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## Local teens capture state high school titles; head to nationals

Justin and Lexi Matteson and Emmet Evans, all Heppner, and Angela and Tiffanie Munkers, Lexington, all took state championship titles at the Oregon High School Rodeo Finals held June 20-22 at Prineville, and earned a trip to the National High School Rodeo Finals planned July 14-20 at Pueblo, Colorado.

The Intermountain boys' team and the Columbia Basin girls' team took the championships.

Intermountain's Annie Hisler of Heppner finished fifth and eighth in her events at state finals, qualifying for the Silver State International Rodeo this weekend at Fallon, Nevada.

Justin Matteson, leader of the Intermountain boys' team, won the calf roping event with teammate Ben Rodriguez, second, and finished fifth in steer wrestling. He also teamed up with Columbia Basin's Katie McCoin, Condon, to take eighth in team roping.

Angela and Tiffanie Munkers and McCoin were leaders of the Columbia Basin girls' team.

Angela Munkers won the goat tying event and finished 12th in breakaway roping and 14th in barrel racing.

Tiffanie Munkers took fourth in goat tying, eighth in pole bending, 15th in barrel racing and 17th in breakaway.

Lexi Matteson, Intermountain team, finished second in barrel racing and pole bending. She also took sixth in goat tying and 15th in breakaway roping.

Intermountain's Emmet Evans won the team roping event, along with Vic Thompson, Pendleton. Evans was also third in calf roping and seventh in saddle bronc.

McCoin finished third in barrel racing, 14th in pole bending, tied for 16th in goat tying and 18th in breakaway roping.

Intermountain's Andy Cleveland, Pendleton, finished fourth in bareback riding to qualify for nationals.

Columbia Basin's boys were led by Nate Filbin of Dufur and Ty Wilkins of Arlington. Both qualified for nationals in two events.

Filbin finished second in bareback riding and third in saddle bronc riding. Wilkins placed third in bull riding and fourth in saddle bronc.

Intermountain's Zane Gibbs, Stanfield, finished sixth in saddle bronc.

Amber Evans of Pilot Rock finished seventh in barrel racing.

Following are top four and local competitors' final standings for the Oregon High School Rodeo finals, Prineville:

(Top four go to national finals; placers five-eight go to Silver State.)

Bareback: 1st-Ross Coleman, 150; 2nd-Nate Filbin, Dufur, CB, 136-1/2; 3rd-Andy Cleveland, Pendleton, IM, 94; 4th-Bill Jepsen, 92.

Barrels: 1st-Hayley Atwood, 133; 2nd-Lexi Matteson, Heppner, IM, 121; 3rd-Katie McCoin, Condon, CB, 116; 4th-Catrina McVey, 94; 7th-Amber Evans, Pilot Rock, IM, 67; 8th-Annie Hisler, Heppner, IM, 56; 14th-Angela Munkers, Lexington, CB, 26; 15th-Tiffanie Munkers, Lexington, CB, 24; 16th-Billie Joe Swanson, Pendleton, IM, 23; 20th-Laina Matthews, Pendleton, IM, 11.

Breakaway Roping: 1st-Trisha Legg, 135; 2nd-Melissa Hammers, 94; 3rd-Amy McComas, 89; 4th-Jenny Tatte, 87; 12th-A. Munkers, 33; 15th-L. Matteson, 20; 17th-T. Munkers, 18; 18th-McCoin, 14; 21st-A.



Justin and Lexi Matteson



L-R: Katie McCoin, Tiffanie Munkers, Angela Munkers



Emmet Evans

Evans, 10; 23rd-Swanson, 8-1/2; 24th-L. Mathews, 8.

Bull Riding: 1st-Ross Coleman, 136; 2nd-Jimmy Floyd, 114; 3rd-Ty Wilkins, Arlington, CB, 103-1/2.

Calf Roping: 1st-Justin Matteson, Heppner, IM, 112; 2nd-Ben Rodriguez, Stanfield, IM, 106; 3rd-Bobby Alexander, 103; 4th-Jack Pearce, 87-1/2; 7th-Emmet Evans, Heppner, IM, 69; 17th-Vic Thompson, Pendleton, IM, 24.

Goat Tying: 1st-A. Munkers, 125; 2nd-Legg, 108; 3rd-Hammers, 105; 4th-T. Munkers, 101; 6th-L. Matteson, 79; 16th (tie)-McCoin, 13; 18th (tie)-Mathews, 11; 22nd (tie)-A. Evans, 5.

Pole Bending: 1st-Atwood, 134; 2nd-L. Matteson, 114; 3rd-Amy Landrus, 112; 4th-Legg, 89; fifth-Hisler, 82; 8th-T. Munkers, 65; 14th-McCoin, 23; 16th-Mathews, 19; 18th-Swanson, 14.

Saddle Bronc: 1st-Jared McFarlane, 120; 2nd-Coleman, 116; 3rd-Filbin, 110-1/2; 4th-Wilkins, 99; 6th-Gibbs, 62-1/2; 7th-E. Evans, 42.

Steer Wrestling: 1st-Jake Seavert, LaGrande, 130; 2nd-Pearce, 128; 3rd-E. Evans, 126; 4th-Trevor Knowles, 99; 5th-J. Matteson, 97; 7th-Ben Rodriguez, Stanfield, IM, 71.

Team Roping: 1st-Thompson/E. Evans, IM, 101-1/2; 2nd-Jared McFarlane/Bobby Alexander, 90; 3rd (tie)-Bobby Bewley/Kyle

## Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

### Ione has drop box

To the Editor:  
After reading in the Heppner paper about the newspaper recycling drop boxes being removed for a few weeks due to construction, I'd like to draw it to everyone's attention that the American Legion Auxiliary maintains a newspaper drop box behind the post office in Ione.

The Ione American Legion Auxiliary is a service organization, who supports our

veterans, veterans' hospital gift shop, needy families at Christmastime, girls' state and many other worthwhile projects throughout the year.

This convenience could save someone a trip to Hermiston or Pendleton and we certainly do appreciate anyone who utilizes this service.

Sincerely,  
(s) Jean Jepsen  
Ione

### Rainbow Gatherings gather in peace

To the Editor:

I have been going to Rainbow gatherings for nearly a decade now, and so I know the impact such a large group of our family can have on the local communities we gather near. There are positive and negative impacts, I know, but we are here to gather in peace and want to share our vision for world peace and healing through prayer and silent meditation on the 4th of July, from dawn until noon.

No one individual can speak for the Rainbow Family. However, I know firsthand that many in the family are very disturbed about the flyers threatening "your children" and something about "damnation".

Rainbows are very protective of their children and care for them carefully and with love, as I'm sure every one of your readers does. We have a record of peaceful non-violent behavior during the entire 25 years of our gatherings. We are not child predators.

The gathering is a free, non-commercial public event. In other words, everybody who has a bellybutton is a Rainbow. And everyone is welcome to observe and participate in the Rainbow vision of community focus, but we are not here to steal your children.

If you come, please leave your alcohol behind. Bring your flashlight, cup and a spoon. Contributions are welcomed for our free kitchens, but all other uses of money are strongly discouraged at our non-commercial, free events.

In peace,  
(s) Laurie Solomon

### Corrections

An entry in the Sheriff's Report in the June 25 issue of the Gazette-Times was in error.

A patient at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reported to a PMH employee that the patient had been punched in the eye and had a gun pulled on her.

The entry for June 7 erroneously reported that a hospital employee had been punched and had a gun pulled on her.

Birdine Tullis' name was misspelled in the June 25 edition of the G-T. Tullis had been selected grand marshal of this year's annual Fourth of July celebration in Ione.

In the story entitled, "Measure 50 gives out tax bases", Morrow County's one-year serial levy was \$3 million, not \$4 million as stated in the story.

In the same story, Heppner City Manager Gary Marks spoke before the Oregon Senate Revenue Committee, not the board.

## BURNING BAN

Effective July 9, 1997, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner is imposing a closed season for open burning based on local fire safety concerns. This burning ban is for the City of Heppner. A reminder that open burning also includes a "burn barrel". The closed season will remain in effect until further notice this fall as per ORS 478.960.

## US should meet China's challenge

To the Editor:  
As reported June 29 on CNN World Report, educational leaders in Hong Kong plan to have a ratio of two students to every computer by the year 2002. All teachers will be using

computers in their classrooms. We in the USA will become second-class world citizens if we do not meet this challenge. Who amongst us wants to take their orders from Beijing?  
(s) Meg Murray  
Ione

## Pioneer Memorial's nurses fully trained

To the Editor:

In regards to the letter written by Lori Straley, RN, that was published in the June 25 edition of the Heppner Gazette, I would like to assure the citizens of Morrow County that the use of uneducated, untrained "RN's" is only a proposal that is being brought before the Oregon State Legislature. Ms. Straley, I believe, was attempting to call the community's attention to a potential problem if this proposal is successfully adopted by the legislature.

I have been informed that there are many people in the community who are under the impression that the use of untrained, uneducated "RN's" is our current practice at Pioneer

Memorial Hospital. It is not and there is no intention of adopting this practice. I can ensure that any person who presents at Pioneer Memorial will be assessed by a registered nurse who holds a degree in nursing and is licensed as such with the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

I would encourage every citizen to contact your legislator concerning this issue, in order to prevent the use of "pseudo-nurses" in the hospital setting. As Ms. Straley eloquently pointed out, you do deserve a real nurse and you will get one at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home.

Yours truly,  
(s) Peggy Johnson, RN  
Director of Nursing

**Pioneer Memorial Clinic  
will be closed Friday,  
July 4th.  
Have a safe and happy  
4th of July!**

**You're invited to an  
80th Birthday  
Celebration-Roast  
for Ed Dick  
at his Lake Penland cabin  
beginning at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 12  
(Your presence is your gift!)**

July 4th  
**CLOSED. Have a good Fourth of July!**  
July 5th  
**Alumni Golf Tournament.**  
July 12th  
**Class of '77 Reunion. Fund raiser -- Family Portraits.**  
**For details, call the lodge at 676-9181, 676-5304 or 676-5303.**  
July 19th  
**Class of '57 Reunion.**

Bingo every Wednesday, starting at 7 p.m.  
Dining Friday & Saturday -- GREAT FOOD  
at reasonable prices! 6-9 p.m.

Many THANKS to all of those who helped with  
breakfast and dinner for 400 BMW motorcycle riders.  
The food was great and they will return next year.

**Heppner Elks 358**  
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*We Will Be Closed July 4th*