

Fair and OTRP award scholarship



OTPR treasurer Marlene Currin (r) presents last years queen Rondi Robinson, with scholarship money donated by the Morrow County Fair Board and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee.

For the past three years, the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo committee members have reached into their own pockets to provide scholarships for retiring Morrow County Fair and OTRP queens.

"We appreciate the excellent job that these girls do in promoting our fair and rodeo," said spokesperson Sherree Mahoney. "We hope that this small contribution to their educational expenses shows our appreciation for a job well done." Court members put in long hours and travel many miles at their own expense to represent the entire county," Mahoney said.

Backing those court members, the rodeo committee contends that efforts to stage quality rodeos and upgrade the facilities has been a labor of love. However, rodeo attendance has not increased dramatically since the new arena was built. But the support of local people through advertising and sponsorship of added purse money, trophies, saddles and buckles has made it possible for the rodeo to operate in the black this year. The committee has met large expenditures incurred in building the new arena and adding new bucking chutes.

If the committee is successful in obtaining grants, which have been applied for, they plan to elevate the bleachers for better spectator viewing and to plant trees for shade. The ultimate plan is to eventually build covered seating.

"But the expenses incurred to put on this type of high-caliber professional rodeo (in-

cluding stock contractors, announcer, bull fighters, etc.) runs about \$43,000 per season," said committee secretary Marlene Currin. "So the bottom line is trying to determine what type of performances the community will support. These shows could range from jackpot amateur shows to PRCA performances. It takes a large number of dedicated volunteers to put on any type of show, so the committee spends a lot of time discussing the future of these shows to attract spectators and where to direct those efforts," said Currin.

Currin said that announcer Bob Tallman and bullfighter Benny Newman have agreed to return for next year's PRCA performances. For the second year, the Morrow County Rodeo will take place on Sunday afternoon and that performance will be shortened. Also, a limited number of mutton busters and steer ropers will participate during the PRCA performances, Currin said.

New officers for the coming season are Mary Ann Munkers and Ken Eckman, who have agreed to co-chair as head of the organization. The committee has also gained several new members to this organization that provides the volunteer work force to stage rodeo performances and maintain the facilities, along with all the other details. Like the fair board, committee members meet monthly year around. Both the fair and rodeo committees are open to membership.

Hope-Valby parishes plan services

"Is God Indifferent to the Evils of this World", based on the reading from Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4, will be the title of Pastor Stan Hoobings' sermon for worship service at Valby Lutheran Church, Ione, on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 9 a.m. Sarah Carlson will play the piano. The adult Bible class will meet at 8:15 to discuss the Gospel of Luke.

Worship service and Sunday School at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner will begin at 11 a.m. Dr. Jeanne Berretta will accompany the congregation on the piano.

Friday, Oct. 20, the children of Friday School will gather from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to sing songs, listen to stories, do scripture lessons, play games and have snacks.

Scholarship trust plans celebration

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust, a Dollars for Scholars' Chapter (DFSC), is celebrating three years of service to graduates of Ione and Heppner High Schools on Monday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. in the lounge area of St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

Sally Woodyard, the Pacific Northwest area director for

DFSC, will be the featured speaker. Highlights of the past three years and financial growth will be agenda topics, as well as awarding the Lexington scholarship, electing board members, a question and answer session and social time afterwards.

The public is invited to attend.

First Christian Church plans festival

The First Christian Church in Heppner will hold their annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. In addition to a potluck dinner, the program includes special music

and a guest speaker, Larry Woodard from Boise, ID.

The community is invited to come and share in the fellowship of the evening, said a church spokesperson.

Oregon Together plans meeting

The Heppner-Lexington Oregon Together Group will meet on Monday, Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Kate's Pizza. The purpose of the meeting is to plan a winter teenage dance and other winter activities.

Anyone interested in combating the use of alcohol and

other drugs among community youth and who is willing to give some time to the program is welcome to come and participate said the Reverend Stan Hoobing, local coordinator.

For more information, contact Hoobing at 676-9940 or 676-5069.

Go "batty" at workshop, Oct. 28

The Heppner Ranger District will be hosting a Bat Facts and Bat House Building Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 10 a.m. at the district office on Main Street.

The workshop includes something for the whole family, with a video, lecture and activities for the kids in the morning and construction of bat houses for use on the district in the afternoon. Those attending should bring their own sack lunch.

For more information regarding the workshop or for group presentations, contact Janel Lacey, 676-2146.

Bats are animals of extraordinary importance, said Lacey. For instance, a single little brown bat, common to most neighborhoods in the U.S., can catch 600 mosquitoes in just one hour. A colony of 150 big brown bats can protect local farmers from more than 18 million rootworms each summer by eating the adult beetle before it lays eggs. One farmer in Noti, Oregon, has replaced pesticides with bat houses.

Bats are also the primary pollinators of many plant species, including cacti, bananas, cloves, peaches, avocados and cashews. Without bats, thousands of other plant and animal species could die out, threatening entire ecosystems from rain forests to deserts. Even tequila is affected by bats, since the seed production of the agave plant, used to make tequila, drops to 1/3,000th of normal without bat pollinators.

Nearly 1,000 kinds of bats account for almost a quarter of all mammal species, yet they are the least studied. They occur across the globe with the exception of the most extreme desert and polar regions. Yet despite their importance, bats are among the world's least appreciated and most endangered animals, continued Lacey.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

There were 99 people present for the senior meal Oct. 11, including Mr. and Mrs. Jack McLaughlin from Summerland, B.C., Canada. One meal was home delivered. Juanita Schultz won the free meal ticket and Sue Vinson won the bingo ticket. Members of the Mormon Church served. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

The menu for the birthday dinner, Wednesday, Oct. 25, will be hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, pineapple with cottage cheese and cupcakes. Members of the Catholic Church will serve. Flu shots will be given from 10 a.m. to noon. Those wishing to get a flu shot should remember to bring Medicare cards.

Thursday, Oct. 12, 16 seniors from Heppner enjoyed dancing and lunch at the Pendleton meal site and the open house at the RSVP office.

Friday, four seniors played cards at the Center. Seven seniors were present for the Sunday video, "Savage Wild".

Dates to remember: Tuesday and Thursday, exercise 10 a.m.; Wednesday, flu shots 10 a.m.-noon, senior meal noon, quilting 1 p.m.; Friday, cards 2 p.m.; Sunday, movie 7 p.m. There is always a jigsaw puzzle out for anyone who likes to work on that.

The St. Patrick's quilt will soon be ready to quilt, so everyone is invited to bring their thimbles and join in. Contact Maxine Gray or Daisy Collins for the exact date.



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Soroptimists seek new members



As a Soroptimist member Judie Laughlin works on community service projects.

Soroptimist International of Heppner is inviting business and professional women to become local members of the world's largest service organization for women.

Local Soroptimists raise funds for playground equipment for local parks, scholarships for college freshmen and re-entry students and the Senior Girls Luncheon for Heppner and Ione seniors. They also perform community services such as hosting the Artifactory Craft sale for local artisans and entrepreneurs, staffing information booths at Wee Bit O'Ireland and Cycle Oregon, conducting educational programs on local concerns; and, in general, "have fun".

Local Soroptimists meet regularly the first three Thursdays of the month during

the lunch hour. There is one meeting per month in July and August. Soroptimist involvement is open to all women interested in community involvement and is particularly helpful to those new to the community, said a group spokesperson.

For more information about participating in Soroptimist International of Heppner, contact Carol Michael, 676-9642, Nancy Snider, 422-7410, the membership committee, or any Soroptimist member: Vi Wilggers, Barbara Bloodsworth, Marianne Kahl, Pauline Winter, Margo Sherer, Judie Laughlin, Cyde Estes, Marsha Sweek, Joyce Hughes, Pat Hyatt, Mary Goheen, Ann Spicer, Eleanor Gonty, Daisy Collins, Lenna Smith or Bettie Doherty.

Community development fund established by Commission

The Morrow County Commission on Children & Families has established a community development fund to be used for anticipated community needs and to leverage other funds and resources into services, advocacy and projects for the children, youth and families of Morrow County.

Approximately \$1,100 will be available each quarter and the maximum grant would be \$500. Community development fund requests could include, but not be limited to, seasonal program needs; small capital expen-

ditures; service program staff training; one-time events and pilot projects.

Home day care providers may also apply for funds to enhance the quality and availability of their services but they must be registered by the state or have registration forms submitted to the state for approval at the time of request for funds.

Proposals will be reviewed on Nov. 14, during the next commission meeting. Copies of request procedures are available at the commission office at 471 North Main, Heppner, or by calling 676-9675.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rudisill request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Candace Marie to Mr. Benjamin Karl Weinke on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of October Nineteen hundred and ninety-five at five o'clock Peace Lutheran Church 210 N.W. Ninth Street Pendleton, Oregon Reception immediately following National Guard Armory.



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