

Area youth finish well in Cayuse Junior Rodeo

Area youth finished well in the year end standings for the Cayuse Junior Rodeo Association.

Madison Bailey of Heppner competed in the PeeWee Girls division and brought home the reserve championship in calf riding and fifth place in the PeeWee Girls breakaway roping. Brother Lane Bailey finished sixth in the PeeWee Boys barrel racing.

In the Junior Girls Division, Ione was represented by Tracy Griffith in fifth in the pole bending and ribbon roping and sixth in breakaway roping. Lacey Matteson of Heppner ended up third in the ribbon roping and sixth in barrel racing.

In the all around, Lacey Matteson finished sixth with Tracy Griffith in 10th.

Ryan Matteson of Heppner finished sixth in the Senior Boys ribbon roping and also ended up seventh in the all around. Ione's Ann Shear brought home fourth place in the Senior Girls pole bending.

Heppner's Healy clan was well represented by their Hermiston branch in the PeeWee Girls division. The family dominated the barrel racing with the championship going to Paige Davis, Jordan Crossley finishing third and Hailey Davis in fourth. Paige Davis also captured the pole bending championship, with Jordan Crossley named the reserve champion.

The goat tying competition saw Hailey Davis placing third, with Jordan Crossley in fourth. Jordan Crossley roped to third place in the breakaway roping.

4-H News

Just Horsin' Around

Just Horsin' Around met Dec. 12 at the fairgrounds, where club members toured the Wilkinson Arena. They talked about Thursday night riding with the 4-H Martingales Club. Each person must have 4-H enrollment forms and dues turned in at the 4-H office before they are allowed to ride.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds. A door prize will be given to a lucky participant, so don't miss out.

Crossley was named reserve champion, with Paige Davis in third and Hailey Davis in fifth. Former Boardman residents Kalah and Sammi Lane also

Merilee McDowell named MS walk chairman

Merilee McDowell has an excuse to lead people on.

After all, the Oregon Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has named the Heppner resident as the chair of the 10th annual MS Walk on Saturday, April 15, 2000.

As chair of this year's walk, McDowell will be responsible for coordinating the hundreds of walkers and volunteers expected to participate in the event. Her duties include securing sponsors, organizing walker sign-ups and overseeing the set-up of beverage stations along the walk site.

"I have MS, and it's gratifying to see everyone come together to work towards the common goal of finding a cure for this devastating disease," says McDowell.

Walkers collect pledges for completing the route, which begins at the All Saints Episcopal Church. Proceeds fund both national MS research and local client programs that provide accurate and current information for people with MS, help them find and keep jobs, and help their families understand and cope with the disease.

McDowell encourages people to get involved with this year's Walk. "This is a way to make a big difference," she says, "I believe there is great power in masses going forward with a common goal - one that could totally change my life and that of many generations to come."

Anyone interested in signing up to participate or volunteer in the Heppner-area MS Walk may contact the Oregon Chapter of the National MS Society at 1-800-344-4867. Walkers may also register on-line at www.orcnmss.org.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic disease of the central nervous system. It's a devastating disease because it usually strikes young adults between the ages of 20 and 40, and slowly steals physical functioning in unpredictable

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ways. Symptoms range from fatigue and numbness to blindness and paralysis.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports more research and provides programs, education, and public policy for more people with MS than any other national voluntary MS organization in the world. The Society currently funds more than 300 MS researchers, and chapters in every state meet the needs of the more than a third of a million Americans with MS.

To learn more about the MS Walk, contact the Oregon Chapter at (503) 223-9511 or call 1-800 FIGHT MS. For on-line registration information, go to the website at www.orcnmss.org.

Film to be shown at Christian Life Center

A showing of the film, "A Vow to Cherish," will be held at the Christian Life Center, 535 W. Morgan Street, Sunday, January 16, at 6 p.m.

Ken Howard and Barbara Babcock lead the cast of the film as John and Ellen Brighton—a loving Christian couple devoted to each other and their two children. Everything in their lives moves along as it should until, without warning, Ellen is diagnosed with a devastating illness.

Over the following months, the support and commitment of the entire family are severely challenged as Ellen gradually slips away into the grips of her "merciless infirmity." "For John, it ultimately leads him to face the reality of the marriage vows he made to her before God so many years before . . . to be at your side in sorrow and in joy, in sickness and in health, to love and cherish you always, as long as we both shall live."

The newest film release from World Wide Pictures (the motion picture ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association), "A Vow to Cherish" is tremendously personal and deeply emotional. It will give you a renewed look at the power of love, especially the power of God's love, and the grace He gives so freely," said a news release.

Pastor Tim Van Cleave and the congregation at the Christian Life Center invite everyone to attend.

For more information, call the church office at 676-5581.

Trace amount of chemical agent detected at depot

A trace amount of the GB Sarin chemical agent was reported January 1 in a chemical storage structure at the Umatilla Chemical Depot, according to a news release from Jim Hackett, Depot Public Affairs Office.

Depot officials said a low level of GB nerve agent was found during routine daily monitoring inside a chemical storage structure used to house chemical ammunition which has previously experienced small leaks of chemical vapor and been placed in larger ammunition containers.

The Depot said that the structure is being filtered and being checked hourly by depot workers. On Monday, a chemical crew was to start a routine process of finding the leaking munitions and placing it in a larger ammunition container.

"There is no danger to the public or the environment," the release said. "The two chemical storage structures housing munitions which have previously experienced problems are monitored daily."

Emergency operations centers in Umatilla, Morrow and Benton counties, as well as those in Oregon and Washington, have been notified about the trace amount of chemical agent.

Approximately 650 workers at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility left the job site January 3 out of concern for the handling of information regarding a trace amount of GB Sarin chemical agent detected in a chemical storage igloo at the UMCD Saturday, Jan. 1, during daily monitoring.

About 450 construction workers, supervisors, engineers and other office staff remained on the job. The construction work at the facility is approximately 75 percent complete.

Workers were expected to return Tuesday. Depot employees are working to locate the source of Saturday's agent vapor readings. The igloo primarily stores over-packed weapons that have previously "leaked" and is monitored daily. Therefore, when the source is found and over-packed, it will not need to be moved to another storage igloo, said Mary Binder, Depot Public Affairs Office.

UMCDF employees have been in a heightened state of concern stemming from recent events, such as the Dec. 30 CSEPP siren false alarm, the impacts of Y2K, the Sept. 15 construction incident and previous leakers. Because of the sophisticated, monitoring equipment, Depot officials emphasize finding a munitions emitting extremely small amounts of agent vapor is not uncommon.

The Depot has safely stored and managed the chemical munitions safely since they arrived in 1962, said the release.

Advice offered on raising drug free kids

By Marilyn Bader-Nesse, MA, CPS, Morrow County Prevention Specialist, Morrow County Behavioral Health

Barry R. McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, wrote a list of 10 resolutions for raising drug-free kids to Dear Abby in January, 1999. Abby responded by adding this list to her column along with statistics from a Newsweek survey, stating: of youth ages 11 to 17 found that parents (86 percent) and grandparents (56 percent) have the greatest influence on young people - more than TV, movies and music (which scored only 22 percent).

I would also like to add another very important group of people - any and all adults, young through seniors within our community. I am aware of several members of this community/county that are considered by the youth as "second moms," like Ann Spicer, Susie Prag, Gail Gutierrez. I know that there are perhaps many more adults, dad figures as well, that have no clue that the youth here consider them as role models.

I have added some additional ideas and numbers to their article for you. Please consider the following when engaging in conversations with our youth:

1. Start: It's never too early to discourage children from trying drugs. Protect them by letting them know you care. Even with very young children, this plays an important role in protecting them from drugs. Resolve to start right now.

2. Connect: Begin building lines of communication. Resolve to do things as a family. Spend time together, eat meals together and converse with your kids. Do activities that your kids want to do together: such as swimming, playing catch, etc., read together, play a game, attend services. Show your children healthy ways to deal with stress and show your children that having fun doesn't require drugs.

3. Listen: Take a more active interest in your children's lives. Know what they're up to - what parties they're attending, with whom, what will be served and who will be supervising. Resolve to spend at least 30 minutes a week listening to your kids' cares and concerns. Ask them their opinions on matters of life, allow them their opinions and promote healthy view-points.

4. Educate: Spend at least 30 minutes in the next 30 days explaining in simple facts to your kids how drugs can hurt them and destroy their dreams. Then, reinforce that message all year.

5. Care: Spend at least a few minutes each day telling and showing your children you care about them. Make sure they know how proud you are they are drug-free. Tell them you are always there for them - no matter

what happens. Don't bail them out, allow them to take the consequences for their actions and support them in doing this. Make sure they know to come to you first for help or information.

6. Learn: Children today are more sophisticated. In order to educate your children about the danger of drugs, you must first educate yourself. In many cases, you and your children can learn side-by-side. Sit down together in the coming months and learn about the risks drugs pose. Yes, tobacco and alcohol are drugs too, and as a parent we need to know how these affect us physically and mentally.

7. Set limits: Show your children you care by declaring limits: This family doesn't do drugs. This family doesn't hang around with people who do. Enforce these limits. If you say "no drinking and driving," it applies to you, too. Be consistent.

8. Get involved: Ensure that your community's streets, playgrounds and schools are safe and drug-free. Become active in your PTA or county's prevention team, 676-9161, join the community watch group, 676-5252, and/or the tobacco coalition through the Public Health Department, 676-5421, 481-4200.

9. Lead: Set an example. Don't drive drugged or drunk; don't let your friends drive impaired. If you, yourself, have a substance abuse problem, use the support of your loved ones and get help through Behavioral Health, 676-9161, 481-2911.

10. Be aware: Look for the warning signs that your child may be developing a substance abuse problem, and seek help, 676-9161, 481-2911, or Juvenile Department at 676-5642.

County artists display at chamber

Morrow County artists will have a display of paintings, hand-painted china, bronzes, sculptures and ceramics at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Tuesday, Jan. 11 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church parish hall.

A sketch by Bob Harrison of a proposed mural for the Antique Farm Machinery Building will be on display.


Any family having pictures of horse-drawn machinery is asked to submit copies of them to Bob or Sharon Harrison, Doris Bronnan, Betty Mills or Tom Shear. Those submitting photos are also asked to include years and anything else that would make a history of the pictures. They may become part of the mural when funds are raised.

Raffle tickets for a Bob Walton painting will be available, with all funds raised going towards the mural.

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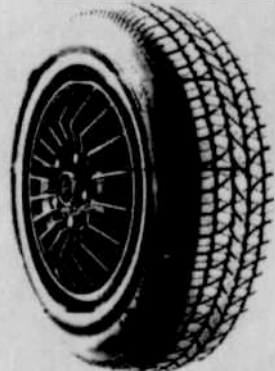
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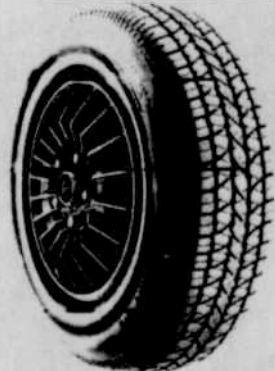


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City planning meeting cancelled

The regularly scheduled City of Heppner Planning Commission meeting which was to be held on

January 3 was canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

Regular meetings will resume on February 7.

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