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Injured boy released from hospital

A Heppner boy is home now after losing several toes in a lawn mower accident April 24.

The day of the accident, Casey Maben, 5, the son of Donna and Jason Maben, was playing on the lawn at the home of his grandparents, Ray and Betty O'Neal, who babysit him and his twin brother, Caleb. Ray O'Neal was mowing the lawn, watching out for Caleb, believing that Casey was near the house. O'Neal didn't realize something had happened until he saw a shoe flip out of the lawn mower, according to Donna Maben.

O'Neal immediately turned off the mower and grabbed Casey up, rushing him to

Pioneer Memorial Hospital between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. In the meantime, Betty O'Neal called 911 to make sure there would be a doctor at the hospital.

Medical personnel at the hospital had O'Neal return home to retrieve the missing toes and then Life Flight from Bend flew Casey to Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland sometime between 7:30 and 8 p.m. The Mabens drove to Portland by car.

Doctors were unable to save three toes, and Casey may still lose the toe next to the pinky toe, said Donna Maben. The pinky toe is ok, she said. Casey was discharged from the hospital on Saturday and is

"doing good", says his mom, despite some bad nightmares.

Casey now has a cast to protect the skin and help in healing. He will undergo a skin graft either May 10 or 17 and then will get a full leg cast. After that he will get a short cast and eventually, after he is able to walk on the foot, will begin physical therapy.

Donna Maben says that grandpa "took it very hard", but is doing better now. She says that a nurse at Doernbechers said that the hospital had four similar accidents in the last two months. "I just hope this article will save some other kid from getting his foot cut," said Maben.

Orientation planned for sixth-eighth grades

Orientation night for sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students who will be attending school at Heppner High School next year will be held Wednesday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the high school gym.

The orientation will include the following topics: high school requirements and expectations, activities and a discussion of class scheduling for next year. The evening will conclude with tours of the school for the students. Student registration forms should also be turned in

at this time.

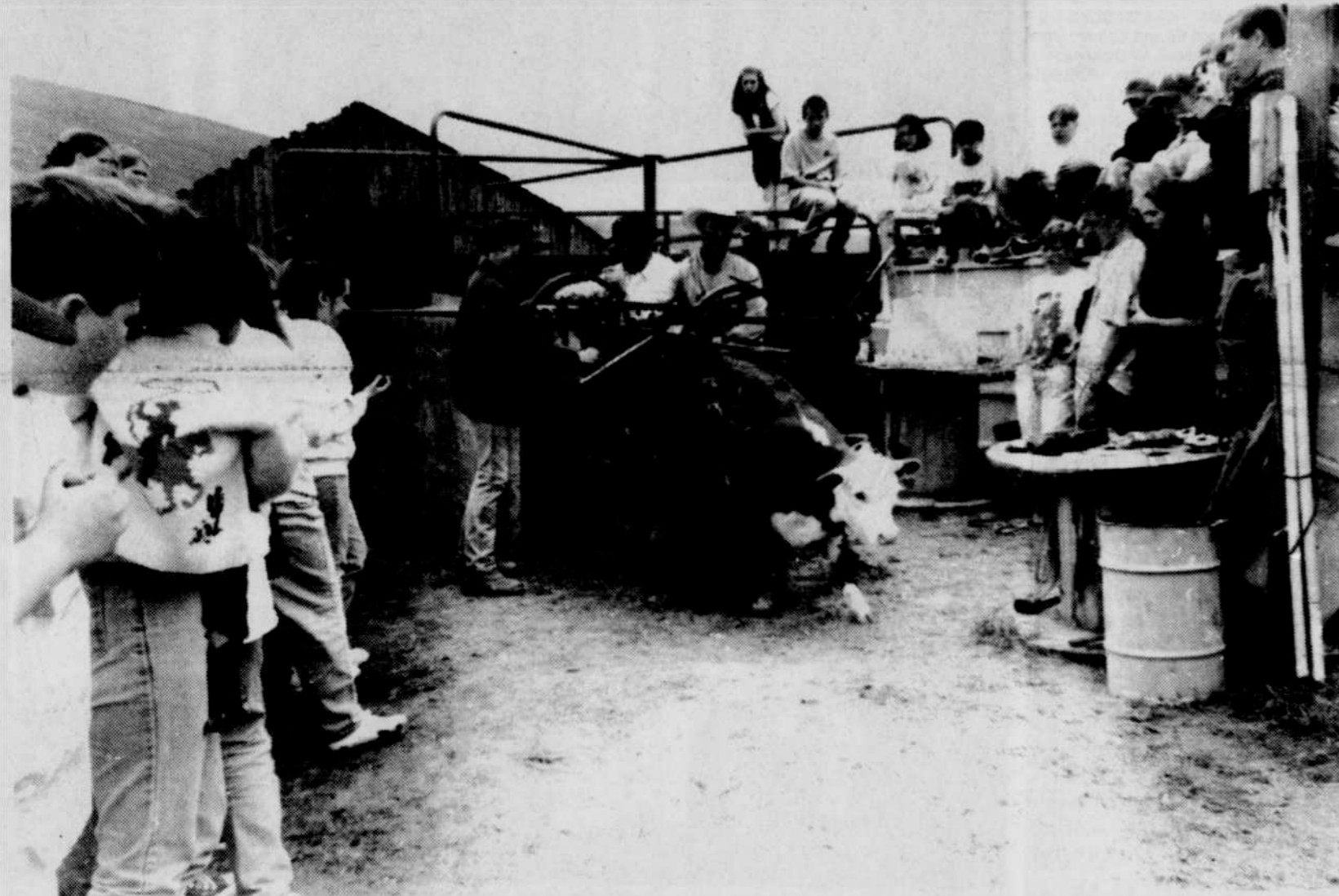
Heppner High School Principal Steve Dickenson had scheduled a time to discuss registration with the students on May 2. Eighth graders were to have received a registration form and a HHS course description book. Sixth and seventh graders were to have received registration forms and a sheet explaining electives.

Heppner High School counselor Barbara Hayes says that the registration forms, which

list the required subjects, are very important. She says that course assignments for required subjects are based upon the student's academic ability and that prior test scores and recommendations of the junior high school teachers will help determine the student's placement.

Electives should be listed in order of preference until every blank is filled and each student should indicate four to six electives, listed in order of importance.

Centennial students get a taste of life in the country



Centennial school students and their host families gathered at the Robinson ranch last Tuesday for a taste and smell of branding.

It's that time of the year again—Centennial exchange week, when eighth graders from Heppner Junior High School trade places with eighth graders from Centennial Junior High School in the Portland area.

Despite the differences in the schools (Centennial has over 800 students in just the seventh and eighth grades and Heppner has only 98 in the two grades) the Centennial students, for the most part seem to have a lot of fun during their week in the country.

Centennial student Monica Friant, 14, stayed with Bob and Pam Worden and their children, Rick, Kristi and Robert. She says that country life is more carefree. "It's nice. It's quiet. You can do what you want. The town is wierd, really small. I like it here, but I miss everybody at home."

Monica lives near Gresham with her mother, Laurie, a homemaker, father Doug, a firefighter, and siblings, Melissa, 16, Josh, 12, Coleena, 9, Katy, 8, Seth, 6, Jordan, 2, and Bethany, 7 months.

Sarah Luxton, 14, stayed with David and April Sykes and children, Allison, Camille, Andy and Chris. "I liked how everyone knows each other. I like how small it is. The only thing I don't like is missing my

friends. I usually go to my friends' houses or my friends come over or I go shopping.

Sarah lives between Portland and Gresham with her mother, Kris, who is employed with First Interstate Bank, her father, Tom, a printer for Carol Wilson Fine Arts Printing, and her brother, Ian, 9.

Mary Forrest, 14, Boring, said that she saw a lot of interesting things on the tours scheduled for the students in Morrow County, but added that the tours were a little boring. "I got to meet a lot of new friends, though," she said. "And the dance was actually fun."

Mary said she especially enjoyed riding horses at the Bob and Sherree Mahony Ranch. "We got to ride fast." She also liked Lehman Hot Springs where she went with her host family. Mary stayed with Mark and Kathie Pointer and their children, Kim and Donnie. She was surprised at the hours the businesses close in Heppner and Lexington. "The worst part was the rush to get to the store. It closes really early here."

Mary's mother, Sheila, is a teacher at East Gresham Grade School and her father, Bob, is a technology and woodshop teacher at Park Rose High School. She has two brothers, Ryan, 16, and Taylor, 12.

Samantha Garbush, 13, Portland, liked the quietness of rural life and the lack of crime.

"There are no locks on the lockers, no one does anything like smoke or drink and they leave their bags out in the hallway (at school). I like it here because everyone can trust each other. It's so quiet. We live on the second busiest street and only 10 cars passed in an hour. When we went to the wheat farm, we could just go up to the house and use the bathroom and they didn't even know us." Samantha also liked jumping in a truck full of wheat during a Wheat League tour and swimming at Lehman Hot Springs.

Samantha stayed with Karen Clough and her children, Stephanie and Lindsey. In Portland she lives with her mother, Chris, who works in data entry at the Bank of America, her stepfather, Todd, who is a welder, and her sister, Amanda, 7.

Tom Strutz, 13, of Portland, said that the most fun was the tour of the PGE Coal Fired Plant near Boardman, where the students went up an elevator to the 19th floor and then climbed higher on stairs. "I liked the equipment and the view," he said. He didn't really like being so far out of town. He stayed with Sam and Mary

Kay Bellamy and their children, Clint, Cody and Travis, on their ranch out of Lexington. He enjoyed the rodeo presentation members of the high school rodeo club put on for them.

Tom lives with his mother, Sue, who is manager of the adult mental health program for Multnomah County, his father, Tom, who works for Subaru, and his sister, Tammy, 15.

The Heppner-Centennial exchange is the brainchild of Dave Olcott, Centennial teacher. Olcott has accompanied the students to Heppner for 15 years, with the exception of one year when he was on an exchange of his own to Australia.

This year's exchange took the Centennial students and their seventh-grade hosts to the Rea ranch on a Wheat League tour; to the Darcy and Kyle Robinson ranch on Cattleman's/livestock



Sarah Luxton



Tom Strutz



Monica Friant



Mary Forrest

HMS to hold spring concert

The Heppner Middle School spring program for grades five through eight will be held Thursday, May 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the junior high gym.

Everyone is invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.



Samantha Garbush

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