

People for Pool plan meeting

People for the Pool, Inc. recently met to discuss further fund raising for the indoor therapy pool for the south Morrow County pool facilities. With the passing of the bond and operating levy, applying for private and public grants will be pursued actively, said Kay Proctor of People for the Pool.

The laser-printed bricks will continue to be sold and forms will be mailed to the public this summer. Bricks will be placed at the pool site. Cost is \$30 for a 14 character line or \$45 for two lines of 14 characters each. Forms are also available at Heppner TV or the Oregon

Trail Library in Heppner. For more information, about the bricks, call Kay Proctor, 676-9827.

A meeting will be held May 1 at 7 p.m. at Kate's Pizza to organize a weekly Bingo game operated by volunteers to raise funds toward the therapy pool project. If possible, after the pool is built, the Bingo proceeds could go toward the operating fund, said Proctor.

Since People for the Pool, Inc. is an all volunteer, non-profit organization, they are in need of more volunteers to help with the Bingo games. Anyone who would like to help but cannot attend the meeting should call Joyce Breeding, 676-5305.

McCain wins all-around at rodeo

The Heppner-Condon High School Rodeo Club, consisting of Katie McCain, Condon, and Tiffanie Munkers, Lexington, won the team title at the Yamhill County High School Rodeo, held in McMinnville, April 15-16.

McCain won the all-around, goat tying, and barrel racing, while placing in the team roping, pole bending, and breakaway roping. Munkers placed fourth in the cow cutting, and also placed in barrels and poles. Lexi and Justin Matteson, and Annie Hisler, all Heppner, also competed and placed well in their events.

The Milton-Freewater High School rodeo was held April 22-23. The local high school competitors did an outstanding job, said a spokesperson for the club. McCain won the all-around title with a third place finish in the barrel racing and goat tying, and a fourth in the

team roping. Munkers had a fifth place finish in the cow cutting. Lexi Matteson won reserve all-around with a first place win in the pole bending, second place in the breakaway, and eighth place in the goat tying. Annie Hisler won fourth in the barrel racing. Justin Matteson won fourth in the calf roping and the team roping.

The Mike Currin Memorial was held at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds on April 22-23. In barrel racing competition, Kelly Currin, Heppner, won the two-day average. Patti Kayser, Condon, placed second in the open jackpot; Randi Britt, Echo, also placed. In calf roping, Steve Currin, Heppner, won the short go, and fourth in the average. Toni Currin, Heppner, placed second in the average, and second in the short go. The bulldogging champion was Toni Currin; Mark Holmquist, Lexington, also placed.

Qualls, Hill win scholarships

John Qualls, and Dani Hill, both seniors at Heppner High School, have each been awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship by the Cargill Foundation. Qualls' parents are Lyndale 'Roscoe' and Kay Qualls, Heppner. Hill's parents are Stephen and Tana Hill, Lexington.

Qualls plans to study ag business/accounting at Eastern Oregon State College. Hill plans to study marine biology at the University of Oregon.

Two hundred fifty scholarships were awarded by the Cargill Foundation to 1995 high school graduates from U.S. farm families in 45 states. This year's scholarship program, in its 10th year, attracted 2,761 applicants.

The \$250,000 Cargill Scholarship Program for Rural America is designed to recognize and encourage the academic achievement, accomplishments and talents of young people from farm families throughout the United States, stated a Cargill Foundation news release. The National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization manages the selection process; however, applicants do not have to be FFA members to receive a scholarship.

The Cargill Foundation, is the private charitable foundation of Cargill, a diversified agribusiness company based in Minneapolis, MN, which sponsors these scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Menigococcal can be deadly

By Dr. Edward S. Berretta, M.D.

An Oregon adolescent is close to death at this time with seemingly common flu-like symptoms of headache, fever, nausea and lethargy due to a fulminant bacterial infection whose tell-tale hemorrhagic rash heralds its lethal presence.

Invasive meningococcal disease strikes 2600 individuals in the United States each year, 10 percent of whom die. Many more develop complications. The annual incidence of meningococcal disease in Oregon has more than doubled from 1992 to 1994. The 1994 incidence is the highest in Oregon since 1943, and five-fold higher than the national rate. During 1994, 141 cases of meningococcal disease were reported to the Oregon Health Division (OHD). Many of these were serotype B for which Oregon is the only state to report increased rates. Of the 71 serotype B infections, seven were fatal. A marked shift in age distribution of cases has taken place between 1987 and 1992. Usually the highest rates occur in children less than five years old; however by 1994 the incidence among teenagers age 15-19 increased 14-fold. In 1994, serotype B cases were reported in 17 of 36 Oregon counties, with the highest incidence in the Willamette Valley.

Endemic meningococcal disease is caused typically by several different strains. However, in comparison, the predominance in Oregon of a single strain is characteristic of epidemic disease as is the disproportionate increase in adolescence and young adults.

Between five and 20 percent of asymptomatic persons may harbor meningococcal bacteria in their nasal pharynx, and why some develop invasive disease and others remain healthy is not understood. Risk factors for developing illness include crowded living quarters, gas heat or antecedent viral infections.

A vaccine licensed in the United States provides protection against other meningococ-

cal serotypes but not type B. Consequently, our only weapon to control spread of disease is to administer prophylactic antibiotics to persons who have had close contact with confirmed ill individuals. Neisseria meningitis is spread by respiratory droplet; therefore, persons at elevated risk are those who have been in close physical contact with a case for at least four hours during the week before onset of the illness. These would include household contacts, day care contacts and school contacts. Additional individuals at risk would be those who have been exposed to the patient's nasal pharyngeal secretions as in resuscitative measures.

As part of a state-wide study of emerging bacterial pathogens, the OHD, in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), is currently conducting a case control study to determine potentially modifiable risk factors for development of invasive meningococcal disease. OHD epidemiologists are available to physicians on a 24-hour basis to provide information on this, or any other urgent public health problem.

The community needs a heightened awareness and understanding of the changing disease patterns particularly as it relates to our 15-19 year old group. Timely reporting of presumed and confirmed cases allows local health department staff to interview families and assist in identifying persons at risk who might benefit by chemoprophylaxis.

(References: Center for Disease Prevention and Epidemiology, Oregon Health Division Communicable Disease Summary, April 1995, Vol.44, No. 7.)

Lutherans to celebrate Laity Sunday

Hope and Valby Lutheran churches will celebrate Laity Sunday on April 30. Congregations will observe the service of the word at worship, and members will pick the hymns during the service.

Dave Barnett, Ione, will be the preacher at the 9 a.m. worship service at Valby Lutheran Church, located on the Lone-Gooseberry Road. Sarah Carlson will play the piano and accompany the congregation in the singing of the hymns.

Bob and Vicki Broden, Heppner, will be the preachers at the 11 a.m. worship service at Hope Lutheran Church in

Heppner. Dr. Jeanne Berretta will accompany the congregation in the singing of hymns.

Friday School will be staffed with adults from All Saints Episcopal Church and Hope Lutheran Church. The school runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pastor Stan Hoobing will be attending the three day confirmation retreat of the Blue Mountain cluster of Lutheran Churches at Camp Elkanah, April 28-30.

Students who are involved in the Centennial exchange will make up the confirmation work on Sunday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church.

Math contest winners announced

The 1995 Morrow County School District Elementary Math Contest was held April 12, at Ione School.

The fourth grade winner was Nick Armstrong from A.C. Houghton Elementary School. The fifth grade winner was Shelly Rietmann, Heppner and sixth grade winner was Joshua Reeve, A.C. Houghton Elementary.

A complete list of winners is as follows:

Fourth grade: first, Nick Armstrong; second, David Harris, Sam Boardman; third, Sara Miller, ACH; fourth, Caitlin Orem; fifth, Tracy Griffith, both Ione; sixth, Thomas Bauska, SB, and Daniel Jepsen, Heppner; seventh, Sally Calvert, Heppner; eighth, Alysun Burns, ACH; ninth, Diane McElligott, Ione; and

10th, Brandon Dean, SB.

Fifth grade: first, Shelly Rietmann; second, Brenda Busey, SB, and Colin McElligott, Ione; third, Meghan Bailey; fourth, Julie Proctor; fifth, Jessica Gutierrez; sixth, Olivia Sagely, all Heppner; seventh, Alicia Myers, SB, and Molly Turrell, Heppner; eighth, Salli McElligott, Ione; ninth, Ricardo Torres, SB; and 10th, Cameron Sanders, ACH.

Sixth grade: first, Joshua Reeve; second, Brandon Kanyid, Heppner; third, Craig Scott and Lindsey Ward, both Heppner; fourth, Mike Haney, ACH; fifth, Amber Flaiz, Heppner; sixth, Jeremiah McElligott, Ione; seventh, Shane Slover; eighth, Jake Graff, both ACH; ninth, Kathryn Jones, Ione; and 10th, Rio Weikel-Magden, SB.

Public works office has direct line

Morrow County Public Works director, Guy VanArsdale, has announced

that he now has a direct line to the public works office.

VanArsdale said that the new number, 989-8317, will be helpful for those wanting to call the office before the county switchboard opens at 8 a.m.

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