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NCOTC Tours Bed and Breakfast



Director, Bonnie Clow, Irrigon Chamber; Alice Trindle, Oregon Tourism Division, Baker; Claudia Hughes, Heppner Chamber Manager and seated is Darlene Scroggins, Penland House proprietor.

North Central Oregon Tourism Council (NCOTC) members toured the Penland House Bed and Breakfast last week. Left to right: Colleen William, Hermiston Chamber; Harry Drew, Pendleton Chamber Executive

North Central Oregon Tourism Council, composed of Chamber of Commerce members in Morrow, Umatilla and Gilliam County, promotes tourism in the three county area. Board policy encourages rotating meeting sites so that members can be introduced to tourism opportunities within each area. The past week NCOTC was hosted by board member Claudia Hughes. Visitors were introduced to Morrow County Museum by Marcia Sweek, toured the hotel and Senior Center under the guidance of Bill Kuhn, explored the Courthouse with Judge Louis Carlson and experienced renovation of the Penland House

Bed and Breakfast by Darlene Scroggins. Following the tour, the group was joined by other members for a dinner meeting.

Currently the council has represented the area at trade shows in Boise, Portland and at the Governor's Tourism Conference. Their goal is to spread the word that North Central Oregon has a lot to offer through advertising, brochures, displays and networking. Each county is encouraged to work on road tours to tie the areas together. The recently published "Vacation Guide" was a joint project with the East Oregonian.

Locally, Morrow County Tourism

Committee is working on a placemat promoting tourism, support of the Blue Mountain Scenic By-Way, and 4th of July events, including the July 3 arrival of the Pendleton Round-Up Wagon Train in Heppner.

New members are welcome to join the Morrow County Tourism Committee (next meeting is May 30, 9 a.m. Extension Conference Room) and NCOTC (next meeting is in Irrigon, June 20 with tour of the Fish Hatchery planned). "Taking pride in your area and sharing it with others to encourage visitors is the main criteria for membership," says Hughes.

Eckman competing for Spray Queen

Heather Eckman, 16 year old freshman from Heppner High School, is competing for the position of Queen of the Spray Rodeo, to be held this Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28.

Heather and Angie Couture, Hermiston are selling tickets on a saddle, breast collar and address book, to determine which girl will reign over the rodeo. It is a long standing tradition that the girl selling the most tickets becomes queen.

Heather is a member of the Catholic Church, Wrangler Riding Club, Hermiston Barrel Club and a five year member of a 4-H horse club. She is active in J.V. volleyball and basketball at Heppner High School.

The weekend begins with a Half-Marathon race Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. There is a parade both Saturday and Sunday morning and the rodeo starts each day beginning at 1:30 p.m. There will be a Buckaroo breakfast and two western dances with music by the Northwest Express. A cowboy church service is scheduled at 9 a.m. Sunday morning.



Heather Eckman

Heather has a sister Holly, 13, and is the daughter of Dave and Joan Eckman of Heppner.

People wishing to purchase tickets may contact Heather at 676-5088 or see Joan at Murrays Drug Store. The tickets are \$1 each. Be sure to get yours before this weekend.

Gazette closed Memorial Day

The Heppner Gazette will be closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. Due to the closure, deadline for news will be Friday at 5 p.m.

Classified and display ad deadline will remain the same on Tuesday. Have a good weekend and drive carefully!

Padberg ends career with four state championships



Bryan Padberg

By Jill Conklin
 Heppner senior Bryan Padberg capped off his sensational career as a high school athlete at the state track meet winning the 1,500 and 3,000 meter runs.

Padberg ran the 1,500 in 4:03.58 and the 3,000 in 8:56.31 to capture his 3rd and 4th state championships. Four state championships is something no one else has ever done.



Michael Correa

Mike Correa ran the 400 in 51.59 to claim fourth place which, with Padberg's wins propelled the Mustangs to sixth place in the state.

Steve Arbogast did not place in the 100 meter run, but ran it in 11.2 to establish a new Heppner High School record.

Also participating at the state meet were the 400 relay of Correa, Arbogast, Jess Osmin and Barney



Steven Arbogast

Lindsay which finished in 8th place and the 1,600 relay of Correa, Lindsay, Arbogast and Padberg which was also a non-scoring 8th.

"I was very pleased with everyone's performance at state. I'm especially pleased with the way Bryan ran. He deserved to win those championships and I'm very proud of him," stated coach, Dale Conklin.

McElligotts to host Memorial picnic



This is the original homestead of Charlie and Cecilia McElligott at Eightmile. It burned

ed down a few years ago. Three generations of McElligotts were raised in this house.

The eighteenth annual Memorial Weekend picnic to be held Sunday May 28 is being hosted by the McElligott family at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

The McElligott family is descended from Edmund McElligott and Mary McCarthy who emigrated from Ireland about 1850 to Ohio. Sons Richard and Jeremiah, born in 1853 and 1856, left Ohio in the late 1880's with their families and homesteaded in the lone area. Jeremiah left the lone area with his family in 1903 and returned to his former trade of railroad engineer in Kansas. Six members of his family are expected to attend. The family of Richard and Helena remained in the area and moved from the original homestead to the Springs on Eightmile canyon. The children of Richard and Helena were Edmund, Mabel, Helen, Charles, Arthur and Esther. Charles, Arthur and Esther were born in Morrow County. All the children left the area except for Charles, who farmed and raised his family here.

Charles married Cecilia Holbake in 1918. To this union were born Donald, 1919; Richard, 1923; Kathleen, 1927 and Jerry, 1931. At present, Donald, Richard and Jerry live in the lone area. Kathleen and husband Jeremiah O'Leary live in Lake County, Oregon. Due to the population explosion which occurred in the decades following World War II, more than eighty direct descendants of Charles and Cecilia will attend the picnic.



Richard and Helena McElligott

Guests are asked to register between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The welcome and introductions, by Morrow County's Don McElligott, will begin at 12:30 p.m.

A musical selection will be introduced by L. J. McElligott, a noted mezzo soprano, who has appeared several times in the northwest. Her voice first attracted attention when she appeared in Rome. She will be accompanied by Rikka Tews of Ione. There will be awards and visiting until 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

May 16-22

	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	67	49	.0
Weds.	71	32	.0
Thurs.	55	40	.01
Fri.	65	34	.0
Sat.	69	38	.0
Sun.	61	42	.0
Mon.	62	40	.53

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, May 23

	Soft White
May	\$4.58
June	\$4.55/\$4.51
July	\$4.46/\$4.42
Aug.	\$4.40
Sept.	\$4.42/\$4.44
	Barley
May	\$113 T
June	\$111 T
July-Sept.	\$107 T
Pik	97%
New Crop Corn	\$90 T

Boy injured on 4-wheeler

Jeffrey Currin, seven year old son of Tom and Marlene Currin of Buttercreek, was injured while riding a four-wheeler last Saturday at the Currin Ranch.

While riding the four-wheeler, the machine got out of hand and slammed him into a railroad tie, causing numerous facial and head lacerations.

His left wrist was also broken at this time.

He was taken to Pendleton, where he was attended to, and is now recuperating this week at home.

His mother reports that Jeffrey "gave her quite a scare," but is now "on the mend" and will probably return to school next week.

Circle the wagons in Morrow County

Step back in time Monday, July 3, at 11 a.m. when the annual Round-Up Wagon Train arrives in Heppner. 100 participants will roll in, dressed in authentic dress. Welcome them as they come down Main Street on their way out to the fairgrounds. This is an opportunity for Heppnerites to roll out the welcome signs, dress in pioneer costume, and hold some events for them during the afternoon. Wagon train participants are from various states and even some foreign countries.

Circle the wagons that evening at the Morrow County Fairgrounds for a mouth-watering steak barbecue and country entertainment. Pre-ticket purchase for the barbecue may be arranged through Heppner Chamber. No tickets will be available that evening. For more information, contact Claudia Hughes, Heppner Chamber, or Bob Kahl.

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