saturday-in-June auction, which includes a great noon barbecue meal, is being made ready by United Church of Christ committees and will take place at the Willows Grange Hall on June 4.

Top math students to compete

Top math students from Morrow County's three junior high schools will compete in a district-wide math contest next Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m. in Ione, announced John Edmundson, contest chairman.

Separate competitions will be held for eighth graders and for seventh graders.

The contest examinations will be divided into four parts, including general computation, problem solving, geometry and speed computation. Also, there will be an "overtime" period for students to tackle some tougher questions to be used to break ties, if needed, Edmundson said.

In school level competition the following students finished in the top three places in their grade levels.

Columbia Junior High
Grade seven: first - Jeri Meyers, second - Jason Michael and third - Tanya Wagner.

Grade Eight
Grade eight: first - Jeff Wenholtz, second - Peter Grill and third - Trina Hellburg.

Ione Junior High
Grade seven: first - Dick McElligott, second - Cathy Martin and third - Sabrina White.

Grade eight: first - Ashley Conklin, second - Christopher Rea and third - Michael Rietmann.

Heppner Junior High
Grade seven: first - Dan Struthers, second - Jaci Sumner and third - Shannon McLaughlin.

Grade eight: first - Sean Stack, second - Kim George and third - Mark Hamman.

Wranglers hold 1st season playday

The Wranglers Riding Club, Heppner, held its first playday on Sunday, April 10. A short board of directors meeting was held before a potluck lunch. There are plans to remodel the grounds and organize a group to ride in the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Parade, said a club spokesperson.

Winners of the games are as follows:

Six & Under Age Group
Barrels: first - Joey Hoffman 25.20; second - Sara Greenup, 28.41; third - Charlene Coe, 33.33; fourth - Rodney Ehrmantraut, 42.20.

Poles: first - Joey Hoffman, 29.40; second - Rodney Ehrmantraut, 41.61.

Balloon Race: first - Sara Greenup, 11.19; second - Joey Hoffman, 11.91; third - Rodney Ehrmantraut, 12.49; fourth - Tiffany Munkers, 33.89.

Keyhole Race: first - Joey

Hoffman, 7.12; second - Sara Greenup, 9.21; third - Rodney Ehrmantraut, 10.73; fourth - Tiffany Munkers, 13.27.

Seven through Nine Age Group

Barrels: first - Heather Eckman, 22.07; second - Cherie Papineau, 22.12; third - Amy Greenup, 25.98; fourth - Steven Hoffman, 26.34.

Poles: first - Steven Hoffman, 24.19; second - Holly Eckman, 32.46; third - Shelly Ashbeck, 34.65; fourth - Heather Eckman, 37.42.

Balloon Race: first - Steven Hoffman, 8.72; second - Heather Eckman, 8.73; third - Donita Sharp, 8.87; fourth - Holly Eckman, 9.32.

Keyhole Race: first - Steven Hoffman, 5.05; second - Scott Coe, 6.14; third - Holly Eckman, 6.47; fourth - Donita Sharp, 6.68.

10-12 Age Group

Barrels: first - Mike Mahoney, 19.43; second - Michelle

Papineau, 20.65; third - Angie Ashbeck, 20.71; fourth - Nancy Bailey, 21.39.

Poles: first - Mike Mahoney, 21.87; second - Michelle Papineau, 24.03; third - Judy Jepsen, 27.15; fourth - Angie Ashbeck, 30.43.

Rings: first - Mike Mahoney, 19.42; second - Craig Angell, 21.94; third - Judy Jepsen, 23.22; fourth - Michelle Papineau, 23.25.

Keyhole Race: first - Judy Jepsen, 5.09; second - Craig Schwarz, 5.41; third - Angie Ashbeck, 5.96; fourth - Nancy Bailey, 6.64.

13-17 Age Group

Barrels: first - Trisha Mahoney, 19.14; second - Jason Dougherty, 20.05; third - Cindy Strober, 20.68; fourth - Bobette Angell, 21.00.

Poles: first - Cindy Strober, 25.59; second - Bobette Angell, 26.14; third - Jason Dougherty, 26.89; fourth

Trisha Mahoney, 33.94; Rings: first - Trisha Mahoney, 17.13; second - Bobette Angell, 17.20; third - Steve Miller, 19.11; fourth - Cindy Strober, 20.9.

Keyhole Race: first - Cindy Strober, 5.25; second - Bobette Angell, 5.79; third - Steve Miller, 5.80; fourth - Kelli Bergstrom, 6.57.

18 and Over Age Group

Barrels: first - Joan Eckman - 17.94; second - Tara Mahoney, 19.37; third - Nancy Miller, 20.59; fourth - Sherry Kemp, 21.12.

Poles: first - Mahoney, 21.07; second - Miller, 24.89; third - Kemp, 25.66; fourth - Mary Ann Munkers, 28.48.

Ring Race: first - Munkers, 13.23; second - Kemp, 4.84; third - Eckman, 5.04; fourth - Mahoney, 5.14.

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