

Wranglers hold first playday

The Wranglers Riding Club held their first playday, Sunday, April 9, at the Wrangler grounds in Heppner. The noon potluck was followed by the playday. Goat tying, steer dobbing, breakaway and team roping were held after the point events.

Results of the playday are as follows:

Stickhorse race: first-Mary Rietmann.

5 and under leadline: barrels first-Brent Eckman, second-Katie Kilkenny, third-Emily Rietmann, fourth-Reggie Seitz; poles first-Emily Rietmann, second-Brent Eckman, third-Katie Kilkenny, fourth-Reggie Seitz; figure 8 race first-Emily Rietmann, second-Brent Eckman, third-Katie Kilkenny, fourth-Reggie Seitz.

Five and under riders: barrel first-Whitney Matthews, second-Lane Bailey; poles first-Whitney Matthews, second-Lane Bailey; figure 8 race first-Lane Bailey, second-Whitney Matthews.

6-8 years old: barrels first Rory Kilkenny, second Madison Bailey, third Jamie Kay Westburg, fourth Brandon Johnson; poles first Madison Bailey, second Jessica Westburg, third Jamie Kay Westburg, fourth Krystel Temple; figure 8-first Madison Bailey, second Jamie Kay Westburg, third Jessica Westburg, fourth Gene Ball.

9-10 years old: barrels first Lacey Matteson, second Kelsey Greenup, third Brett Barber, fourth Donald Adams; poles first Lacey Matteson, second Kelsey Greenup, third Donald Adams, fourth Brett Barber; figure 8-first Lacey Matteson, second Brett Barber, third Donald Adams, fourth Kelsey Greenup.

11 years old: barrels first Rvan Matteson, second Shad

Hisler, third Katie Walton, fourth Jeanette Brantley; poles-first Ryan Matteson, second Jeanette Brantley, third Katie Walton, fourth Sarah Eckman; figure 8-first Ryan Matteson, second Shad Hisler, third Sarah Eckman, fourth Katie Walton.

12 years old: barrels-first Krista Adams, second Casey Ingraham, third Blake Knowles, fourth Tracy Rankin; poles-first Krista Adams, second Amy Papineau, third Brandi Brantley, fourth Tracy Rankin; figure 8-first Krista Adams, second Amy Papineau, third Blake Knowles, fourth Tracy Rankin.

13 years old: barrels and poles-first Jill Barber, second Bobbie Rankin, third Kathleen Greenup, fourth Heather Davis; figure 8-first Jared Eckman, second Jill Barber, third Bobbie Rankin, fourth Kathleen Greenup.

14-17 years old: barrels-first Lexi Matteson, second Jaylene Papineau, third Brian Knowles, fourth Justin Matteson; poles-first Jaylene Papineau, second Brian Knowles, third Lexi Matteson, fourth Justin Matteson; figure 8-first Jaylene Papineau, second Lexi Matteson, third Brian Knowles, fourth Justin Matteson.

18 and over: barrels-first Shelley Ashbeck, second Sara Greenup, third Kelsie Evans, fourth Char Coe; poles-first Kelsie Evans, second Shelley Ashbeck, third Sara Greenup, fourth Char Coe; figure 8-first Kelsie Evans, second Sara Greenup, third Shelley Ashbeck, fourth Char Coe.

The next playday will be held Sunday, April 23. The Wranglers welcome new members. For more information, contact: president Janet Greenup, vice president Terra Adams, treasurer Judy Barber, secretary Judy Eckman.

Health Fair planned May 4

The Senior Focus on Health Group will hold its third annual health fair on May 4, at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The "Healthy Choices" fair is open to the public and offers health information for all ages. There is no charge to attend.

Participating in this year's fair will be the Morrow County Health District, CAPECO, Morrow County OSU Extension, and Summit Springs Village of Condon. Space for a limited number of additional participants is still available and may be reserved by calling Corol Mitchell at 676-5313.

Fair activities will include free thyroid profiles conducted by Pioneer Memorial Hospital's laboratory, free blood pressure checks provided by Pioneer Memorial Home Health, and a free video camera tour of attendees' ear canals offered by Willoughby's Hearing Aid Center. No fasting or appointment is necessary for any of the health screenings offered at the fair.

Also scheduled is a series of

informative talks on health-related topics. EMT Diana Grant will demonstrate how to help a choking victim at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; physical therapist Sharla Erich will speak on maintaining wellness at 11:15 a.m. and Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home activities director Tonya Jones will discuss the benefits of volunteerism at 11:45 p.m.

Healthy snacks and beverages will be served free of charge. A homemade soup and bread lunch will be available for \$2.50. Fifteen door prizes, including a variety of healthy recipe cookbooks, will be given away, and a fitness-building rowing machine will be raffled.

In addition to encouraging the general public to attend, fair spokesperson Corol Mitchell encouraged downtown business owners to stop in on their lunch or coffee break and enjoy the samplings. "It's a great opportunity for all ages to learn more about making healthier lifestyle choices," Mitchell said.

Holly Rebekah Lodge meets

By Delpha Jones

Holly Rebekah Lodge met for their regular meeting on Thursday. Plans were discussed for the rummage sale. There is still a need for articles.

A motion was made that the donation asked for use of the hall will be \$25 because of the expense of electricity and heat. Plans to visit the Friendship house in Portland have been cancelled for the present. The last card party of the series will be Saturday, May 6.

District deputy Luella Taylor installed the following officers: Kathy Clark, noble grand; Dorothy Jackson, vice grand; Delpha Jones, secretary; Virginia Peck, treasurer; Luella Taylor, warden; Kathy Tellechea, conductor; Geri Martin, RSNG; Frances Murty, LSNG; Leila Palmer, RSVG; Joyce Buchanan, LSVG; Annetta Padberg, chaplain; Marlene Gray, inside guardian.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 20.

Local student attends youth seminar

Mandi Gutierrez, Heppner, was one of the area sophomores who recently attended the Oregon Youth Leadership, Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation seminar. She joined more than 180 other high school sophomore leaders from throughout the state of Oregon in Wilsonville, April 6-9.

The Oregon Youth Leadership Seminar, HOBY, brings together a select group of high school sophomores so they can interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide the youths a unique forum for learning about the American incentive system and democratic process, and for broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development.

The seminar challenges the youth to think about the world around them and what they, as future leaders, have to do to positively influence business, government, and society. They also better understand that their goals and dreams are important and that leaders have extreme responsibility in whatever walk of life they pursue, said a press release.

The Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation was established by the popular actor Hugh O'Brien following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

"One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brien said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American Dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize, develop and reward outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

Local students are usually sponsored by area Kiwanis clubs, Federation of Woman's Club's, Jaycees, and local businesses. Support from these local organizations not only covers the students' seminar costs, but gives that student additional contacts in the local community.

CSEP test reader boards work

Motorists traveling Highway 207 on Wednesday, April 19, were able to see actual emergency messages on the reader board at Madison Corner, also known as Echo cutoff.

The messages are part of the reader board testing currently underway in the area and may be disregarded, said a news release from the Umatilla Emergency Management Office. The State Highway Division is testing seven of the signs with a non-emergency display of time and temperature except the Madison Corner sign. The others can be programmed to display a variety of information. The Madison Corner sign may display the following messages: "road closed, danger ahead, detour to Echo"; "road closed, detour through Heppner"; or "caution, road hazard, ahead". Those three messages are the only text the sign can display and to test the sign, those messages must be displayed. Test personnel were stationed along the road near the signs to remind motorists to disregard the test message on April 19.

The reader boards are part of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program. The signs, along with sirens and tone-alert radios, are intended to notify the public in the unlikely event of an accident involving the chemical weapons stored at the Umatilla Army Depot, said the release.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

April 11: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance for a male on Barrett Blvd in Heppner with an injury. No transport was made;

Morrow County deputy responded to the lone area to deliver a message. Message was delivered;

Morrow County deputy responded to Lindsay's on Baseline Road. A U-Haul had been abandoned;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist Heppner Police Dept. with a report of a disturbance;

Morrow County deputy responded to check the Naval Base area for a report of shots heard near the base. Deputy was unable to locate anything;

Morrow County deputy responded to assist the Boardman Police Dept for a disturbance in the Boardman area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a residence on Hemlock for a male with an illness. Patient was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles;

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84, westbound, at mile post 146-148 for a report of a traffic hazard.

April 12: Morrow County deputy arrested Karla Rae Johnston, 25 Irrigon, on a Umatilla County warrant. She was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a neighborhood problem; Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington airport to locate an overdue aircraft. Deputy was unable to locate aircraft;

Morrow County deputy responded to Hwy 730 for a traffic problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of telephone harassment;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Ambulance to meet a mother transporting a juvenile female with an illness to the clinic. Patient was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner

Fire Dept. for a report of a fire in the Heppner area. Call was cancelled enroute;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a disturbance.

April 13: Morrow County deputy began investigation of a theft of road signs marking the detour on Hwy 74 at the Rietmann Canyon Bridge project at Lone;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a suspicious vehicle at 5:25 p.m. and 9:54 p.m.

April 14: Morrow County deputy began an investigation of theft from an out building on Heppner property. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to a residence in Blake's Ranch Addition for a male with an illness. Patient was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a domestic disturbance in the Irrigon area; Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to an intrusion alarm at Beecher's Cafe in Lone. Alarm turned out to be false;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a disturbance at the Nomad in Boardman; Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a report of cars racing in the streets of Lone.

April 15: Morrow County deputy began an investigation on a reported assault in Irrigon.

April 16: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington Fire Dept. to a vehicle fire on I-84, mile post 122. There weren't any injuries;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched an officer to Summit Lane in Boardman for a dog complaint.

April 17: Morrow County deputy responded to investigate a report of vehicles racing up and down the road near Paul Smith. Deputy was unable to locate anything;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to a residence in Fossil for a female with an unknown illness. Patient was transported by Air Life to Bend;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance and Fire Dept. to a semi truck rollover on I-84 and Hwy 730 Jct. There weren't any

injuries; Morrow County deputy contacted a complainant regarding a civil matter;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a report of property found;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a suspicious vehicle;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington area for a report of telephone harassment;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Wilson Trailer Court for two juveniles with an illness. No transport was made.

Employment kiosk now operational at Central

The State Employment Office kiosk is now operational at Central Market in Heppner.

According to Barb Jeppeson, employment specialist with the State Employment Office in Hermiston, the kiosk provides current job openings for all over the state and also gives basic information on obtaining information from community service organizations, such as food banks, educational facilities, Adult and Family Services and housing authorities.

She says that the kiosk is easy to use, with touch screen directions, and will print out information. She adds that in addition to those seeking jobs, the kiosk will also benefit employ-

ers who may enter their job openings free of charge. Right now, says Jeppeson, job openings include listings from the Heppner Ranger District. Employers may call 503 567-3381 to sign up.

Forms are also available at the kiosk to sign up for unemployment. Those applying should fill out the forms and mail to the address appearing on the form. They need not travel out of town to apply. Forms are available at the Neighborhood Center. Representatives from the employment office and other agencies are scheduled to be at the Neighborhood Center the second Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lone Garden Club plans state meeting

The Lone Garden Club met for its meeting and a no-host luncheon at Beechers on April 12. Guests for the day were Jane Rawlins and Ruth McCabe.

Plans for decorating one of the tables for the Oregon State Federal Garden Club meeting in Pendleton the last week in June were finalized. Members will help the Heppner Garden Club entertain the District #10 meeting to be held in Heppner on April 28.

Plans for the plant sale on May 4 were made. This year the sale will be held at Helen Martin's home on 3rd Street, and Birdine Tullis' home next to the park, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Early orders may be called in to Martin at 422-7124, or Tullis at 422-7274. If anyone has plants they would like to share, please bring them.

The May meeting will be a field trip to Corrine Miles greenhouse on May 30.

Off the Wall

By Marilyn Robinson

It is fortunate that the Easter bunny sports a fur coat. But he probably incurred very damp feet while hiding goodies in the frosty grass. Hopefully, it will quit freezing at nights at least by the Fourth of July.

While spring weather seems to be getting shortchanged, it does not thwart the efforts of several groups of hard-working volunteers. Those groups are involved year around in the staging of the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo.

Plans for upgrading the grounds are underway by a full slate of fair board members that include Tim Coe, Marlene Gray, Sam Bellamy, Roscoe Qualls, and new member Roger Cash, from Boardman. The large contingent of rodeo committee members continues to work diligently to sponsor a professional show.

There will be a lot of painting going on at the grounds, once the weather cooperates, according to board members. The rodeo committee plans to have a major tree planting session to enhance the rodeo arena facilities.

It is time to have all premium book information handed in. This year's booklet form of the premium book will be published by the Heppner Gazette-Times. The fair committee welcomes any fair premium book advertisers to help pay that expense.

Community fair booths will once again be featured at this year's fair. So it is time for organizations and clubs to make a commitment and start planning entries. This year's theme, "Look What Kids Can Do" is dedicated to the accomplishments of our youth. Since we are all kids at heart, it should be easy to depict many of the things in which residents are involved. We have many talented people living in our county.

Hats Off to the 1995 Grand Marshal, Harold 'Shorty' Peck, who has donated a lifelong collection of antique machinery and implements to the county. May his 1903 Sears buggy, with Shorty at the wheel, continue to be a part of all future parades.

Fair superintendents will be issued passes this year, in recognition of the many hours of volunteer services that they contribute to the fair. "The Lansings" have again been hired for an informal street dance at the fair grounds and other entertainment is in the works.

For those wishing to purchase \$10 fair admission and Morrow County rodeo tickets, there will be the chance of winning a drawing for \$50. PRCA rodeo admission will be a separate charge, as in the past.

The long-standing tradition of our county fair and rodeo is possible only through the dedication of all those who are involved. Yet it takes a commitment by everyone, as an individual or as part of a group, to showcase this annual affair. Whether it is the work of an exhibitor with a few entries, a community booth, or an entry in the parade, everything adds up to a successful show.

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