

79 riders pedal in St. Jude Bike-a-thon

Seventy-nine bike riders pedaled for charity on a beautiful Sunday afternoon at the annual Lone Bike-a-thon, April 26, raising funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Although the pledges have not been tallied or tuned in yet, organizers have deemed the event a success, both for the amount raised and the level of enthusiasm displayed. Counting both courses, approximately 1334 bike miles were ridden that day in the span of 2 1/2 hours.

Fifty-five riders, in all age groups, tackled the 22-mile Ruggs-to-lone route. Tom McElligott of Heppner was the first rider in, completing the course in about one hour and 10 minutes. Scott Tevault of Portland, who once again took time for roadside beautification, arrived in the second slot, followed by Adam McCabe and Colin McElligott. Matt Hams, a kindergarten student from lone, was the youngest rider ever to complete the tough course under his own power, pedaling the

route in about two hours and 14 minutes.

"An abundance of energy and enthusiasm was shown on the one-mile route within the city limits of lone where 24 riders pedaled madly," according to local organizer Anne Morter. Alan Rietmann tallied 23 miles followed by Aidan Burt with 21. While two-wheelers were obviously the vehicle of choice, tricycles and training wheels were also in use by some of the younger participants.

The riders enjoyed cold drinks, ice cream cones, cookies and a barbecue with the cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" upon their arrival at the finish line. The Bike-a-thon wrapped up in time for everyone to take in the lone Drama Club's production happening across the street at the lone City Park.

The deadline for turning in pledges and donations is May 18. Funds should be turned in with pledge sheets in an envelope to the Bank of Eastern Oregon in

lone, Tom McElligott at Morrow County Title and Abstract in Heppner or to Anne Morter. Riders should indicate their T-shirt size on their pledge sheet. Participants are urged to turn in money on or before May 18 so that prizes can be ordered as soon as possible, said Morter.

A list of riders will be posted soon in lone and Heppner. All funds raised during this event go directly to St. Jude Children's Hospital with all the cost of putting on the local event donated.

Funds raised from this event and others like it benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a leading children's cancer research facility which is funded mainly by donations from the public. St. Jude has one of the lowest overhead costs of any of the major health charities with 86 percent of every dollar going to current and future needs of the hospital, added Morter.

Airborne Division reunion planned

The 101st Airborne Division Association announces a "Gathering of Eagles" for its 53rd annual reunion August 19-22 of this year in Omaha, Nebraska.

More than 5,700 members of the association who served in the "Screaming Eagle" division in World War II, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Fort Campbell, KY, and other countries throughout the world are trying to renew friendships with fellow troopers with whom they served in combat and in peacetime training.

Jim Norene and Don Robinson, both of Heppner, served with the 101st Airborne Division in World War II.

For more information, write: Billy A. Carrington, executive secretary-treasurer, P.O. Box 101, Bentonville, OH 45105-0101, or call (937)549-4326.

IHS cast of "A Midsummer's Night's Dream"



The weather cooperated beautifully for the lone High School Drama Club's presentation of a "Midsummer Night's Dream" held outdoors Sunday afternoon, April 26, at the Morrow County Amphitheater at the lone City Park.

Director was teacher and Drama Club advisor Jim Raible.

Assistant director and stage manager was Katie Tworek.

Cast members are as follows: Theseus-Jake McElligott; Egeus, Cory Benetto; Lysander-Jeremy Rietmann; Demetrius-Nathan Rietmann; Philostrate-Ashley Carmack; Peter Quince-Nova Rietmann; Nick Bottom-Kara Miller; Francis Flute-Miranda McElligott; Tom Snout-Camie

Burright; Snug-Jessica Krebs; Robin Starveling-Ryan Benetto; Hippolyta-Erin Crowell; Hermia-Charissa Gates; Helena-Niki Sullivan; Oberon-Shelby Krebs; Titania-Allison Halvorsen; Puck-Lela Gribskov; Peaseblossom-Molly Barrow; Cobweb-Nikki McElligott; Moth-Jeanette Brantley; Mustardseed-Adrienne Swanson; and Fairy-Elizabeth Allen.

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Couple's travels "down under" lead to life in Oregon

When most people think of the "National Geographic", they think of remote and exotic locales. Certainly not Oregon.

But, when you're from New Jersey and living in Australia, however, Oregon can look pretty darned interesting, maybe even exotic.

That's how recent Heppner emigrants, Babette and Dennis Wall, selected Oregon as their home almost 30 years ago.

Babette and Dennis had both grown up in New Jersey. When they met, he was in the Navy and she was only 19 years old. They were married after a brief month-long courtship.

After their marriage Dennis signed up for a second hitch in the Navy and they went to a little Navy community of around 1,100 on the western coast of Australia. In their little town "an isolated spit of land about 800 miles north of Perth", they went snorkeling, scuba diving and fishing, catching prawns, Pacific lobster, groupers and jack sharks and then roasting them over big bon fires on the beach. In Australia, the newlyweds also read about the great hunting and fishing in Oregon in the "National Geographic" and dreamed about living there.

So, a year later, when he left the



Dennis and Babette Wall

Navy, they moved to Oregon. They lived in the Portland area for 18 years and then in Canby for 11 years.

Dennis, 54, was a sergeant with the Portland Police Department. He worked as a crime scene investigator, fingerprint examiner and in forensic photography. He was one of 40 people in the state court qualified as a fingerprint examiner. He retired four years ago after 24 years on the force.

Since Dennis had made and repaired boots and other leather items for most of his life, when he retired, he opened a boot shop at their home in Canby.

Babette, 49, was employed 24 years as a legal secretary for attorneys in the Portland area. The Walls also raised hogs in a feeder operation at their 10-acre ranch in Canby, "Pigs R Us", and had quarterhorses.

Their daughter, Christina, 22, showed horses and was state grand champion in swine showmanship in 1994 and 1995. She was also president of her FFA Chapter in Molalla. Christina, who now lives in Bozeman, Montana, is a junior at Montana State. She was Miss Clackamas County Rodeo Queen in 1996 and is Miss Livingston Round-Up this year. Livingston is located near Bozeman.

Babette enjoys sewing show and arena clothing for their daughter.

Dennis Wall had come to Heppner hunting and fishing many times, so when they began

looking for a small town to move to, Heppner was their choice. "We spent a lot of time looking up and down the valley," said Dennis. "And this is the town we liked. People have been so friendly to us. It's been really great."

"We feel very welcome," added Babette, who came to Heppner for the first time at New Year's. The Walls have purchased a home in Heppner and leased the former Tom's TV shop from Tom Springer. They heard about the shop from Lee Anstegui and just opened up their boot shop last Monday. Dennis makes custom-made boots, repairs boots and shoes and makes Western craft items, such as chaps, gun belts, holsters and cases. Babette will handle the bookkeeping end of the business.

The shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ("unless they're fishing," laughs Babette). Anyone wishing to place an order can stop by the shop or call 676-8735. They will also make appointments for items that need fitting.

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