



Mike Mahoney dismounts after quick catch. He completed the calf-roping run in 18.33 seconds.

## Brings home rodeo honors

Mike Mahoney won the Boys All Around award March 27 at the Mid-Valley High School Rodeo at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene.

Mahoney was the only member of the Heppner rodeo team to participate in the weekend rodeo. He tied with the Redmond team for the first place boys team trophy for Heppner with a score of 24 points.

To win the all around, Mahoney placed first in cow cutting with a score of 69%, second in steer wrestling with a time of 7.88 and sixth in calf roping with a time of 18.33.

Mindy Marlow of Salem won the Girls All Around award with 35 points. The Redmond team won the girls team trophy with 60 points.

More Heppner team members are

expected to participate in the Yamhill County high school rodeo at McMinnville April 4-5.

## Oregon State lists honor roll

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Winter term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 543 students earned straight A (4.0). Another 1246 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 21 graded hours of course work.

Local student on the Honor Roll included:

Boardman: Paul J. Meade, Senior, Business.

Heppner: Ken R. Curtis, Freshman, Business; Anne C. Murray, Senior, Health and Physical Education-both straight A's; John R. Murray, Senior, Pharmacy; Eric S. Thompson, Junior, Business.

Lexington: Ann M. Murray, Senior, Pharmacy-straight A's.

## BMCC lists honor roll

Fifty-one Blue Mountain Community College students received a perfect 4.0 grade point average during Winter term which reflects a straight A report in all courses taken by the student.

In addition to the straight A students, another 90 are listed on the Winter term honor roll. Students on the dean's list numbered 166. Students receiving a 3.5 or better are eligible for the college honor roll and those with a 3.0 to 3.5 earn a place on the dean's list.

To earn a spot on either list, a student must be carrying a full-time load of classes which translates to 12 graded credit hours. Students may not have received an F in any class to be so honored nor does a pass grade count in the 12 graded hours

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes

It feels like spring and the buttercups are out. It would be strange to live where there are no seasons. How would we learn that endings always mean new beginnings and new seasons mean a fresh start. Change keeps our lives from becoming routine.

Speaking of change, I noticed faithful Chamber members heading for the Elks March 31. Remember, four times a year there are five Tuesdays in a month and the fifth Tuesday there is no Chamber.

Having trouble chairing committees or heading organizations? The Morrow County FCL (Family-Community-Leadership) Team is preparing a training in May on creative and effective meetings. It will be offered to anyone interested in increasing their leadership capabilities.

April 7 come to Chamber for business meeting and to see how we're doing goal wise. Chamber has supported the hotel, park district, quality health services, St. Patrick's Day, etc. We've had small business programs, speaker on economic development, rural crisis, community issues as programs. Looking ahead we have cottage industry, CRP tour, and economic development specifically for our small community. It's your Chamber. Come prepared to share. Meanwhile, go pick some buttercups.

## Times were tougher than we realized

According to a recent study at Oregon State University, the state's rural employment trends in the early 1980s weren't just bad. They were awful.

How awful? The worst in the nation.

The study, using statistics from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, compared the 1979-82 employment levels in Oregon's 28 "nonmetropolitan" counties to those elsewhere in the United States. In Oregon's rural counties, most of which are oriented to timber and agriculture, employment levels in that period dropped 7.9 percent: a greater loss than in any other state.

Oregon's closest rivals in rural hardship, the survey indicated, were in the Midwest, where States such as Iowa, Illinois and Ohio also had more than six percent losses in nonmetropolitan employment.

Washington and Idaho did not fare as badly as Oregon during this period, and California's nonmetropolitan employment was almost unchanged.

The study does not include employment statistics from Oregon counties near larger urban areas, such as Lane, Jackson, and a cluster of six counties in the Portland and Salem metropolitan areas.

"I think most people appreciated that things were pretty bad a few years ago, but I'm not sure they realized just how bad they were in comparison," said Steven Kale, an assisting professor of geography at OSU and principal investigator on this research. "There were serious employment losses in some counties. Since then there's been a substantial improvement, but many areas are still not up to 1979 employment levels."

Kale, a specialist in demographic trends and problems of the nation's rural areas, said that despite the economic difficulties, a surprising number of rural Oregonians "stayed put" during the recession.

"People owned houses and property," Kale said. "A lot of them were older, and this made it much more difficult to move somewhere else."

There have also been significant changes in types of employment since the depths of the recent recession, Kale said. In 1979 a plurality of Oregon's nonmetropolitan counties had manufacturing, including the forest products industry, as the number one employer. By 1985 there had been a major increase in service or trade employment, and a plurality of rural counties had government jobs as the top employer.

This tradeoff of high paying manufacturing jobs for lower-wage trade and service sector employment is consistent with a national trend in this direction, he said.

## Colorful annuals make great houseplants

Some of the flowering annual plants that create dazzling displays of color in the yard can do the same indoors as houseplants. Try bringing a few flowering annuals indoors to add sparkle to your income throughout the year.

Many annuals, especially the dwarf varieties, can be grown indoors in a sunny window.

Start transplants or seed in a container with a drainage hole. Use a good potting mix. Then sit back and watch your indoor garden grow.

A few of the best to bring indoors are wax begonias, impatiens, and ornamental peppers. All of these plants will tolerate night temperatures around 60 degrees and prefer day temperatures of 68 degrees or higher.

Wax begonias bloom profusely and continuously even indoors. They have small, satiny flowers in white or shades of pink and red with glossy green or red-tipped foliage. Set them in a sunny window where they will receive about four hours of direct sunlight. Allow the soil to dry between waterings.

Or, grow a hanging basket of impatiens. The soft, flat flowers in red, pink, oranges, gold, white, and bicolors practically cover the shiny green leaves. Place impatiens near a sunny window where the plant can receive indirect or curtain-filtered light. For the most attractive hanging baskets, use dwarf annual varieties.



Ornamental peppers are attractive with their tiny white flowers, but the striking feature of this annual is the bright, clear color of the fruit, red, orange, yellow, green and purple.

## Conservation agreement signed

Restoration and enhancement of lands along Oregon's streams and rivers is the goal of an agreement signed this week by state and federal agencies, the Izaak Walton League, Boy Scouts of America and other conservation organizations.

The Izaak Walton League's Public Lands Restoration Task Force will coordinate volunteers to assist the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service and the federal Bureau of Land Management in projects to improve water quality and habitat for fish and wildlife along Oregon's public waterways.

The first Department of Fish and Wildlife project is planned for two streams that flow into the South Santiam River in the mid-Willamette Valley. The federal agencies both plan projects in eastern Oregon.

Volunteers will do fencing work, maintenance, bank stabilization projects, willow plantings and other tasks to improve water quality and habitat.

The Izaak Walton League task force approached Oregon as the first state to participate in the cooperative program the League hopes will expand to all 17 Western states.

Fish and Wildlife Director Randy Fisher signed the agreement for the

The fruits change color as they ripen, so all colors can be present on one plant at the same time. Place ornamental peppers in a window receiving full sunlight.

Other annuals that are worth a try indoors include geraniums, celosia, petunias, and coleus.

While most of the flowering annuals will not remain forever in your home, they can brighten up the late winter and early spring days until the outdoor flowers begin their show.

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department at a press conference March 16. "This is a unique opportunity for people to get involved helping fish and wildlife resources," he said. "So often, people just complain about problems. This program will allow people to help with solutions. I'm looking forward to getting out, pulling my gloves on and going to work with the volunteers."

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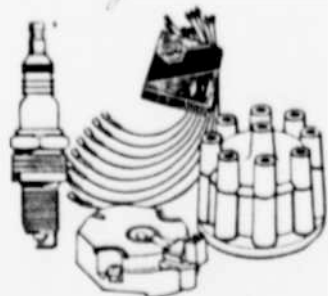
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