

Local cowboys and cowgirls doing well

The Hermiston High School Rodeo was held in Hermiston, April 28-30. Tiffanie Munkers, Lexington, placed fourth in goat tying, fifth in barrels and fifth in cutting. Katie McCoin, Condon, placed third in breakaway roping and sixth in team roping. Justin Matteson, Heppner, placed sixth in team roping and eighth in calf roping. Lexi Matteson placed first in breakaway, sixth in poles and tenth in goats.

Several Morrow County cowboys did well at the Old Timers' Rodeo in Pasco, WA, last weekend. Rocky Proctor, Irrigon, placed second in calf roping and third in team roping. Bob Steagall, Lexington, set an arena record and placed first in breakaway and calf roping. Royce Fulleton, Heppner, also placed in the team roping.

Bob Kindsfather, Lexington, and Steagall placed sixth in the #7 roping in Ritzville, WA, at the USTRC team roping last weekend. Kindsfather also placed seventh in the #7 with Larry Mobier, and placed in the #5 with Mark Miller, Heppner.

Janice Davis, Hermiston, won the first go and Randi Britt, Echo, was second in the open at the Oregon Barrel Racing Association-approved races in Heppner last weekend. Kelly

Currin, Heppner, took first in the open in the second go. Stormy Howard, Heppner, won first both goes in the \$250 novice class. Heidi Lane, Boardman, won first in the first go in the \$500 novice class, and Connie Holmquist, Lexington, won second in the \$1500 novice class.

Mike and Roy Proctor of Green Feed & Seed did the landscaping and planted all the new trees at the OTRP arena.

High School Rodeo members Tiffanie Munkers, Lexi and Justin Matteson, and Annie Hisler, along with National High School Rodeo president, Bob Mahoney, hosted the Centennial Exchange students on April 25, at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo (OTPR) arena. The members gave demonstrations of their particular events, had roping lessons, and gave each of the Centennial students rides on their horses. They also had a goat tying competition among the Heppner and Centennial eighth graders. Butch Knowles, Heppner, gave an informational talk about rodeo, while Mike Mahoney gave a steer wrestling demonstration. Mary Ann Munkers, Sherree Mahoney, Darcy and Kyle Robinson and Connie Holmquist also pitched in and made the day a success.

Claudine Rehn appointed to commission

Morrow County Court has appointed Claudine Rehn to the County Commission on Children and Families.

Rehn is a resident of Irrigon, and is currently the director of the Boardman Child Development Center. "She brings a wealth of experience to the commission as she has served on committees in the United Way of Morrow County, the

American Heart Association, Small Business Administration, Special Olympics and Hospice," says Dar Merrill, executive director of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families. She has a bachelor's degree in business from California Polytechnic University, with minors in

speech and psychology.

Rehn says she is interested in "the availability and quality of childcare, early intervention programs for high risk children, lowering the teen pregnancy rates and educating those mothers and fathers in proper parenting techniques, and heading off child abuse problems before they occur." She is also a strong advocate for providing alternative options for Morrow County young people such as youth, vocational or volunteer programs that would help them combat the destructive influences of gangs, drugs and alcohol, said Merrill.

Rehn was welcomed by the commission during its April 11 meeting held in Boardman.

Local groups make a difference



L-R: Bob Lovgren, exalted ruler Heppner Elks, speech therapist Carol Clupny, Cecil Rill from the Masons and Randall Peterson, IOOF, congratulate Trampas Jeffries (center) on his trip to Meadowood Speech camp this summer. These three organizations have made it possible for Trampas to attend the two week camp.

Some local groups are making a difference in a Heppner second grader's life.

The Heppner Elk's Lodge, the Masonic Temple and the Odd Fellows Lodge pooled their resources so that Trampas Jeffries can attend Meadowood Springs Speech and Hearing Camp for two weeks this July. The camp is located between Weston and Tollgate.

Trampas' teacher, Carol Clupny, a speech pathologist with the Education Service District who is at Heppner Elementary School on a weekly basis, nominated Trampas for the scholarship. Clupny says that while at camp, Trampas will have two individual speech and therapy sessions and one group session daily, in addition to many other activities,

such as flag raising, nature studies, crafts, swimming lessons and canoeing. Clupny says that the camp is designed so that every activity is geared to carry over speech activities. "Their slogan is 'Meadowood Works'. And one reason it works is because of the constant emphasis on speech throughout every activity. Students learn to monitor their own speech and that's a real key to their remedial efforts," said Clupny.

Clupny says that the Elk's Lodge in Oregon has done a lot for the camp. "They build cabins and contribute monetarily, in addition to providing scholarships. The camp is one of their major goals," she said. Trampas is the son of Helen and Ron Jeffries of Heppner.

Boy catches 17½ inch trout



John Setness with 17½-inch trout

Thirteen year-old John Setness, Lexington, caught a 17½ inch trout in Willow Creek near his house last week.

Setness says that he caught the fish within walking distance of his house between 6 and 6:30 p.m., but won't reveal the exact spot. He did

say, however, that he caught the fish with a worm on a no. six hook using an ultra-light trout rod.

Setness, the son of Frank and Susan Setness, says he doesn't like eating the fish, but adds that the family freezes the fish for a great aunt who enjoys them.

Forum planned on youth and alcohol

A special forum on youth and alcohol has been planned for Wednesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Heppner High School.

The forum, which will discuss "The ramifications of allowing underage youth to drink alcohol in your home" will be moderated by Dar Merrill, director of the Commission on Children and Families. "The decision to serve alcohol to underage youth in your home could affect your entire family. Know your rights and responsibilities. Make an informed decision," said a spokesperson

for the group.

Local officials offering their perspective include Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson, attorney Ann Spicer, Police Chief Doug Rathburn, Oregon State Police, Morrow County Health Department director, Laura Burnside McElligott, RN, insurance agents Bob Ployhar and Steve Rhea, and mental health representatives Marilyn Bader-Nesse and Kelly Sager.

The group gives the message, "On grad night, party safe, party smart, party sober."

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

The GWA Club of the Lexington Grange was held at the home of Jean Nelson last Tuesday, with president Virginia Peck presiding. Plans were made for the next several months. The group plans to meet every two or three months as needed. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The devotional was given by Zelma McDaniels. Those present were: Virginia Peck, Zelma McDaniels, Cathy Clark, Delpha Jones, Judy Stevens, Verna Brinda, Jean Nelson, Dorothy Jackson, Joyce Buchanan and Mildred Wright.

Cecil and Delpha Jones enjoyed a birthday party at the Bowen home in Goldendale last Sunday. There were about

38 present. Cake and ice cream were served, and the honoree spent some time opening gag gifts for the occasion. A potluck lunch was enjoyed later in the day.

Max Akers of Portland was a recent Lexington caller.

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