

Riders hold third annual trail ride

A trail ride sponsored by the Morrow County 4-H Leaders Council was held recently. Thirty-four horse riders started at Cecil, headed west to the Four Mile Canyon historical site and then looped back across a different route north of the Oregon Trail back into Cecil for around a 12 mile ride. Riders traveled over portions of the original Oregon Trail.

Riders represented the communities of Heppner, Lone, Boardman, Irrigon and Hermiston. Stephanie Lemieux, a foreign exchange student who is a guest of Cleo and Marilyn Childers, represented Quebec, Canada. Riding clubs present included Hermiston Arab Club, Desert Pegasus 4-H Club and Martingales 4-H Club. Several

breeds of horses were represented and Jim Brewer of Boardman rode a mule.

The Clint Kreb family hosted the ride and provided transportation for the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), guidance as to direction and provided water for the livestock. The Krebs, Heidemans, Phillipis and Weiglans allowed the riders passage across their land.

After the five hour ride, a meal of cornbread, stew and apples was prepared and served by Karen and Jim Lunders of Irrigon.

Others present were EMT Steve Myren and registered nurse, Glaya Baker. Trail bosses were Ron Baker, Ron Beemer, Mim Myren and Baker, all from Boardman.

Make it with Wool contest set Nov. 4

The District Five "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest and style show will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Lone High School cafeteria, beginning at 1 p.m.

All entrants will model their garments, and winners will be announced. Maureen Krebs, District Five director, notes that contestants will be coming from Morrow, Umatilla, Gilliam, Wheeler, Wasco, Sherman and Hood River counties.

Contestants will begin their day early in the morning, first

modeling their garments as they are judged on style and fit. The outfits will then be examined for quality, construction and durability.

Winners in the junior and senior age groups will advance to state-level competition to be held in conjunction with the Oregon Sheepgrower's Century Convention to be held in Pendleton Dec. 9.

The public is invited to attend the style show. Refreshments will be served.

Pesticide container recycling scheduled

The Oregon Agriculture Chemical and Fertilizer Association is again sponsoring the pesticide container recycling day on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The site this year is the Crop Protection Service, 321 Fifth Street, Umatilla, according to Mike Stolz, Oregon State University extension agent.

All containers must be triple rinsed and dry. Five gallon metal containers must be punctured top and bottom and crushed; metal drums should have the top and bottom cut

out and the barrel flattened. Plastic containers should have the plastic sleeve and cap removed and discarded.

The recycling day was the idea of Luther Fitch, retired extension agent in Hermiston and it has been carried out for years by the Ag. Chemical Association as a voluntary environmentally-friendly project.

"The metal containers go into steel posts and concrete rebar. The plastic is used to make new pesticide containers," said Stolz.

Pumpkin patch provides lots of Halloween pickings



Lacey Thompson, 1 1/2 year old daughter of Leslie and Kim Thompson, lone, picks out a pumpkin at the Palmateer pumpkin patch.

Little Halloween "trick-or-treaters" could bring home a heavy armful of booty if they visit the Palmateer pumpkin patch near Lone. Colorful gourds and pumpkins are abundant from this two-acre patch.

"Pumpkins are easy to grow," claims Ron Palmateer. But come October, it is a two to

three week job of cutting them off the vines and packing them out of the patch.

Palmateer is the Oregon supervisor of the Rain and Hail Crop Insurance Company, so he logs many miles for his company. His wife, Terri, works at Wheatland Insurance in Lone. So how did this insurance-

oriented couple get involved in pumpkin propagation?

Several years ago, Palmateer says that their children wanted him to grow pumpkins for Halloween. Since that time, his pumpkin patch has grown into a sideline that now helps to support that family's recreational interests which include boating, camping, waterskiing and snowmobiling.

On a peak year, this patch has yielded about 80,000 pounds of pumpkins-the main ingredient for an enormous amount of pumpkin pies. In addition to site visitors looking for the perfect pumpkin, Palmateer transports loads of pumpkins to independent stores in nearby towns. Undoubtedly, many of those pumpkins take on some interesting features as funny or scary jack-o'-lanterns.

The disastrous July hailstorm that raised havoc in Lone also pounded the Palmateer pumpkin patch. However, these hardy members of the squash family bounced back to produce what Palmateer estimates to be around 30,000 pounds of pumpkins of assorted sizes. That is a lot of pumpkins from \$150 worth of seed.

At the end of the season, Palmateer says he does not want to ever see another pumpkin. But come spring, he remembers the smiles on the faces of children and he has forgotten his work-roughened

hands and tired back.

After cultivation and seed planting, irrigation continues until the end of July. Stressing the plants causes them to use their remaining energy to mature existing pumpkins rather than produce more vines and blooms.

But it is difficult to see if there is a crop until the first of September, Palmateer adds. Underneath that mass of vines and hidden by weeds are staggering numbers of pumpkins. Herbicides for weed control would also kill the pumpkin plants. And although weeds distract from orderliness, they do provide shade to keep the pumpkins from sunburning.

Palmateer does all of his own "pumpkin work". Sometimes his high school age sons, Tyson and Treve, are available to help after attending school at Heppner. But Palmateer laughs about their family joke that school homework sometimes has priority over packing pumpkins, which are cut from the vines, sorted and washed. However, the two younger Palmateers, Kyle and Kaylee, can choose favorites for their jack-o'-lanterns. And it never ceases to surprise Palmateer what some people select when it comes to picking out their own pumpkins. One of the best of this year's crop is a symmetrical 50 pound beauty sitting squarely upright, just a little bit heavy for small children.

Rebekah Lodge holds annual meeting

By Delpha Jones
The McNary District of the Rebekah Lodges of Oregon, held their yearly meeting at the Oddfellow Hall in Heppner with chairman Delpha Jones in the chair.

The meeting started with a coffee hour at 9 a.m., with Holly lodge opening in the Rebekah degree with the noble grand Kathy Clark residing. The introduction of the assembly state marshal and president was held with Holly seating the distinguished guests.

The meeting was then turned to the district meeting of officers: chairman Delpha Jones; vice chairman Betty Schubert secretary Marguerite Maznart; treasurer Marj Keller; warden Marlene Grey; conductor Geri Martin; chaplain Freda Wolverton; R.S. chap Pauline Barton; L.S. chap Mary Linklighter; past chairman Barbara Zink; O.S. guardian Donna Blades; ISG Merle Green; musician Vivian Larson; R.S. chairman Bertha Blades; LS chairman Virginia Peck; R. altar bearer Dorothy Wilson; and L. altar bearer Isabelle Jones.

The address of welcome was given by Clark and response by

Integrity lodge of Milton-Freewater. Integrity was chosen as the next meeting place. A tribute to the president of the State Assembly, Marilyn Walter, and the nomination of officers were held.

A dinner was served at noon by Holly, with a program by a women's quartet from Hermiston and Irrigon. When the meeting reconvened, a tribute to the past chairman was given by Pauline lodge. The tribute included two "cowboys" riding their stick horses, roping the ladies and presenting them with gifts.

An impressive tribute to the American Flag was enjoyed by all and given by Sunbeam Lodge. Afterwards, Walter gave the group a most instructive talk and answered questions.

Then the lights went off in the building and candles were lit. Each lodge gave a report on pet projects of their lodge with much emphasis on community service. The seating of the 1996 officers was given by Pauline with the meeting being closed by Holly.

McNary District consists of Integrity lodge; Sunbeam lodge of Hermiston; Pauline lodge of Pendleton and Holly lodge of Lexington. All the committees gave reports. The chairman presented noble grands of each lodge a rose in appreciation of the work they had done in helping their members prepare for the day. There were 37 people present.

School positions announced

By April Hilton-Sykes
Heppner Junior/Senior High School Principal Steve Dickenson has announced that Barney Lindsay has been recommended for the vo-ag position at Heppner Junior/Senior High School.

The position became available mid-term upon the resignation of teacher Dave Umbarger.

Dickenson said that Lindsay will start Oct. 30 assuming appropriate certification is received.

Dickenson also announced that a full time aide position has been awarded to Pam Piper, who transfers from her position as a bus driver, and a three-hour position with a monolingual Spanish speaking student was offered to Pam Worden.

Head high school girls basketball coach is John Boyer. Dickenson said that the assistant girls' basketball coach's position is open and the other head coach applicants will be considered for that position. Winter sports will start Nov. 6.

Dickenson said that there were still openings in the following positions: high school JV girls' basketball coach; junior high school seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball coach; high school boys' C-team basketball coach; cheerleader advisor; and dance team advisor. Dickenson said that the activities will be cancelled if coaches or advisors cannot be found.

Port of Morrow receives funding

The Port of Morrow in Boardman has received \$186,790 for infrastructure development from the North Central Oregon Regional Strategy Board (NCORSB).

NCORSB, representing community and economic development interests in Morrow, Gilliam, Grant, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties, approved funding for four projects, including the Port of Morrow, totaling \$511,790, in a meeting at Condon, Thursday, Oct. 19.

The other funded projects include: runway reconstruction at John Day State Airport in Grant County, \$85,000; Biggs wastewater treatment project, located at Biggs Junction in Sherman County, \$100,000; and solid waste transfer facilities in Wheeler County, \$140,000.


NCORSB received 20 project funding requests for a total of \$1,173,688 from Regional Strategy. The Regional Strategy program is funded from Oregon Lottery proceeds.

MCGG annual meeting Nov. 6

The Morrow County Grain Growers annual meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner. Dinner will be served by the Willows Grange.

The featured speaker will be Linda Grep, director of community relations for the Evergreen School District in Vancouver. She is also a motivational speaker and entertainer.

Also on the agenda is elections of directors and reports from company officers.



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