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Hard hat ambassadors help merchants cope



Chamber of Commerce "Hard Hat Ambassadors" (L-R) Cara Osmin, Norma French, Suzanne Jepsen, Cam Wishart, Claudia Hughes and Betty Carlson, enjoy Kate's Pizzeria's back door entrance after delivering Chamber Main Street News and chocolate kisses. Not pictured are ambassadors Pat Edmundson, Jerri Sly, John Edmundson, Al Trachsel and Doris Brosnan.

Record number attends prefair

By Shelby Krebs

A record number of 4-Hers attended the Home Economics and Expressive Arts Prefair on July 8.

Prefair is an opportunity for younger 4-H members to learn the basics about competing at fair. 4-H members Mandi Gutierrez, Jessica Krebs and Shelby Krebs planned the program and incorporated topics they felt would be beneficial at fair. Leaders and members were involved in many of the activities.

The morning began with Shelby Krebs of Cecil, who gave an overview of fair and explaining how to register for contests and exhibits. "Round and Round We Go," taught by the Spools and Spoons 4-H Club of Boardman, showed how cookies should look when exhibited. Shelley Rietmann of Heppner represented the Kool Kitchen Kids club with her presentation on cake entrees.

The "Deal With Your Cards," taught by Jessica Krebs of Cecil, discussed the correct format for recipe cards. Jessica also led "Pudding It Together," an interactive activity using pudding and ice cream cones. These tasty treats were enjoyed by all.

Following Jessica, Erin Crowell of Ione told the importance of "Burying Your 4-H Treasures" in a scrapbook. Erin presented many new and fun ways to put together scrapbooks which is a contest open to all 4-Hers at fair.



Mandi Gutierrez

Putting on the finishing touches was Mandi Gutierrez of Ione, who spoke about coordinating and merchandising clothing exhibits and contest. Shannon Wetherell

of Boardman gave insights on how to write a modeling commentary and then assisted Mandi with "Turning Into Perfection," a modeling demonstration.

Heppner preschool to begin Sept. 2

Heppner Preschool will begin Tuesday, September 2. Preschool is available for all children who will be three or four years old on or before September 1.

Tuition will be \$25 a month for three year olds and classes will be held for them on Wednesdays from 8-11 a.m.

Tuition for four year olds will be \$50 and classes will be held for them on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-11 a.m.

Anyone who would like to

enroll their child in preschool, but who is unable to afford these fees, may contact Kathy Cutsforth with The Morrow County Headstart Program, 676-9150.

Preregistration for preschool will be held at the Heppner Daycare August 4-22. Call the day care center to preregister, 676-5429

For more information, call Kim Cutsforth, 676-9625, or Sue Norton, 676-5429.

Pool's open!



Swimmers line up for a ride down the water slide

The long-awaited Willow Creek Water Park opened for swimmers Sunday, August 3 and, by attendance records, the pool made a big splash with swimmers.

Waterpark manager Sarah Carlson said that attendance peaked at around 130 at each of two sessions held Sunday.

Carlson said that the opening of the waterpark has gone smoothly. "It's going really well," said Carlson. "We've got a good staff of lifeguards. They're learning and everybody else is learning how to use the new pool."

Carlson reminded swimmers not to bring any toys to the pool because they can get caught in the pool's gutter. "Anything thinner, flatter or smaller than an inch, and it's gone," cautioned Carlson. "Please leave the toys at home."

Carlson also said that no flotation devices will be permitted at the pool except during tube time. She said that flotation devices such as water wings or life jackets can give small children a false sense of security. All kinds of flotation devices are permitted during tube time.

Carlson also requested that people do not park in the dirt area right in front of the pool building. A parking area for pool patrons has been graveled a short distance to the right of the building and people may parallel park alongside the road on Riverside Street. The area right in front of the building is not for parking because the property belongs to the county, not the park district, and driving vehicles in the dirt creates a "cloud of dust" flying into the pool. Carlson said that they clean the pool daily, but it is difficult keeping up with the dirt blown in.

Carlson asks that swimmers be sure that their suit has been laundered and that they shower before entering the pool, especially if they have been swimming in Willow Creek Lake. This will not only cut down on the dirt carried into the pool, but will prevent algae from entering the water. She said that the pool is not treated with algae killing chemicals and some types of algae are impossible to remove.

Carlson also reminds parents that swimmers eight and under

must have a parent or guardian with them. Although the lifeguards are on duty, "little ones need to have watchful eyes on them," she said. Also, infants must have swim diapers when in the pool. The swim diapers in a girl's or boy's version are available at Murray Drugs in Heppner or other variety or drug stores.

Carlson said that people are under the mistaken impression that they need a doctor's note to use the indoor therapy pool. Those wishing to use the therapy pool need only call the pool for an appointment.

Regular pool hours are as follows: Monday through Friday: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. swim lessons, 1-3 p.m. open swim, 3:30-5:30 p.m. open swim, 5:30-7 p.m. swim lessons, 7-9 p.m. open swim; Saturday: 3-5 p.m. open swim/tube time, 6-9 p.m. family swim; Sunday: 1-4 p.m. open swim, 5-8 p.m. family swim. Lap swimming is offered any time the waterpark is operating.

Rates are as follows: single session admission-\$1.50 for those five and under, \$2 students, \$2.50 adults, \$6 family (during family swim); waterpark membership-1997 short season membership, \$60 family, \$35 individual; regular waterpark membership, \$180 family, \$100 individual; lessons \$20 members, \$30 non-members.

Waterpark employees include:

full-time assistant manager Karen Morgan, part time assistant manager George Nairns; full-time lifeguards Stephanie Clough, Amy Drake, Casey Ingraham, Josie Proctor, Macy Rhea and Dawn Sheirbon; part-time lifeguards Mandi Gutierrez, Kasye Keown, Amber Peck and Jessica Maben; and cashiers Rose Marie Buschke, Kelly-Jo Keithley and Virginia Martinez.

Everyone is invited to an open house and dedication of the waterpark on Saturday, August 9, at 10 a.m. at the site at 433 S.W.

Riverside Avenue. Heppner Elementary School third graders, under the direction of teacher Ralph Werner's direction, plan to sing "Roll on Willow Creek, Roll on", a song they wrote to the tune of "Roll on, Columbia, Roll on."

A free swim has been planned following the dedication, in honor of all the volunteer effort that made the project a reality.

Farm City Pro Rodeo this week

The Farm City Pro Rodeo is now underway through this Saturday, August 9, at Hermiston, in conjunction with the Umatilla County Fair.

Defending all-around cowboy Joe Beaver, current leader Cody Ohl and 10-time barrel racing champion Charmayne James lead a field of 439 contestants.

Ticket outlets include Gardner's Men's Wear in Heppner.

It must be Fair & Rodeo time



Local businesses get in the swing of fair and rodeo as Colleen Williams dresses up store front and office windows in Heppner. Williams, who is from Umatilla, is in her sixth year of window painting, but this is her first year of caricatures-which look "right on" in capturing the likeness of local townspeople. Williams, of Williams Creations, covers Arlington, the Hermiston area, Umatilla, Stanfield, Echo and Heppner. "Window painting is my love," said Williams. "It's the most enjoyable because I get out to meet people. Out of all the towns I paint in," she added, "Heppner is the friendliest. The town of Heppner makes me feel so special, I stretch it out to a whole week. They're great people."

Williams says she does custom art work on request-painting signs, murals and banners. She says that although she has been interested in art since she was a child, she has had no formal art training.

The Morrow County Fair will be held August 13-17. The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo will be Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16 and the Morrow County Rodeo is planned for Sunday, August 17. The annual fair and rodeo tab publication is included in this week's Gazette-Times

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