

Rodeo Court follows busy schedule

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court began the month of July by taking first place for the court division at the Condon Fourth of July celebration said a spokesperson for the Court.

The Court appeared at the second annual "Rendezvous Parade" in Pendleton July 7 and at the parade

in Prineville, July 14. At Prineville, the court placed third of the over 20 courts participating.

The court's last scheduled appearance during July was at the Elgin Stampede. This year's court consists of Queen Sylvia Ladd, Princesses Bridgett Greenup and Shelly Stroeber, and pennant bearers Dyann Brosnan, Stacey Kennedy, Christy Stroeber, Lori Cecil, and Bobbette Angell.

Edmundson completes term on commission

Morrow County Juvenile Services Commission Chairman, Tom Jones, has announced that John Edmundson, assistant to Morrow County School Superintendent, has recently completed a four-year term as a member of the commission.

Edmundson was instrumental in

organizing the commission in Morrow County, said Jones. Members serve on a volunteer basis. Edmundson's organizational skills and annual presentations to the State Commission resulted in the approval of funds for programs sponsored by the commission which are aimed at deterring juvenile delinquency

Enter County Horse Show

Sign up time for the Morrow County Horse Show was incorrect in the Premium Book.

Entries for the Morrow County Open Horse Show will be taken Sunday, August 12, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in the grandstand. There is no entry fee for the county horse show.

Entry fees for the Open Horse Show is \$2 per class. A \$2 flat fee for

late entries will be charged to those registering after 10 a.m., August 25.

Late entries will be accepted until three classes before the class entered said Sue Evans, secretary for the Open Horse Show.

Over the Tee Cup

Willow Creek Country Club has submitted the following results for Ladies Day, July 17:

Low gross - Harriet Pierson; low net-Lucille Peck; least putts-Martha Peterson.

The results for July 24 play were: low gross-Lois Hunt; low net-Doris Graves; least putts-Lorena Jones.

For the String Tournament, July 26, the following results were submitted:

Nine holes: first-Betty Christman; second-Bebe Munkers; third-Judy Stevens.

Eighteen holes: first-Bev Wilson, second-Lois Hunt, third-Sharon Harrison.

During Wednesday, July 25 Women's Play at the Willow Creek Country Club Bebe Munkers won low gross and least putts. Inez Erwin placed closest to the pin on No. 2; she chipped into the hole said a spokesperson for the women golfers.

Dee Jones won the longest drive. Hostesses were Vern Batty, Kal Healy, and Dee Jones.

Some booth space still available

Space is still available for some community and commercial booths says Fair Secretary Ruby Munkers.

The available booth and outside commercial space can be reserved by calling the Fair Office, 676-9474, before August 3.

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and providing positive experiences for young people.

Edmundson said that although he will no longer be an active member of the commission, he will follow its activities closely and is looking forward to many more innovative youth programs sponsored by the commission.

What's your opinion?



"Have you been following the Olympic Games on T.V., and what have you enjoyed the most?"

"Swimming, of course," exclaimed Lottie Laughlin, Hepper Swim Team Coach. "I also really enjoyed the Opening Ceremony - it really made me proud to be an American."

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Schoolhouse painted

Mike Oths, legal advisor for the Morrow County Museum Board, carries a ladder into the museum Friday afternoon, July 20. He was preparing to paint the little schoolhouse which sits next to the museum. Since the county, the city of Heppner and the Museum Board are unsure who is responsible for maintenance of the museum-annex, Oths volunteered to paint the building. Morrow Co. Judge, Don McElligott donated the paint. Orville Cutsforth had previously offered to donate paint for the building, but withdrew his offer when the city and county were unable to come up with someone to do the painting.

The Fifth Quarter

Sports by Mike Oths

How many of us take our ability to do our jobs for granted? Most of us would be lost if we had to get out of our job because of a disability. Consider then the case of James Rodney Richard, formerly a major league baseball pitcher, and now a car salesman.

By 1980, J.R. Richard had become one of the premier pitchers in all of baseball. At 6'8", Richard was an imposing sight. Batters would swear that he didn't let his 98 mph fastball go until he was about two steps from the plate. Having finally conquered his earlier control problems, Richard was at the top of his profession, and the ace of a pitching staff that seemed destined to lead the Houston Astros to the promised land.

In 1980, all of that changed. J.R. Richard, 30 year-old professional athlete, suffered a nearly fatal stroke. He spent four years in recovery, trying to regain his past form. Ironically, the reason given for his eventual release from baseball was not that he couldn't throw the baseball, but that he didn't have sufficient athletic ability to field his position. The great athlete had become the kid they put in right field because he couldn't catch. Except that you can't hide something like that for long in major league baseball. Would other teams really instruct their players to keep bunting when J.R. pitched? Of course they would. They have to.

When I read a recent account in the "Sporting News" about J.R. Richard, detailing his adjustment to becoming a car salesman, I wondered what a shock to the system it must be to a professional athlete to be thrust into the world of nine-to-five. Even more so than the rest of us, an athlete must take his ability for granted. The athlete must know that he or she is "the best" or they will very likely not be there to start with. The smug confidence that must come from working one's way through the minor league jungle to the major leagues would make losing the requisite skills quite a blow.

Consider then a player of the magnitude of a J.R. Richard. He certainly was on the brink of a strata of stardom that allows for million dollar a year salaries. If the team offers only \$700,000 per season, and the player isn't satisfied, there will be bushel baskets full of irate letters to the management demanding that the ante be upped another hundred grand or so. These letters will be from people who make \$25,000 a year and feel pretty good about it. These letters will be from people who work twelve months a year, five days a week, eight hours a day. Imagine going from \$1,000,000 a year for six months work to that. Consider that it would take forty years for the 25k a year guy to make that million.

This is not written to criticize today's athlete. Who among us wouldn't take the same deal? It is certainly not written to gloat about the plight of an athlete who, like J.R. Richard, has met with misfortune. I guess it's not really written to make any dramatic point at all.

But then again, the saga of J.R. Richard should be of some interest to the players who sit out a full year rather than play for a measly \$500,000. It should be of some interest to the college athletes whose "futures are guaranteed" before their studies are over. Finally, it should be of some interest to those of us who don't make megabucks, but who at least are doing what we want to do. For all his money, J.R. Richard can't do that, which is the real shame.

SWIM LESSON INFORMATION . . .

A third session of beginners swim classes may begin on August 7, 1984 at 10:00 A.M. This class will depend on how many sign up. This is for those who have not had this class before. \$5.00 per session.

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