

Josh Winters is honorary Globetrotter

Heppner fourth grader Josh Winters went to a Globetrotters exhibition at the Tri-Cities for a little entertainment. Little did he know he would end up the center of attention.

Josh went to the game Tuesday, Feb. 21, with his family, who were able to get seats right on the floor for what was to be a sell-out crowd.

During the fourth quarter of the game, one of the players, named 'Showtime', came up to Josh, grabbed him by the hand and lead him out on the floor.

First Showtime had Josh stand behind him and wrap his arms around his waist. They threw the ball to Josh and Josh threw up the ball and made a basket. The members of the team gave Josh high fives and then some started arguing that there was no basket.

After that Showtime said that the team was going to make Josh an honorary Globetrotter. According to Josh's mother, Rhonda, the team members all stood around him and then "all of a sudden, out pops his



shirt." The Globetrotters told him that to be an honorary member, he had to show his muscles to the crowd and walk like a Globetrotter. Rhonda says that Josh was a good sport and had a lot of fun. Josh was presented a Globetrotter shirt and wrist bands. He was also featured on the Tri-Cities television station. Rhonda says that the whole family had a great time and Josh's brother, Travis, was able to get Showtime's autograph.

Meeting slated on Main St. design

The Oregon Department of Transportation street designers will hold a meeting Tuesday, March 28 at the Columbia Basin Board room beginning at 10 a.m. to take public input related to the design of Heppner's new Main and May Streets.

Heppner's Main and May Streets and sidewalks are scheduled for reconstruction for fiscal year 1997. All interested Main and May Street business owners/operators, property owners and interested citizens are invited to attend.

"This meeting will be the place to help ODOT develop a design concept for our new downtown," said city manager Gary Marks. "People with questions, concerns or ideas about the new streets and sidewalks should plan to attend and participate."

7-12 configuration meeting tonight

A meeting concerning the grades 7-12 configuration at Heppner High School this fall has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Junior High School gym.

The agenda will include the formation of the transition committee and outlining committee tasks.

Lone couple fight bureaucracy and win

By Jean Jepsen

Have you ever paid your dues to the National Pest Control Association and wondered whether you've gotten your dollars worth from it each year? Do you think that NPCA only works for the big companies?

My husband, John Jepsen, and I are part owners of a small family pest control company in Oregon. We recently found that NPCA will go the extra mile regardless of the size of your company. Our company, Doby's Pest Control, Ione, provides fumigation as well as other pest control services. As any pest control operator knows, if you transport fumigants, then your vehicle must be placarded. Plus, anyone driving that vehicle must hold a commercial driver's license (CLD) with a hazmat endorsement.

When John, who is deaf and wears a cochlear implant, went to get his CLD three years ago, he was told by several state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) personnel that there was no point in even going to

have the physical because, as they put it, "you can't hear a doctor whisper-a requirement of the physical."

When John came home and relayed this to me, he was a little discouraged to say the least. I told him, "They can't do that. It's discrimination." So began the long battle with the DMV and Public Utilities Commission (PUC). If you have ever been in a similar position, you can understand our frustration of being referred from one office to another with no one wanting to make a decision concerning our problem.

After having new hearing tests run, making innumerable phone calls, writing and filling out seemingly hundreds of forms, and finding that we had to deal with a special handicapped section at the agency, John was granted a CLD with a waiver for intrastate driving in Oregon. This means that John could never drive to service accounts in Oregon or to even pick up his supplies in Washington. He would have to hire someone to drive the vehicle whenever he wanted to trans-

port fumigants to our business in Oregon.

When we inquired about an interstate CDL (since two of our suppliers are located in Washington state), we were told that all diabetics, epileptics, and hearing-impaired drivers were included in one class, and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) wouldn't allow anyone with those handicaps to have a CDL for interstate driving. Realizing there was a new Americans with Disabilities Act, I began the process of challenging the law.

About this time, NPCA technical manager Greg Baumann and education manager Roger Doucette were in Portland as part of a nationwide hazmat seminar tour. We attended the seminar to ensure that we were in complete compliance with DOT regulations. While there, I discussed our problem with Greg, and he immediately said he thought Oregon was in error. "One thing was very apparent: John Jepsen was not a threat to highway safety in any fashion when using his cochlear implant," Greg said. Greg offered to discuss John's problem with the federal DOT. Upon researching the regulations covering the waiver portion of the law, Greg suspected that the regulations were written prior to the widespread use of implants.

After several visits to DOT in Washington state and discussions with the Oregon PUC, all were in agreement that John Jepsen qualified for an unrestricted CDL.

According to Greg, "The most difficult part was getting DOT and PUC to agree that a mistake had been made without causing either agency any embarrassment, in spite of this concern, both agencies were cooperative in solving John's CDL problem."

Within three months, the federal DOT ruled that John didn't even require a waiver for Oregon. The Oregon PUC office had been wrong.

The expeditious way our problem was resolved just goes to show what NPCA personnel are willing to do for you if you just take advantage of their expertise. If you have a problem or question, pick up the phone and call, they're there for each of you.

Local girls place in rodeo

Heppner and Lexington girls placed in the Roseburg High School Rodeo held March 3-6.

Lexi Matteson of Heppner took fourth in barrel racing and seventh in breakaway. Tiffanie Munkers, Lexington, took third-fourth in cutting, third in goat tying and ninth in breakaway.

Other area statistics are as follows: barrels, Katie McCoin, Condon, third.

Cutting: Tiffanie Munkers, third/fourth; Mandy Doby, Pendleton eighth-10th.

Goat tying: Munkers, third; Doby, fifth, and McCoin, 10th.

Poles: McCoin, seventh and Munkers, ninth.

Breakaway: Matteson, seventh.

Munkers is second in the Oregon High School Rodeo

state standings for all around, 12th in barrels, first in cow cutting and goat tying, fifth in breakaway and 11th in poles.

Matteson is third in the state standings for all around and barrels, sixth in goat tying, first in breakaway, ninth in poles and second in girls' rookie.

McCoin is ninth in all around, fifth in barrels, fourth in goat tying and seventh in poles.

Other area state standings are as follows: all around-Doby, 22nd, Amber Evans, 27th, and Billy Jo Swanson, 34th, all Pendleton; barrels-Evans, seventh; girls' cow cutting-Doby, 10th; goat tying-Doby, third, Evans, 12th; breakaway-Swanson, 11th; poles McCoin seventh; girls' rookie-Evans, eighth.

Museum seeks WWII material

The Morrow County Museum has been chosen by the Oregon Council for the Humanities to host one of five showings in Oregon of the Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-1945." The exhibition, which focuses on posters circulated in the U.S. during WWII to promote patriotism and to increase industrial output, will be on view beginning May 13 and continue through July 12.

"We are very pleased to be able to bring 'Produce for Victory' to our area," said museum director Marsha Sweek. "We were involved in the very early planning stages for the new scaled down traveling exhibits with the Smithsonian and we are very proud of the result."

In addition to the reproductions of posters and homefront artifacts from the Smithsonian, Sweek is hoping for locally lent materials to augment the exhibit. "If you have any WWII homefront things, ration cards, victory garden cookbooks, blackout curtains, wartime toys, etc., which you would be willing to lend to the museum," Sweek said, "we would like to have as many different items as we have room for in the exhibit area. You could loan items for the duration of the show or items could be considered for regular loan or donation." Sweek said that if anyone had WWII homefront items that they would like to have considered for inclusion in the local exhibit, they should contact her at the Morrow County Museum, 676-5524 during museum open hours.

Bridal Tables

Suzanne McCarty & Gary Rea
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Wedding April 1, 1995

Jennifer Martin & Jared Jorgenson
Wedding April 2, 1995

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Wedding April 15, 1995

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Good News About Antibiotic Allergies

The good news about allergic reactions to antibiotics is that such occurrences are not common. According to Dr. Thomas Kanyok and his associates in a recent article in *Patient Care*, up to 20 percent of persons report being allergic to penicillin. However, 15 percent of those reporting penicillin allergy and only about 2 percent of the general population have had a true allergic reaction to this antibiotic. The incidence of allergic reactions to other antibiotics is usually lower than that reported for penicillin. Some persons who are allergic to penicillin also are allergic to other antibiotics such as the cephalosporins. Skin tests to determine if one has an allergy are available for some antibiotics.

There is more good news about antibiotic allergies. According to the article, most people with an antibiotic allergy probably lose that allergy over time. They indicate "about 10 years after an allergic reaction, approximately 85% of penicillin-allergic patients, for example, no longer have positive skin tests to penicillin." In instances where penicillin is the drug of choice, some physicians may decide to treat the infection with penicillin or penicillin-like antibiotics in a person with a true allergy. If a reaction does occur, the patient will be monitored closely and treated with antihistamines and oral steroids, if necessary.