

High School Rodeo winners announced

The Crook County High School rodeo was held at Prineville, on October 17-18. The boys team trophy was won by Morrow County with 57 points, followed by Southern Cascade in second place with 46 points.

The girls team trophy was won by Southern Cascade with 46 points and Scio winning second with 16 points.

All-Around boy was David Clark, Long Creek, riding for Morrow County with 29 points.

Reserve All-Around was won by Mike Mahoney, Heppner, riding for Morrow County with 21 points.

All-Around girl was Kelly Edwards, Redmond, with 33 1/2 points.

Reserve All-Around girl was Tammy Hill, riding for Southern Cascade, from Merrill, with 32 points.

Mike Mahoney, Heppner, won first in team roping, first in cow cutting, and tenth in calf roping.

David Clark, Long Creek, won first in steer wrestling, first in saddle bronc riding and second in bareback riding.

Joe Coehlo, Kimberly, tied for third in boy's cow cutting.

Ione Volleyball defeats Rangers

By Sean Warren

Playing solidly and nearly flawlessly, the Cardinals defeated the Dufur Rangers in straight matches Saturday, October 18.

The Cardinals had several key players in the first game. Junior Angie Rudisill and senior Rondi Tews both played excellent games on defense and offense.

Sophomores Jo Cupps and Mary Cupps both played very solid games for the Cards who won the game easily 15-8.

Juni Jill Nelson added devastating serving in the second game while sophomores Darcee Padberg and Linda Morter both had excellent setting games in the second game.

The second game proved to be easier than the easiest match for the varsity 15-6.

The Cards had excellent communication and great intensity in both games never letting up until they had the win.

The J.V. team proved to have considerably more trouble with Dufur

J.V.'s playing all three games down to the wire in the J.V. thriller.

Dufur took the first game 15-13. Despite spirited play by sophomore Katie Doherty and freshman Shara Kinneck.

In the second game the Cards buried the Rangers 15-7 after setting the stage for the dramatic third game.

Unfortunately the Cards lost the third game on a nail-biter 17-15.

Coach Jocelyn Jones was quoted as saying "we had a real nice team effort, we've really been playing good team ball lately and that's what we needed to do."

Varsity first game: Ione 15-8, second game: Ione 15-4. J.V. first game: Dufur 13-15, second game: Ione 15-7, third game: Ione 17-15.

Fillies stomp Umatilla

Heppner's Varsity Fillies were up and ready as they took to the court against the Umatilla Vikings October 13 and kept their district tournament hopes alive with a 15-6, 16-4 win.

Senior setter and floor leader Shannon McLaughlin and junior setter Christy Stroeber maneuvered their way around the court to produce excellent sets to front row spikers Jennifer Currin, Tami Lindsay, and Nance Wright. Currin, being hot as a pistol, rifled down 18 attempts, with eleven of those worth a point or sideout for Heppner.

"This past week Jennifer had been hitting extremely hard at practice and it helps when Shannon and Christy put the sets right where she wants them. When 61% of what you hit is an ace, that's super," stated varsity coach Terri Gentry.

Christy Stroeber, Nance Wright and much improved Tami Lindsay all had a good night of spiking. "We had a big offensive output tonight and Umatilla didn't handle our spike attempts," said Gentry. "Jeanie Fitzsimmons came in and had a couple ace spikes to go along with nice serving. That is just what we've needed, a total team effort where they all play well together and communicate on the court," said Gentry.

For the match, Heppner improved to a strong 85% at serves in play with McLaughlin and Fitzsimmons going 11-12 and Junior Sandi Turner chipping in 9-11.

North Morrow Vector Control District

By Greg Barron, Manager

Having a colony of mice move in to your house can be a very nasty situation. Mass migration into a home generally occurs when the outside starts to cool down especially in the fall.

Last winter I came in contact with a very bad rat infestation problem. It was a situation where the Norway rats had lots of food, water and shelter. At this particular site elimination of the rats would have been impossible, but reduction was a must. Rats were everywhere you know you have a rat problem when they're visible during the daylight hours. I tried various kinds of control methods and had the problem under control in two weeks.

For effective, long-term rat and mouse control, use an integrated approach of sanitation and rodent-proofing supplemented with toxicant or trapping programs. Because rodents must have food, water and harborage to survive, removal or reduction of these factors alone can have a tremendous impact on rodent populations and reproductive rates.

Many different rodent control programs exist. Baiting is one type or rodent control. Most baiting programs utilize anticoagulant rodenticides. Anticoagulants are classified usually as multiple-dose or single dose. For initial clean outs and difficult rodent jobs, the newer single dose baits perform very well. For maintenance programs, the multiple-dose baits are usually quite effective.

I prefer to use bait stations with these anticoagulant baits because they will provide a secure environment in which the rodent can feed, but they also protect people, companion animals and not-target wildlife. Make sure to use fresh high-quality bait, maintain the bait freshness by protecting it from dirt, dust and moisture and ensure rat-bait contact by proper placement of the bait within the most active areas.

Glue boards are also effective for rodents but must be used wisely. A trick to aid in success is to place these glue boards out in their original "sandwich" form. After the rodents become accustomed to stepping on the rectangular-shaped boards in their runways, the boards can be separated. Glue boards should never be used in areas where children or pets can accidentally come in contact with them.

Tracking powders can provide good results when used in conjunction with baiting programs. The powder is ingested by the rats and mice during their grooming exercises. They should be placed strategically in burrows, along runways, in bait station entryways and dark secluded corner areas. Tracking powders should never be used if there is a chance that rats or mice may track the powder into food, food containers or food preparation surfaces.

Rat or mouse traps can be very effective placed in the rodents' runway and hiding areas. To make a trap more effective, expand the surface area of the trap trigger by adding a piece of screen. Simply cut out a 2" x 2" square of screen and attach it to the trigger.

Another effective bait to use on all traps, toxicants and glue boards is peanut butter. Rats and mice love it and will go to great lengths to attain it. On glue boards and bait boxes, dab the peanut butter in the middle to attract the rodent to the toxicant or glue. On a trap, put the peanut butter in a piece of gauze and tie this little ball to the trigger. This will cause the rodent to pull or tug at the bait and the rest is history.

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