

A family tradition



Members of the 2000 Pendleton Round-Up Court pose for a photograph in Portland following the Rose Parade. In the center is Francine (Hisler) Bristow who was a princess in 1950. Her niece, Annie Hisler, Heppner (far left) keeps up the tradition 50 years later.

- Photo by John Bristow

Debbie Burns new Neighborhood Center director



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There's a new face at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. Debbie Burns was hired as director of HNC in March following the retirement of long-time director Janice Skaggs.

Burns, 40, originally from northern California, came to Oregon around five years ago when her father was relocated. She had been living in the city in a condo and missed having animals and living on a farm, since she grew up on a farm in Petaluma.

From California she first moved to Albany where her parents, William and Marlene Hale, had a farm. There she met her future husband, Loyal Burns III, and the couple were married October 3, 1999. They then moved from Albany to Ione, a logical choice for a move because her husband's parents, Betty and Loyal Burns, Jr., live there. The Ione area was also centrally located within her husband's sales territory. He works as a sales rep for an animal health distributor.

Debbie and her husband raise sheep and end up spending at least one weekend a month at her parents' farm where they keep around 100 head of sheep. Debbie's sheepdog and her cat also call the Hales' farm home. Their sheep, purebred registered Hampshires and Montadales, are raised mainly for seed stock for breeders and commercial sheep men. Those breeds of sheep are raised for their meat.

Both the Burns started out with sheep 4-H projects, which grew into a hobby and then into a business.

This time of the year the Burns spend a little more time in Albany because it is the heavy showing and sale season.

Debbie graduated from high school at Petaluma High School in California. She attended Santa Rosa Junior College before transferring to California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo where she earned a bachelor of science degree in home economics.

She worked for 10 years in the apparel industry, for Marin Apparel Company, based in Novato, CA, around 30 miles south of Petaluma (also 30 miles from the Golden Gate Bridge). She was sales service manager and corporate rep for the Southwest territory.

Prior to moving to Ione, she worked as a detail rep for the pet industry, traveling to stores, showing them new products and helping them with merchandising and displays during sales and promotions.

Debbie has a brother living in Northern California and two nieces, Kyla, seven, and Autumn, 1-1/2. The family is looking forward to a visit from Kyla this summer.

In addition to raising sheep, Debbie enjoys sewing, cooking and gardening.

She also has some new plans for the Neighborhood Center. In July she hopes to set aside an afternoon, possibly the third Thursday of the month, for senior crafts. She will have projects planned and material lists available for senior activities. The seniors may either work on

the planned projects or bring projects of their own.

"Drop by and give us a call and find out what's going on," said Debbie.

Debbie, who worked with Jan (Skaggs) for a month before going it alone in May, commented about all the "help and support" Jan gave her. "The volunteers have all been wonderful," she added. "And everyone in the community has been great and has made me feel welcome."

"Everyone is welcome to come in and say hi," she adds. "We always have the coffee on."

Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed 12-1 for lunch).

The Neighborhood Center welcomes donations of clothing, furniture in good usable condition, utensils and blankets.

Local resident enrolls in AQHA program

Marilyn Allison of Heppner recently enrolled in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program.

The program recognizes and rewards AQHA members for time spent with their American Quarter Horses in activities such as trail rides, shows, working cattle, pleasure driving and simply riding.

A unique aspect of the program is its simplicity. Current AQHA members complete a program application and pay a one-time \$25 enrollment fee. Each enrollee receives an official AQHA log sheet to record his hours driving or riding an American Quarter Horse. Participants need not own their own horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered American Quarter Horse.

The first award, a program recognition patch, is given after 50 hours have been logged and verified. Patches and nine subsequent awards are presented at 100 to 5,000-hour levels and range from merchandise gift certificates from Drysdale's Western Store to a Montana Silversmiths trophy belt buckle at the highest level.

Gilean Newman, AQHA manager of recreational riding programs, said "The Horseback Riding Program is a unique opportunity to earn rewards outside of traditional competition. In some cases the program rewards people who already spend many hours riding American Quarter Horses. For others, the horseback riding program is an incentive to get out and ride."

Horseback riding provides good exercise. According to the U.S. Department of the Interior, more than 27 million people participate in horseback riding nationally.

AQHA actively encourages horseback riding as a relaxing recreational activity that can be enjoyed alone or shared with family and friends.

For more information about AQHA and its programs, visit www.aqha.com or call (806) 376-4811.

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Cardinal Booster Club holds meeting

By Jeri McElligott

The Cardinal Booster Club met Monday, June 5, at Ione High School.

Thank you notes were read from the Heppner softball team for the Gatorade donation, The Citizens for Schools for the donation to support the levy, and Nikki McElligott and Camie Burrigh for the donation toward their all star basketball ad.

The sample for the state championship flag should be available by the July meeting.

The 4th of July shirts will be delivered by June 15. They will be available at Wheatland Insurance and will be sold at the golf tournament in Heppner July 3 and in Ione July 4.

Entertainment night planned

A "Great Night of Entertainment and Dancing" has been planned on Thursday, June 29, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center.

The evening will feature dancing entertainment from 8-9 p.m. and mixed ballroom dancing for everyone from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Entertainment includes Native American dancers, "Queztzalcoatl" Ballet Folklorico, the Roundup City Cloggers, 2000 Festival Square Dancers and Scottish Bagpipe Dancers. Dick Spooner will be the master of ceremonies and live music will be provided by the Severe Family.

Tickets are \$8 per person at the door. The program and dance will be a "nice-dress, non-alcoholic affair."

For more information, call George and Lorene Griffith, 422-7448, or Dave and Jodene Hughes, 541-472-9173.

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Members approved the digitized Cardinal logo from Hood River Apparel. Any item with the logo can be purchased. The set up cost is \$100. Arlynda Gates will look into local businesses to compare costs.

It was announced that Dale Holland is the new football coach, with Dennis Stefani the assistant. Lori McCabe is the new middle school volleyball coach.

Robin Graff helped redo the Cardinal sign at the school.


Free sport physicals will be at Ione. All new students and those

entering sixth and 10th grade who will be participating in sports must have physicals.

Stefani asked the club to pay for the boys' summer league tournament in Fossil. The cost is \$60. The club approved his request.

Robinson announced that Brad Burrigh and Nikki McElligott will be introduced at the PreFontaine Classic in Eugene June 24. They finished with the most points at the 1A State Track Meet in Monmouth.


The next meeting of the Cardinal Booster Club will be July 10 at the high school.



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Severe Family, Pendleton
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Where: Pendleton Convention Center

When: Thursday, June 29th @ 8:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$8:00 per person at the door

8:00 to 9:00 Dancing Entertainment

9:00 to 12:00 Evening of mixed ballroom dancing for everyone with Dick Spooner at M.C., and live music by the Severe Family

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