

September yard of month named



Betty Pfeiffer and Julie Saling in their yard

The yard of Betty Pfeiffer and Julie Saling at 515 W. Morgan Street has been named the September Heppner Garden Club Yard of the Month. Betty says she enjoys all of her cantaloupe, watermelon, potatoes and peppers--an herb garden. New to the yard this year are dahlias, grapes and apple, peach and apricot trees. The pair said they plan to add more of these trees.

In addition to a beautifully manicured lawn and numerous flowers in bloom, the 1/2 acre summer garden features vegetables of all kinds--tomatoes, corn, beets, carrots, beans, artichokes, squash.

4-H News

Barnyarders 4-H Club
By Amy Jepsen

The Barnyarders 4-H club held their ninth meeting of the club year. Leader Bill Jepsen talked about how to do a 4-H swine record book and club members picked up the forms they will need to do their record books.

It is a requirement in the Barnyarders Club that everyone turn in a record book to be in the club the following year.

The record books are due on Friday, September 22. This year there is a new registration deadline. Repeat members must be enrolled in 4-H by November 1, 2000. First year members have until March 1, 2001 to be signed up.

Bill Jepsen also said that members should be looking for a source of pigs to buy for next year because they are hard to find.

The first meeting of the 2000-2001 club year will take place in October.

Anyone interested in showing and selling a 4-H market hog at the 2001 Morrow County Fair should contact Bill Jepsen at 676-5244.

Garden Club awards scholarship



Justin Nelson accepts scholarship award from the Garden Club

The Heppner Garden Club kicked off the 200-2001 year with a potluck.

The club honored Justin Nelson as the Garden Club's recipient of their scholarship award.

Completion of the yearly programs and events was the order of business.

The next meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 2 at 5 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center and then the club will tour the gardens of the month.

The club invites the public to attend the meetings which are held the first Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Prostate cancer group to meet

A meeting of the Pendleton Prostate Cancer Support Group is planned for Monday, October 2, at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Hospital, meeting room #1.

The topic will be "Selecting Scientific Research," by Dr. Andrew Clark.

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Shelter receives grant

A total of \$10,712 has been awarded by the Andrews-Cohn Family Charitable Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation and the Roberts Motor Company Charitable Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation to

Domestic Violence Services to be used toward development of a new shelter scheduled to open in July of 2001.

The shelter will serve Morrow County and the west end of Umatilla County.

Off The Wall

By Marilyn Robinson

Let the games begin! The Olympic games that is; not the political games that we're forced to endure even after November elections. Even the edited television coverage of Olympic events is better than the re-hashed versions and various interpretations of what is said by political candidates. It's as if the public doesn't have enough smarts to see beyond all the hype without some television anchor putting his own spin on political propaganda.

Gosh, the average citizen doesn't understand how much better things will be when all those campaign promises are fulfilled.

As to the coverage of Olympic events, it's been stated that the reason we don't get timely and full coverage is because Australia is so far away. Heck, I'll bet those Australian Aboriginal runners could relay videos of the events in jig-time. Too, Aboriginals are famous for throwing wooden boomerangs. The heavier ones supposedly hit their mark and do not return to the sender; so that could be another way of forwarding videos.

There's no problem about exhaustive television coverage when it comes to dishing out every gruesome detail in a murder trial of a celebrity. No doubt NBC's selective showing of Olympic events allows more time for million of dollars worth of advertising by the sponsors. Prominent large billboards simply aren't adequate. Too, it's ironic that the summer Olympics are staged during Australia's winter season. Let's hope the chilly water near Sydney doesn't freeze the buns of swimmers participating in triathlon events.

The closest thing to be seen resembling Olympic equestrian events in Australia could be the horses ridden during the opening ceremonies. I guess that's what one can expect when there are 10,200 athletes competing in 28 sports with ball sports more popular than cross-country jumping. It's a shame that they don't include yo-yo competition since they have added trampoline and synchronized diving for men and women plus pole vaulting and hammer throws for women. Let's hope those women weight lifters and hammer throwers don't get too irate at their with their "significant other" or their competitors.

Like sports the game of life calls for fair judgements. Statements in a letter to the editor in last week's paper, criticized the judging at the Morrow County Fair. The fair board and the fair committee work all year long to manage the fair and related events. Perhaps if this lady doesn't feel that the judging was fair, maybe she should get involved and learn more about the process. It's traditionally been difficult to find volunteers from the north end to serve on the board or fair committee.

Judges are selected from a list of qualified people. The results reflect that person's opinion, regardless of whether anyone else agrees or disagrees. Superintendents or others do not influence the judging. As to the fair booths, the rules state that use of the fair theme does not have a bearing on the judging.

Many of our 4-H exhibitors are north end residents. A county-wide effort goes into supporting those participants through the auction sale. Although no longer an important part of our high school programs, the Riverside FFA chapter had an impressive display at this year's fair.

Rural fairs are important because they showcase the lifestyle, productivity and the talents of many residents and regardless of placings, exhibitors should take pride in their entries. It takes everybody working together to upgrade and present a great fair. Progress is made by those willing to get involved.

So much for my progress using a flyswatter for night-time battles with fuzzy millers thus leaving gray smudges on the wall.

Too, is best to check the coffee cup I've been sipping on - - for those pesky dust bugs can outperform an Olympic swimmer when it comes to diving competition.

What's new with Red Cross

By Glo Wright

Fire season is almost over, but I encourage all volunteers to be ready to respond until the dry season ends.

As winter approaches, house fires will increase and the need for aid, volunteer and monetary, goes on. Donations are always needed and helping hands are encouraged to join our ranks.

The HAM radio classes seem to be successful. Anyone still interested can join us. It's not too

late. Just show up on Monday night at 7 p.m. at the EOC office located in the sheriff's building.

The next volunteer meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. We will discuss our role in the hospital's massive injury drill. All volunteers are encouraged to attend along with any interested people.

The American Red Cross operates by donations only. If you would like to donate, please send to: American Red Cross Umatilla Chapter (Morrow Co.), 146 S. Main Street, Pendleton, OR. 97801.

To volunteer, contact Glo Wright at 676-9810.

Saddle Club to hold tryouts

The Arlington Saddle Club will hold their queen try-out competition on Sunday, Oct. 22, at the Saddle Club arena in Arlington.

The new queen will represent the Saddle Club for the 2001 rodeo season at club events and other rodeo events held in Oregon and Washington.

Girls between the ages of 16 and 21 years of age by May 1, 2001, are eligible to compete. Contestants must ride the same horse for the competition that they would use if chosen as queen.

Candidates will be judged on horsemanship, speaking ability, personality and appearance.

All queen candidates and their parents must attend a group meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 22. The meeting covers all rules and requirements and answers for all questions for both candidates and parents.

A potluck lunch will be served at noon and all participants are welcome to attend. The horsemanship portion of the competition will begin following lunch.

Girls wishing to enter may do so until Sunday, Oct. 15. To sign up or for more information, contact Debbie Dean, at (541) 454-2502, in the evening before 9 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Club to sponsor trip to coast

A bus trip to the coast is being sponsored by the Morrow County Arts & Crafts Club, October 13, 14 and 15.

The bus will leave Heppner and, after a coffee break at Spray, will continue on to Sisters for lunch, shopping and sightseeing.

The group will then travel on to the Newport Shilo Inn, which is on the ocean front.

The next morning the bus will arrive at the Oregon Coast Aquarium and then stop at the Embarcadero in Newport for lunch. The group will check in at the Inn at Spanish Head, also right on the ocean front, in the afternoon and then stop at Chinook Winds Casino for dinner and entertainment by Smokey Robinson Show.

The last day of the tour, the bus will unload at Evergreen Aviation in McMinnville where antique aircraft is on display, possibly including the Spruce Goose. Lunch will be at the McMenamins Oregon Hotel in old town McMinnville.

The new Portland Chinese Gardens will be the last stop, except for a rest stop at Memaloose Park.

"The trip through the Columbia Gorge should be spectacular with the autumn colors," said a club spokesperson. "Everyone is invited, so pack your bags and call Betty Mills, 676-5546, or Bebe Munkers, 676-9677 for more details.

The price includes rooms, shows and admission into attractions. Meals are not included.

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