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## Rodeo Court has busy weekend



Queen Brenda Holtz shake hands with Heppner city administrator Gary Marks, while princesses Dawn Boor, Stormy Howard and Beth Hermanns look on.

Last weekend, the 1996 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court participated in the Fort Dalles Days parade, queen's luncheon and rodeo grand entry. They placed first in the courts division of the parade.

On July 13-14, Queen Brenda Holtz and her court traveled to Athena and Elgin.

Saturday morning the royals were accompanied by pennant bearers Nonie Walters, Maci Childers and Katie Bacon for the Caledonian Days Parade in Athena.

Following the parade, Queen Brenda Holtz, Princesses Stormy

Howard, Beth Hermanns, and Dawn Boor, and their parents traveled to Elgin.

Pennant bearer Sybil Krebs joined Katie Bacon and Maci Childers to escort the court along the parade route at Elgin. The pennants and chaperone Glenda Taylor joined the court at the Elgin Queen's luncheon where they invited all the courts to come to the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Aug 14-18.

All of the past queens for the Elgin Stampede joined this year's courts in the grand entry of the afternoon rodeo to celebrate the Stampede's 50th year.

"In spite of the 100 degree weather both days, I think we all had a good time spreading the word about the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Aug 14-18," said a court spokesperson.

Tuesday, the Queen and her court and pennant bearers were guests at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce luncheon. They were accompanied by several of their mothers and chaperone Darcy Robinson.

Next weekend, the court will travel to Joseph for the Chief Joseph Days parade and rodeo.

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## Auto accident victims update

Adam Doherty, 16-year-old son of Mike and Cindy Doherty, Heppner, who was injured in an automobile accident July 11, has been moved to another hospital to begin rehabilitation, his mother reports.

Adam was moved from Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

His address will now be: Adam Doherty, c/o Good Samaritan Hospital, RIO Room 2B,

1015 N.W. 22nd, Portland, OR, 97210. Friends may visit him or call (503) 413-8752 evenings or weekends. Cindy says that he will be busy with rehabilitation during the day.

Adam sustained spinal cord injuries in the accident.

Bill Schlaich, 18, son of Lorrie and Kelly Fox, and Terry Schlaich, who sustained severe injuries to his arm, has undergone several surgeries and is still at OHSU, 3 N.W. Room 3412, 3180 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR, 97201-3090.

Brian Knowles, the son of Butch and Mary Knowles, Buttercreek, who suffered head injuries in the accident, was listed in satisfactory condition Tuesday at St. Mary Medical Center, 401 W. Poplar, Walla Walla, WA, 99362. Upon admission to the hospital July 12, Brian's condition had been listed as critical.

The other two teenagers in the accident, Shaun Hisler and Jim Schlaich were treated and released. Shaun, 18, the son of Paul and Susan Hisler, Heppner, sustained injuries to his knee. Jim Schlaich, 17, the son of Lorrie and Kelly Fox, and Terry Schlaich, received cuts and bruises in the accident.

Accounts have been set up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon for each of the families of the injured teenagers. Those who would like to donate money toward the families' lodging, travel, food, and other expenses may do so at the bank.

## Lions help accident victims

The Heppner Lions Club will be sponsoring a special blood drawing on Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 2-6 p.m.

Donors will be able to credit their blood donations to recent accident victims Adam Doherty, Bill Schlaich and Brian Knowles. "We know the blood drive is a few weeks away, but we want people to mark their calendars early in order to help with this blood drawing," said Rollie Marshall, Lions Club organizer.

Lea Calvert, Lions Club president, said that she "wanted to let folks know that the Heppner Lions Club projects are almost always geared toward helping our local kids."

Anyone interested in becoming a Lion or if wishing to schedule an appointment now for the blood drawing may call Marshall at 676-9125.

## Pool construction plans are on hold

By April Hilton-Sykes

Plans for construction of the swimming pool to be built in Heppner, funded through the Willow Creek Park District (WCPD), are on hold for the time being, awaiting a decision by Circuit Court Judge Rudy Murgo, as to whether certain petitioners will be allowed to withdraw from the district.

"We hope we would have had a decision by now," said WCPD member Bob Kahl. "He (Murgo) has had over 60 days."

Kahl said they are not certain how Murgo's decision will affect the funding for the pool's construction.

While the board is awaiting the decision, they are considering design issues for the pool, which they are proposing to build on the highway coming into Heppner.

Kahl said that the board is now considering six lanes for the pool, rather than the initially proposed four lanes. Kahl said that six lanes are required for swim meet competition. Swim meets would increase utilization of the pool and increase pool revenue, he said. They would also draw more people, and subsequently more revenue into the Heppner area. "It would be penny-wise and pound foolish not to consider it (six lanes for swim meet competition)," said Kahl.

Voters approved operating expenses for the pool for three years, but after that, funding for operating monies is uncertain.

An increase in space for lanes may somewhat alter the pool design and could possibly place a proposed therapy pool in a different place. People for the Pool, a fund raising group, is concerned that placing the proposed therapy pool in a different location at the site, may put the therapy pool out of their financial reach. People for the Pool has raised between \$68 and \$69 thousand dollars to fund the therapy pool, which

was originally estimated at around \$100,000. Changes could bring the price tag for the therapy pool and its building up to as high as \$170,000, said a People for the Pool spokesperson.

Kahl, however, stressed that the basic pool has always been the WCPD priority and that extras, such as a therapy pool, would have to be funded through grants, donations and other fund raising efforts.

People for the Pool has planned a meeting on Monday, July 29, at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Basin Electric Conference Room to receive input and discuss their options concerning the therapy pool. Options could include: building a shell to house the therapy pool and waiting for construction of the

therapy pool until additional funds are obtained; or continuing their fund raising efforts to earn enough to build both the therapy pool and its building. People for the Pool is discussing hiring a professional grant writer to obtain the balance of the funds.

People for the Pool are also seeking additional board members.

## Fair & Rodeo tab deadline July 26

The deadline for news and advertising for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo supplement in the Gazette-Times is Friday, July 26 at 5 p.m.

## Shrine game tickets still available

Gene Orwick, in charge of local ticket sales for the annual East-West Shrine game, says he still has some "extremely good seats left" for the game, set for Saturday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Baker City High School stadium.

Chris Sykes of Heppner will play in the game.

Orwick says that anyone wishing to buy tickets should contact him at 989-8342 by July 31 at the latest. Tickets are \$8.50 each.

The weekend starts off with a Cowboy breakfast in the park, followed by the parade at 10:30 a.m. Pre-game pageantry will get underway at 6 p.m. with kick-off at 7 p.m. Half-time entertainment will include the auction of a championship steer, one football and two caps autographed by Steve Young and Jerry Rice of the San Francisco 49ers. Special guest will be a three-year old burn patient from Vernonia. A video record of the game will be available. "The event can only be

enhanced by a sell-out attendance," said a Shriners news release.

A squad of 32 players and 32 alternates was chosen for both the east and the west teams. A coach and two assistants have been selected by a rotating process for each team, and the team officials have been named by a similar process.

Melody Wrightman of Ontario is queen for the 1996 season. She and her escort will join the teams at player pickup at the Valu-Inn in Oregon City on August 7. The players will attend a seven-day training camp at Eastern Oregon State College in La Grande immediately prior to the game. The time, talents and energies of all the participants are donated to the game. That, plus the statewide support of businesses, media, private individuals and a lot of Shriners help to make this event the number two athletic fund raiser for Shriners Childrens Hospitals in North America, said the release.

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