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Road construction begins on east side of Main Street



Following the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Main Street Parade down Main Street Saturday, construction got underway this week on the east side of Main Street. Crossing the street Tuesday often proved difficult for pedestrians and motorists alike.

Colt football meeting set

A meeting of Colt football players and their parents has been planned for Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. at Heppner Elementary School.

Colt football is for fifth and sixth graders. For further information contact Kelly Fox at 676-9078.

Chamber starts two promotions



Heppner Chamber of Commerce director Claudia Hughes, along with Randall Peterson, owner of Penterson's Jewelers in Heppner, shows Hard Hat coupon specials starting in Heppner this week.

The promotion will feature special offers from Main St. businesses, and is available in this week's Heppner Gazette and at local stores. The coupons are good through Sept. 3.

Also starting this week is the Chamber sponsored punch card contest, with the winner to receive the choice of a three night four day vacation stay in either Anaheim, Las Vegas, Jackson Hole, Victoria BC, Reno or the California Wine Country.

Just pick up a punch card at any Heppner chamber of commerce member store where you see the contest poster, and for each five dollars purchased receive a punch on your card. When the \$25 card is filled just deposit it at any chamber member store and you will be eligible to win the vacation trip. The contest will run through Oct. 15 when a winner will be drawn.

Lifeguard training saves man's life



Nikki McElligott and Lee Ansotegui

Nikki McElligott of Ione is pretty happy that she took the lifeguard training course offered recently by Sarah Carlson at the Ione pool—and Lee Ansotegui of Heppner is too.

McElligott saved Ansotegui's life in a recent mishap with a horse.

Ansotegui helps out McElligott's parents, Joe and Jeri, moving their cattle from one place to another. Fifteen-year-old Nikki had earlier finished a babysitting job and, on Monday, August 4, decided to help out moving cattle at Hardman with Ansotegui and her sister, Natalie, 11.

The three stopped at a pond to give their horses a drink. Ansotegui's horse, however, ended up getting more than a drink. The horse went a little ways out and then a little farther, and then fell off with Ansotegui on it.

"I was up to my boots and then the next thing I knew I was up to my saddle horn," said Ansotegui.

Ansotegui tried to turn the horse around, but instead the horse tipped him off. Ansotegui tried to swim to shore, but a stroke he had suffered earlier left his left side paralyzed and he was unable to swim all the way in.

"I just couldn't go any farther," said Ansotegui. "And I was running out of air." He said that although he didn't get any of the

pond water in his lungs, he drank quite a bit of it. "I told her (Nikki) that I'd have had the rest of the pond drunk down," he laughed later.

Nikki and Natalie began yelling for Bob Steagall, who was a distance away. When Nikki realized that Steagall couldn't hear them and saw that Ansotegui was too tired to swim, she threw off her sweatshirt and jumped into the water, boots, jeans, hat and all. At first she thought she would be able to walk out, but then discovered she would have to swim. She put her arm around Ansotegui's neck and swam him to a shallow spot.

According to Nikki, Ansotegui, tried immediately to get up, but he was too fatigued and fell back into the water. She managed to get him back on shore a second time and kept Ansotegui from getting up by telling him that she was just too tired to pull him up again. She says that pulling him to shore was quite a bit harder than her practice in the pool with a rescue tube.

After the whole ordeal Natalie rounded up the horses, and Nikki and Ansotegui got back on their horses and finished out the day.

"He said thank you and went on his way," said Nikki. "He was really grateful." And the next day he sent her candy and a card.

Nikki says that she wasn't scared until the whole ordeal was over. She adds that Ansotegui told her that he doesn't ever plan on giving his horse a drink in a pond again.

Pre-schooler has close call at pool

A pre-schooler had a frightening experience at the Willow Creek Waterpark in Heppner recently, according to his mother.

The youngster, at the pool with a friend of the family, apparently walked along the sloping fan entry of the pool until he was over his head.

His mother said that at first it appeared that the boy was playing, but then pool officials realized that he was in trouble.

According to the mother, a pool manager pulled him from the pool and then a lifeguard administered the Heimlich Maneuver, after which the boy vomited water. His mother was called and then he was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

His mother says that after he was seen by a doctor, the boy, undaunted, told them he wanted to go back to the pool.

Cub Scout meeting set

A meeting will be held on Monday, August 25, at 6 p.m. at the Elks Club for anyone interested in becoming a leader for the local Cub Scouting program.

Mary Van Wagnen, district executive of the Blue Mountain Boy Scouts Council, will be on hand to provide information and answer any questions.

For more information before the meeting, call 676-9136.

MC Theatre to present "Dracula, Baby"

The Morrow County Theatre (MCT) is looking for "those who are not afraid of things that go bump in the night, the sight of blood, or being bitten on the neck." Readings and auditions for the theatre's fall production of "Dracula, Baby," will be held Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School band room.

This play needs people high school age or older who are enthusiastic. Those interested in being in the play or who want to be behind the scenes should contact Debbie, 422-7017, or Shelly, 422-7243.

The MCT is sponsored by the Morrow County Arts Council. Funds for this production are provided by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Football meeting scheduled for Aug. 21

A meeting for all Heppner High School football players and their parents has been scheduled for

this Thursday, Aug. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria.

Local library to resume story hour

Preschool story time will resume at the Heppner Public Library on Tuesday, September 2, at 7 p.m.

All children are welcome although content of themes is aimed at pre-readers. A simple craft project will be provided for the children to do, following 30 minutes of story-telling.

Any parent interested in reading of stories is welcome to participate.

The library continues to receive new books every month and will soon have copies of Danielle Steel's and Patricia Cornwell's new books. Everyone is invited

to come to the library and see their expanding collection. Any book that they don't have that anyone would like to read may be ordered from another library at no cost to the patron.

The library has recently changed our Saturday hours due to a large number of requests to do so. The library is now open from 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays. All other library hours remain unchanged. They are: Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, 1 to 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Book renewal may be done over the phone for anyone having trouble getting to the library for any reason.

Open house set at Ione preschool

Creative Care Preschool (CCP) in Ione will hold its open house Saturday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m.-noon.

"The preschool's 'Hands-On' curriculum is based on standards and practices set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and well-known theorists," said Michelle Raible of the CCP. "Children are exposed to a variety of information and activities to help develop social skills, math, science and pre-reading and writing concepts. They also offer experiences in music, art and cultural appreciation."

The open house will offer parents and children a chance to view the facility and learn about the

philosophy and teaching methods of the school.

CCP will begin its program on Tuesday, Sept. 2. Children must be at least three years old (and toilet trained) and be current on their immunizations to enter the program.

All children must be pre-registered to attend. Space is limited to 10 children per group.

For more information, contact Raible at 422-7037.

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