Ione Youth Group aids fund raising event in Portland

Ione Youth Group holds plaque awarded Outreach Ministry for their first place finish in collecting pledges. Left to right: 'Human Race' clown, Jannie Allen, Caitlin Orem, Natalie McElligott, Dorothy Jensen of Outreach Ministry, Tori Odinet, Elizabeth Allen, Charissa Gates, Allison Halvorsen, Laurel Cannon, Cathy Halvorsen, Jeri McElligott, Bill Rietmann.

The Ione Youth Group pushed Outreach Ministry of Burnside to the top in groups collecting pledges for the Human Race, a walk-run fund raising event. The walk took place July 26 at Waterworks Park in Vancouver, Washington.

There were 94 non-profit agencies and 852 registered walkers in this year's event, earning over $31,000 for the registered organizations.

Outreach Ministry's first place prize was a TV and VCR. All together they collected over $4,280 in pledges, $2,038 of which was donated by Ione Youth Group.

This is the fourth year that the Ione Youth Group has participated in the Human Race on behalf of Outreach Ministry. They were inspired to walk in memory of high school student Jason Halvorsen, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1994.

The money collected helps the Outreach Ministry staff to care for the chronically ill, and to provide a family support system by caring for the personal needs of the homeless people in the Burnside area of Portland.

Fifteen individuals represented Ione Youth Group in this year's walk. Walkers were Laurel Cannon, Bill Rietmann, Jannie Allen, Bonnie Ball, Jeri Paavola, Judy Davidson, Brandi Orem, Jeri McElligott, Cathy Halvorsen, Tori Odinet, Elizabeth Allen, Charissa Gates, Allison Halvorsen, Natalie McElligott, and Caitlin Orem.

Cathy Halvorsen was awarded two airline tickets from Southwest Airlines for having collected the most money of all participants.

Left to right: Caitlin Orem, Natalie McElligott, Brandi Orem walk in 'The Human Race'.

Past queens invited to parade

In celebration of the 75th year of the Morrow County Rodeo in Heppner, all former fair and rodeo queens and their courts are invited to participate in the Main Street parade on Saturday, August 16, beginning at 10 a.m., and will be guests at a luncheon immediately following at the St. Patrick Catholic Church Parish Hall.

A no-host get-together to give former court members a chance to visit and reminisce has been scheduled for Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Those participating in the parade should be at Green Feed and Seed by 9:30 a.m.

Former queens and their courts are asked not to bring their horses, said Bonnie Grant, Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo promotional director.. The Rodeo Committee will have flatbed trailers pulled by pickups and decorated with hay bales as the former royalty's transportation down the parade route.

Grant asks anyone who would like to donate the use of a pickup and flatbed to call her, 676-9667, by Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The committee is also seeking people to help decorate the flatbeds.

Queens and courts are invited to wear as much of their original court outfits as possible.

Artist-in-residence to lead music festival

Lisa Robertson, former artist-in-residence for the Ione and Condon public schools, will lead the annual Wallowa Lake Chamber Music Festival Aug. 14-17.

The festival, which attracts teacher-musicians from as far away as Germany, will perform two evening concerts. The opening concert will be held at McKenzie Theatre in La Grande at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14. A second concert will take place at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at the Odd Fellows Hall in Enterprise.

Admission is $5.

Highlighting the performances will be an original composition, "Harmonia Mundi," a suite for harmonica and chamber ensemble. Howard Levy, jazz harmonica stylist and composer of the suite, will perform with the chamber music ensemble. Levy, winner of a Grammy for best pop instrumental, will also conduct a jazz workshop Saturday, Aug. 16.

Levy is accepting students for the jazz workshop. For information about registration and fees, call Paula Bender-Baird, 541-426-3892.

Begun by Robertson in 1996, the festival-workshop draws musicians from throughout Eastern Oregon. Gloria Bainter, a violinist with the Oregon East Symphony in Pendleton, will participate and play second violin during the final concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, on the lawn at the Wallowa County Courthouse in Enterprise.

Workshop participants gather at the Methodist Camp at Wallowa Lake on Aug. 14 for three days of learning from professional musicians. In addition to Robertson, a violinist, the professional teachers are: violinist Fox Fehling of the Chicago Symphony, violinist Leonie Hartmann of Mainz, Germany; viola performer Erich Lear, music professor at Washington State University; and cellist Pavel Ulanicki of Cologne, Germany.

Robertson, who has performed internationally, was artist-in-residence for the Ione and Condon schools during the winter and spring of this year. She performed several concerts and recitals in the region.

She will teach violin and viola at Eastern Oregon University in the fall.

For information about the workshops and the concerts, contact Robertson at 541-426-6502.

NEWS DEADLINE

Monday.....5 p.m.

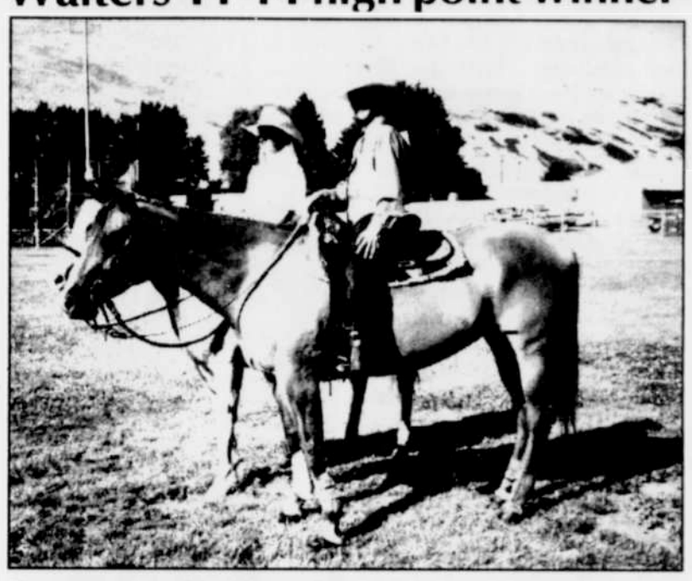
Ice cream social held at PMNH

Jeanne Kroske with mom Brandi Kroske (left), Justin and Stacy Deleaux.

An ice cream social was held at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home (PMNH) in Heppner.

Heppner Day Care children and neighborhood kids played in the pool at PMNH and enjoyed homemade ice cream with the residents.

Walters 11-14 high point winner



The photograph of the Morrow County Open Horse Show 11-14 year old high point riders was inadvertently omitted from the Aug. 6 G-T edition. Champion was Nonnee Walters. Reserve champion was Sibbea Jones.

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