

### Power Rents rodeo team to perform



Power Rents Rodeo Team

The Power Rents Rodeo Team, who will appear at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Saturday, August 16, in Heppner, has been entertaining fans at parades and rodeos throughout the Northwest for over 10 years.

These young women, all from Washington County, have combined their love of horses and riding into a mounted drill team that performs difficult precision maneuvers with their horses at high speed. This team has received many awards from local area parades including first place honors from the Portland

Rose Festival Parade Association for six out of the last eight years.

The team, sponsored by Power Rents, includes Stephanie Crop, Mary Eldred, Loyce Gilpin, Kristin Klein (not pictured), Christina McVey, Tanya Richards, Diann Simpson (not pictured), Marla VanDyke and Shirley VanDyke.

Team members say that Power Rents owner Irwin Schimmel, Hillsboro Power Rents manager Claude Werner and family and friends provide support for the team.

### Centennial exchange student returns



Joe Ciota (right)

Heppner Junior High School (HJHS) eighth-grader Brian Rust and his family were able to host their Centennial Middle School exchange student a second time.

Centennial eighth graders came to the Heppner-Lexington area in May for a week-long stay with HJHS students and their families. But, the Rusts' exchange student, Joe Ciota, wanted to visit again and experience harvest.

Brian and Joe talked on the phone several times since the exchange and the two were able to visit in person when Joe's dad, Stan, brought him back to stay with the Rust family on their farm on Buttercreek.

Joe rode on the combine with Brian who has been driving truck during harvest. Joe got to help move service rigs and was excited about driving a pickup, says Brian's mother, Shannon.



Bill Torrence (left) is presented with a watch by Dave Mitchell of Kinzua Resources. Torrence retired after 20 years with the company. Over the years his jobs included security, clean up, utility operator and boiler operator.

### Matney to join OWGL staff

Tammy Matney of Vancouver, Washington, will join the staff of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) as its new director of member services. She will be primarily responsible for support and coordination of county programs, working with associate members and designing membership programs.

Reared in The Dalles, Matney spent five years working in the Wasco County District Attorney's office as a legal assistant. Currently, she is completing work for a bachelor's degree in business management and communications. She has also been certified by the Convention Liaison Council in Washington, D.C., as a certified meeting planner (CMP), one of only 11 CMPs in Oregon.

Matney has spent the last four years with the Oregon Wheat Commission in Portland, most recently as acting administrator. She also served the commission as the associate administrator.

She has been active with the Agriculture in the Classroom program, Meeting Professionals International, and the Oregon Junior Miss scholarship program.

Matney will make her home in Pendleton with her two children.

She will join the OWGL staff on August 18 and will concentrate initially on coordinating fall meetings with county presidents. Additional responsibilities will include membership expansion and retention, coordination of member benefits and assisting in OWGL outreach programs.

Matney will also serve as the administrator of the Oregon Grains Commission the state's barley growers, replacing Julie Newton in that position.

"I consider it to be an honor to serve the growers of Oregon and look forward to working with the Oregon Wheat Growers League," Matney said. OWGL Executive Vice President Daren Coppock said Matney's energy and skills will be a valuable addition to the OWGL team.

### Apply now for special hunts

Waterfowl and upland bird hunters should apply now for the special reservation hunts held at the McCormack Slough Unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge and the McKay Creek National Wildlife Refuge.

The Umatilla Refuge is now accepting reservation applications for the McCormack Unit Waterfowl Hunt, located three miles west of Irrigon. Applications must be postmarked by September 2 for the hunt season on this unit. Any waterfowl hunter wanting to apply for an advance reservation for this popular hunt should obtain an application from the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex Headquarters, 830 Sixth Street, P.O. Box 700, Umatilla, OR 97882, (541) 922-3232.

Successful applicants will receive numbers designating the order of blind selection. After successful applicants have selected their hunting sites, unoccupied sites will be filled by standby hunters according to a drawing conducted at the hunter check station each hunt morning.

As a reminder, hunt fees have been amended on all controlled waterfowl hunts within all National Wildlife Refuges within the Pacific Region. Beginning this hunt season there will be a non-refundable \$3 application fee, which must be submitted with your application. Make checks payable to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In addition, blind fees for reservation and standby hunters have been reduced to \$5 per hunter or \$10 per blind (whichever is more) and are payable at the time of the hunt. Also, a \$50 season pass is available this year and may be purchased at the hunter check station.

As always, there is no fee for youth hunters aged 15 years or younger. Holders of Golden Age or Golden Access Cards pay half

price for hunt fees (daily hunt fee or season pass).

Upland game bird hunters may apply to hunt opening weekend on the McCormack Unit by sending a postcard with their name, address and day they wish to hunt, Saturday or Sunday, to Umatilla Refuge Upland Hunt, P.O. Box 700, Umatilla OR 97882. Selected hunters will be allowed two permits. A \$5 reservation fee will be charged at the unit on the day of the hunt. Applications for this hunt must be postmarked by September 15.

To apply for a Youth Hunt Day, Saturday December 6, or Tuesday, December 30, send a standard postcard with your name and address and words "Youth Hunt Day" on it. Youth must be 10 to 17 years old to participate in this hunt, have a hunter safety card and must be accompanied by an adult companion at least 21 years old. Reservation and blind fees will be waived for youth hunters and their companions for the Youth Hunt. Applications for the Youth Hunt must be postmarked by November 1.

Hunters wishing to apply for permits to hunt upland birds on opening day, October 18, at the McKay Creek National Wildlife Refuge outside Pendleton must send a \$2 application fee, along with their name, address and the name "McKay Refuge" to McKay Creek Refuge Hunt, P.O. Box 700, Umatilla OR 97882. If selected, each hunter will receive two permits for the Saturday hunt. McKay Creek NWR will not be open to hunting on Sunday, October 19.

For more information contact the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex Headquarters at (541) 922-3232.

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### Ione, Heppner daily doubles begin

Football and volleyball practice for Ione High School students will be held Monday through Friday August 18-22 and 25-29.

Ione football players will have daily doubles beginning at 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Their first game will be at the Dufur Jamboree on Friday, August 29.

Ione volleyball players will have practice from 6-9 p.m. Their first game will be Thursday, Sept. 4, at Heppner at 5 p.m. for both varsity and junior varsity players.

A meeting of Ione volleyball players and their parents will be held on Monday, August 18, at 6 p.m. at the school.

For more information about Ione football, call the school, 422-7131, or coach Robin Graff, 422-7191. For information about Ione volleyball, call the school or coach Charity McElligott, 422-7356.

Daily doubles for Heppner High School football and volleyball teams will be held Monday, August 18, through Friday, August 22.

Daily doubles for Heppner football will be held from 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Heppner volleyball daily doubles will be from 9-11 a.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. except for evening practice Thursday, August 21. Evening practice that day will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with swimming at the Willow Creek Waterpark from 9-10 p.m., dinner at HHS from 10-11 p.m., more volleyball from 11 p.m.-midnight, followed by a sleep-over at the gym and more practice Friday morning. Their first game will be Thursday, Sept. 4, against Ione at home at 5 p.m. with varsity, junior varsity and C-team players.


A meeting for Heppner volleyball players and their parents will be Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 5:15 p.m. at the HHS home ec room.

For more information about football, call Les Payne, 922-3294, Greg Grant, 676-5257, or Heppner High School, 676-9138. For information about volleyball, call Terri Gentry, 676-5239, or the school.

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