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## Nicole Marshall to reign over Arlington rodeo

Many of the top rodeo contestants in the Northwest will be compete May 6-7 for prize money and custom-made Kenny Hanson belt buckles in events at the 53rd annual Arlington Saddle Club Jackpot Rodeo in Arlington.

2000 ASC Rodeo queen Nichole Marshall of Boardman will reign over the festivities.

Rodeo events include bronc riding, bull riding, roping, wild cow milking, steer wrestling, and barrel racing.

Other special events include a downtown parade on Saturday at 10 a.m. (open entry, line-up begins at 9 a.m.) and at 9 p.m.

a dance at the fire hall with music by recording artist Les Richardson and R & R Country.

On Sunday an all-you-can-eat breakfast will be served beginning at 7 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge and a cowboy church service by the Mid Columbia Chapter Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be at 9 a.m. in the arena grandstands.

Performances are set for 12:30 p.m. each day. Tickets are available at the gate.

For more information call (541) 454-2887.

## CSEPP exercise to be held May 10

American Red Cross Disaster Planner/CSEPP Ed Rutan met with Heppner area volunteers Saturday, April 29, in preparation for the nation-wide CSEPP exercise/drill to be held May 10 from 9 a.m. to around noon in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Also present were Diana Hanson, chairman of the Umatilla County Chapter of the Red Cross; Laura McElligott, Morrow County Public Health director; Glorine Wright, local Red Cross representative; and local volunteers.

A master list of Red Cross volunteers for Morrow County is being compiled. Volunteers are also needed for the May 10 exercise. People from ages 15 to

retirees are needed to help with a wide variety of activities.

Especially needed are bi-lingual (Spanish speaking) persons, security and medical personnel and people with first-aid training, as well as helpers for transportation of equipment, registration and food services.

Training is available through Red Cross classes held locally by Blue Mountain Community College.

Preparations are underway for Heppner to serve as a shelter area in the event of a disaster. Other volunteers are needed to prepare their own community areas in case of emergency needs.

For more information, call local Red Cross representative Glorine Wright at 676-9810.

## Boardman man arrested for possession of heroin

An undercover operation in Boardman resulted in the April 26 arrest of a Boardman man, Rafael Alvarez Mendoza, also known as Martin Sanchez Olvera, 26, for possession of tar heroin.

According to the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, which assisted the BENT team in the arrest, along with the Boardman Police Department and the Oregon State Police, a quarter pound of tar heroin was seized from Mendoza at the time of his arrest at the Boardman Marina.

A subsequent search of Mendoza's residence at 309 Donovan Loop in Boardman turned up additional quantities of heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine, said Morrow County Sheriff Verlin Denton.

Denton said that complaints of "unusual activity" at a Boardman video store at 200 N.W. First Street in Boardman prompted an investigation by the BENT team.

This, in turn, resulted in an undercover operative making drug purchases from the video store. Mendoza was arrested after a month-long investigation.

Mendoza was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on two counts of delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a Schedule One Controlled Substance (heroin); possession of a Schedule Two Controlled Substance (methamphetamine) and possession of a Schedule Two Controlled Substance (cocaine). Bail was set at \$65,000.

Denton noted that this was the first time that large amounts of heroin had been detected in Morrow County. He said that the heroin was in the form of a black sticky substance that is similar in color and texture to tar.

Denton added that the investigation is continuing and further arrests were expected.

## MC Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists its monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

Thursday, May 4-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, May 8-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, May 9-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Thursday, May 11-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, May 15-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, May 16-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Wednesday, May 17-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon clinic, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Thursday, May 18-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, May 22-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, May 23-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Thursday, May 25-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, May 30-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## Safe kids week features event

Children and the people who care about them can learn how to reduce injuries and deaths during the upcoming summer sports and recreation season through a week of learning events sponsored by the Oregon SAFE KIDS Coalition in honor of National SAFE KIDS Week.

Interactive displays and exhibits will teach young people and their families how to avoid injury through learning safety rules and good injury prevention. This year's theme - "Get Into the Game, Win With Safety" - is focused on preventing injuries to youngsters while they participate in sports of all kinds and while going to and from sporting events.

SAFE KIDS safety event will be held in Heppner on Saturday, May 6, from 1-4 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Contact Pat Ward at 567-8822 or Shelly Ena at 278-5486 for more information.

Young people may be at even greater risk from auto accidents than on-the-field hazards because of all the time spent being driven to or from practices and games. Children should always be properly restrained when in a vehicle heading to or from activities.

## BMCC jobs fair scheduled May 4

The Blue Mountain Community College Regional Jobs Fair will be held this Thursday, May 4, from 6-8 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center.

The fair will include representatives from the fields of health care, computer processing, home sales, food processing, hospitality industry, corrections, forestry, police work, clerical work, accounting, cashiery, farming, agriculture, railroad work and distribution.

Those planning to attend should bring their resumes.

For more information, call Leslie Beard, 278-5933.

## BUSINESS CARDS

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## ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Reminder notices due May 15, 2000 will not be mailed out for the third tax trimester. Payments are still due May 15, 2000. If you have any questions, call toll free in the Irrigon area 922-4103, or Boardman area, 481-2112, Heppner-Lexington-lone area, call 676-5628.

## Obituaries

### Merna Lea Toll

Merna Lea Toll, 86, formerly of the Heppner area and recently of Prairie City, died Monday, May 1, 2000 at the Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, May 4, 2000 at 1 p.m. at the Redmond Memorial Chapel in Redmond with burial to follow at Redmond Memorial Cemetery.

The oldest of eight children, Mrs. Toll was born February 25, 1914, at Weiser, Idaho, to Clyde and Gladys Potter Frazier. She attended grade school in Idaho.

During World War II, while all three of her brothers were serving in the military, she joined the Red Cross to contribute to the war effort and rolled bandages in Portland while living at Molalla.

On February 25, 1934, she married Gilbert Toll at Fruitland, Idaho.

On April 15, 1967, she married W.T. "Bill" Richards. The couple later divorced.

Mrs. Toll had been a member of the Red Cross, Home Extension, Redmond Saddle Club, Spray Grange and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

She enjoyed playing music, handwork, gardening and reading.

Survivors include her children, Leonard Toll of Woodburn, JoAnn Griffith of Spray and Ted Toll of Redmond; a sister, Delpha Van der Hoeven of Winlock, Washington; a brother, Norris Frazier of Kamiah, Idaho; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert "Gib" Toll; a son, Chuck; her parents, Clyde and Gladys Frazier; sisters, Marion Rose, Ruby Grafft and Beryl Gibling; and brothers, Marvin Frazier and Lyle Frazier.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Nursing Home in John Day.

Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon, John Day, Oregon 97845, is in charge of arrangements.

### Maxine M. Crowder

Maxine M. Crowder, 86, a longtime Boardman resident, died Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

The funeral was April 28, 2000, in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston with burial at Riverview Cemetery in Boardman.

Mrs. Crowder was born January 24, 1914, at Clayton, N.M., to William and Mollie Durham Oates.

She owned and operated the M&M Cafe in Boardman for 12 years.

Mrs. Crowder loved gardening. Survivors include special companion, Wally Hendrix of boardman; son, Terry Crowder of Monmouth; and two grandchildren.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

## Justice Court Report

The Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner has released the following report:

Kent Richard Madison, 40, Echo, Violation of the Basic Rule, 81 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$132 fine;

Robert Wesley Crum, 22, Ione, VBR, 77/55, \$177 fine;

Brad Lee Breeding, 28, Milton-Freewater, truck speeding, 69/55, \$77 fine;

Jenny Joy-Ell Adams, 20, Monument, VBR, 70/55, \$77 fine;

Lindsay Ann Harle, 22, Heppner, VBR, 74/55, \$87 fine;

Justin Chad Miller, 25, Ione, truck speeding, 71/55, \$172 fine;

James E. Holtz, 27, Ione, VBR, 66/45, \$147 fine.

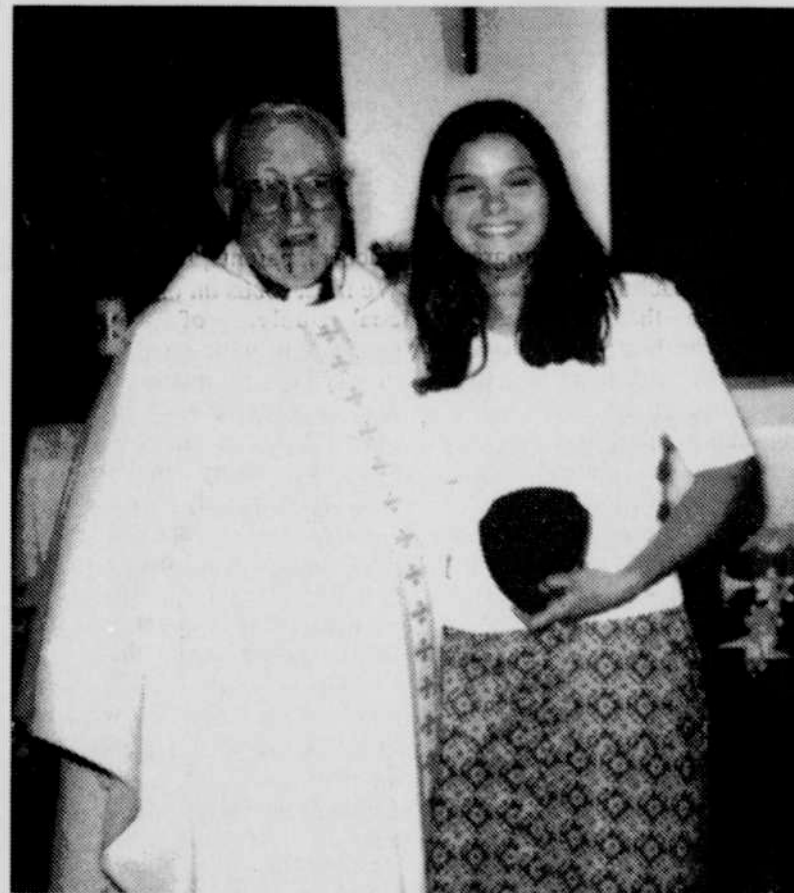
## Church recognizes youth



Ashley Wolff, Jarod Huddleston, Thomas Elguezabal and Bret Eckman received their First Holy Communion on Sunday at St. Patrick Parish. They had prepared for the past year for this occasion with the help of Mike Armato.



At the last class of the Young Patrician Study Group Fr. Gerry Condon presented Sarah Eckman, Julie Proctor, and Megan Healy with awards for perfect attendance. Each had attended twenty seven meetings, and was awarded a "Prayer Bear".



Young Patrician Student of the Year Award was presented by Fr. Gerry Condon to SanJuanita Elguezabal at Sunday Mass. In making the presentation Fr. Gerry pointed out that she had been faithful in her attendance at Mass, regular in her attendance at Stations of the Cross, that she had helped regularly with religious education classes for the grade school students for the last two years, sometimes teaching, sometimes helping; had attended the Young Patrician study meetings (missing only one out of 27); had helped with Parish Dinners. At the presentation Fr. Gerry commended her for her commitment to parish activities.

## Support sought for HHS play

Heppner High School will present a free production of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream in the Heppner City Park on Sunday, May 14, at 3 p.m.

Area businesses and individuals are invited to help support the play by purchasing business-card size ads in the program.

"We anticipate a large audience," said director Lea Mathieu, "so this would be a good opportunity to advertise business while supporting an arts program in the school."

Ads are \$15, and may be purchased by sending a business card and a check made out to Heppner High School Drama to the school at PO Box 67, Heppner.



## Mother's Day Special

Bring in your empty color bowls & planters on Sunday, May 7, 1-5 p.m.

We will help you pick the flowers you want & we will either plant it for you or help you arrange your own masterpiece. We will supply the potting soil!

If you don't have a bowl or planter, come pick one out from our large selection.

Bring Mom in or surprise her with a handmade color bowl!

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## CAMILLE!

Happy  
17th  
Birthday!  
(May 5th)

Love, Mom, Dad  
Chris, Andy  
& Allison