

## Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo gears up for 2001



The 2001 Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo committee

By Sue Gibbs

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo (OTPR) Committee recently held their first meeting for 2001. The enthusiasm, teamwork and ambition are as strong as ever for the 2001 rodeo. A few new members have volunteered to help with the growing rodeo and this added talent will be an asset for the committee.

The chairman for the OTPR is MaryAnn Munkers. The Morrow County Rodeo chair is Ken Eckman.

Admissions will be chaired by Rebecca Ripple. The arena crew and special events will be headed by Ken Bailey and John Griffith. The awards director is Janet McDowell. Children's events will be directed by Sheree Mahoney. Concessions will be handled by John and Sonja McCabe. Barry Munkers will be the groundsperson.

Jerry Gentry and Kyle Robinson will manage all livestock for both the OTPR and Morrow County Rodeo. Media will be handled by

Sue Gibbs. Jamie and Rhonda Helfrecht of Green Feed and Seed will be in charge of promotions. Terri Gentry will be in charge of parades and grand entry entertainment. Food concessions and sales will be directed by Jason Hanna.

The secretary's position is transitioning from Marlene Curran to Teresa Hughes. The 2001 year will be managed by both women. Sponsors will be handled by Darcy Robinson and VIP seating will be

under the management of Tom Wolff.

This three-day event during August takes a committee of over 20 people and many other volunteers who work hard to put on a professional and entertaining weekend. Many hours of dedication at all levels brings this event together. New ideas and events are already in the planning process for the best OTPR and Morrow County Rodeo ever.

## Heppner band students play in state honors band

Heppner High School band students Isaiah Stillman and Darren Van Cleave participated in the All-State Honors Band in Eugene on Saturday, Jan. 27. They were accompanied by Ralph Werner, the Heppner High School band director.

The All-State Honors Band consisted of 92 students from about 45 schools across Oregon. These students represented the best of Oregon's 1A, 2A and 3A schools. Over one-third of the players came from schools whose bands number 30 members or less. The band was conducted by Dr. McGrannahan of the University of Nevada.

The band rehearsed for over 13 hours between Thursday evening

and Saturday afternoon. "Excellent progress was made due to the concentration demanded by Dr. McGrannahan and the excellent cooperation of the band students," said a spokesperson.

Werner was able to learn techniques of rehearsal that will assist him as he directs the Heppner High School band, they said.

The Saturday evening performance was held at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts. Included in the concert were the All-State Honors Orchestra and the All-State Honors Choir. The band received an immediate standing ovation for what Werner described as "fine, wonderful music."

## Commission meeting scheduled

The monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Services to Children and Families Building in Boardman.

Agenda items include a report from Sharon Barrick about controlled substances, requests for partial funding for student attending conferences, discussion and reports on allocations, discussion of 2001-2002 request for proposal dates,

procedures, and focus, RFP awards, inventory practices and other business.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions.

## Births

**Ryne Peyton Andreason**-a son Ryne Peyton was born to Erin and Marc Andreason of Boardman on January 24, 2001, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz.

**Myka Jayann Davis**-a daughter Myka Jayann was born to Rebecca and Boyd Davis of Irrigon on January 25, 2001, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 15 oz.

**Jordan Lynn Dooney**-a daughter Jordan Lynn was born to Jessica and David Dooney of Irrigon on January 30, 2001, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs.

**LaWana Rebecca Richards**-a daughter LaWana Rebecca was born to Shay and Arthur Richards of Boardman on January 31, 2001, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz.

## Christian Quest gatherings

Beginning in February, a series of Christian Quest Gatherings will be held at Heppner United Methodist Church each Sunday from 7-8:30 p.m., throughout February, March and April.

The gatherings will include time for devotional singing, followed by a talk and presentation given by pastor Rev. Craig Strobel. Following the talk, time is set aside for group discussion. Each week a different topic will be presented.

Topics to be addressed include the following: "Does Religion Matter?", "Christianity Among the World Religions", "Can There Be Christian Faith Without the Institutional Church?", "If All the Churches Disappeared, Would it Make Any Difference?", "What is Spirituality?", "Does Prayer Work?", "How Should I Pray?", "If I Want to Follow Jesus What Should I Do Differently?", "Does God Care About the Earth?" and "Is Environmentalism Biblical?"

Sessions will be held Sundays from 7-8:30 in the basement fellowship hall of the church, which is located at the corner of Church

and Gale streets in Heppner.

For further information, phone the church office at 676-9224.

Christian Quest Gatherings are free and open to everyone. A free will offering will be accepted to defray costs for heat and lighting.

The Rev. Craig S. Strobel is an ordained United Methodist minister who will be receiving his Ph.D. in interdisciplinary studies (religious studies and performance studies) in May from the Graduate Theological Union. He holds prior degrees in theater, biology, divinity and religion and the arts. He also is a graduate of the two-year Academy for Spiritual Formation, sponsored by the Upper Room.

A native of Boise, ID., Strobel has served churches in western and eastern Oregon, and has taught Performance Midrash classes in Germany and the United States, delivered papers on environmentalism, performance, and the arts and religion at the American Academy of Religion annual meetings and is active in theater productions. He and his family have lived in Heppner almost three years.

## Dixon third in saddle bronc

Chance Dixon of Heppner is third in world standings in saddle bronc riding.

According to the Professional Rodeo Cowboy standings, Dixon earned \$9,820 as of Jan. 29. Bud Longbrake of Dupree, SD, earned \$10,819 for second and Cliff Norris of Glazier, TX, was first with \$13,676.

Other Oregonians in the top 20

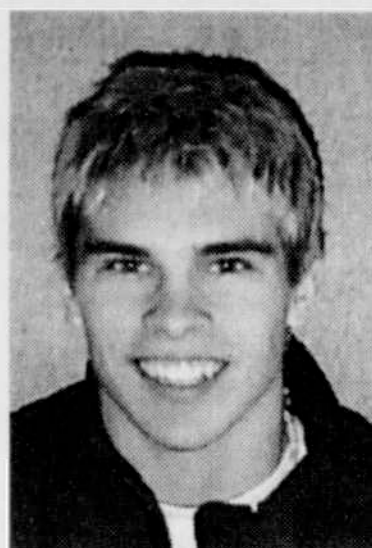
are as follows: Clint Corey, Powell Butte, third, bareback riding, \$7,183; Bobby Mote, Redmond, fourth, bareback riding, \$7,174; Brad Goodrich, Hermiston, third, calf roping, \$9,857; Richard Eiguren, Jordan Valley, first, team roping, \$8,246; Tara Polich, Canby, sixth, barrel racing, \$3,629; Tom Clark, Terrebonne, 11th, bull riding, \$3,468; and Mike Beers, Powell Butte, 12th, steer roping, \$2,320.

## Town hall meeting set on speedway

A town hall meeting to discuss the proposed speedway in Boardman will be held on Wednesday, Feb.

14 at 7 p.m. at the Riverfront Center, Two Marine Drive, Boardman. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Brad Burright selected for HM on eight-man team



Brad Burright

Brad Burright, a junior at Lone High School, has been selected for honorable mention on the 2000 Oregon Eight-man Football All-State teams.

Complete selections are as follows:

First team: Chris Marcum, Echo senior; Charlie O'Brien, Alsea senior; J.C. Hilderbrand, Days Creek senior; Bobby Martin, Adrian senior; Ben Morris, Dufur senior; Zach Krahrmer, St. Paul senior; Jeremy Mowe, Powers senior; Eli Bingham,

Powder Valley senior.

Second team: Lance Lindell, Dufur junior; Jesse Richter, St. Paul senior; Luke Rector, Powers senior; Zack Culver, Powder Valley senior; Mike Durfey, Condon junior; Joe Ward, Alsea senior; Tommy Blanton, Powers junior; Grant Thompson, Crane senior.

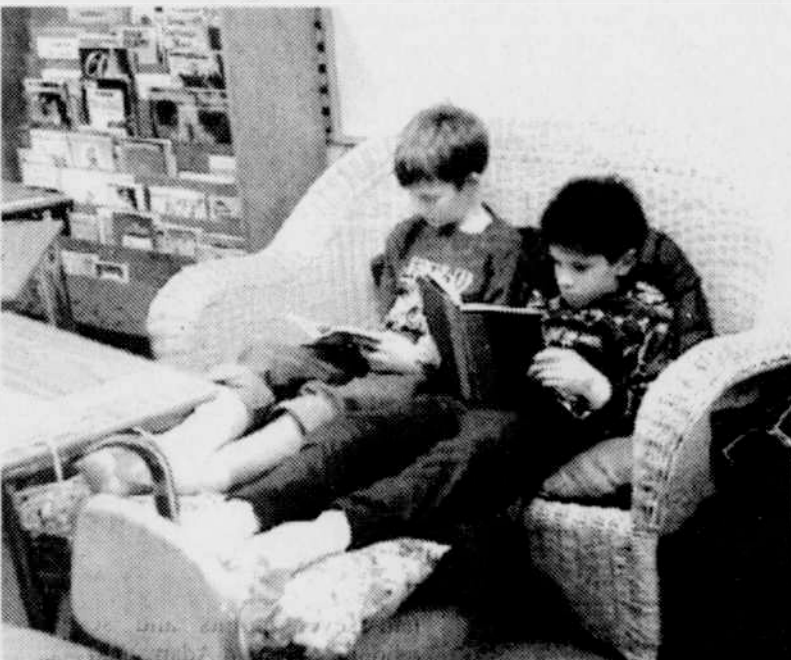
Honorable mention: Brad Burright, Lone junior; Brandon Beauchamp, Dufur junior; Jacob Eichler, Perrydale senior; Stan Adamek, Powers senior; Kiel Gekeler, Cove senior; Kyle Fife, Echo junior; Ryan Van Leuven, Alsea senior; Gary Williamson, Elkton senior; Albert Olsen, Dufur junior; Tony Binford, Mohawk senior; Frank Adamek, Powers junior; Ty Robinson, Cove senior; Josh Ness, Mohawk senior; Jared Dunn, Days Creek senior.

Player of the year is Ben Morris and coach of the year is Jack Henderson, both of Dufur. Dufur was the 2000 1A state champion.

Players on the All-State teams were selected by the Oregon Eight-man high school coaches.

The game will be played at Linfield College at McMinnville on June 16.

## Students take 'Time Out for Reading'



Heppner Elementary School students Zach Alford (left) and Jason Houweling read during the "Time Out for Reading party at HES on January 25.

By Jennie Allen

The month of January may seem long and dreary to some, but for the fifth and sixth graders at Heppner Elementary, it flies by and is loads of fun. For the past 12 years or so, these students have been involved in a reading incentive program which begins the day they return from Christmas vacation. The program is called "Time Out for Reading" and, while the theme of the program is basketball, the heart of the program is reading.

HES fifth and sixth graders read a total of 102,710 minutes in January. The top five readers were: Justin Delveaux with 6792 minutes, Scott Maker with 6247, Kylie Tasker with 4605, Ben McCarl with 3921, and Casey Maben with 3763.

All students begin the program with an equal chance as they don't worry about how many books they read, but rather than many minutes they read. They keep track of their reading time (not textbooks, but free reading books) and must have an accurate account with all times initialed by an adult.

To move from the bench to the first quarter, (a paper basketball on the hall bulletin board) a reader must turn in at least 90 minutes of time each Monday. Then the reader moves on each week toward the fourth quarter.

Of the 62 students involved, 42 of them made it all the way to the fourth quarter, with 61 students making it to at least the first quarter.

Although students are working individually to accumulate points,

they are also members of teams. Weekly prizes are awarded each week to team members with the highest average for the week. Team members encourage one another to read and practice those basketball-related skills of assists and sportsmanship.

The top team, the Giant Readers, had a pizza and pop party to celebrate their prize winning average time of 3,905 minutes. Those team members were Scott Maker, Quinn Peck, Casey Maben, Baillie Keithley and Chelsey Foster.

An all-night reading party on Jan. 25 was a great success. Fifty-seven students attended, with 50 spending the night. The kids read, had sack dinners, read, earned prizes, read, watched the movie "Iron Will," read, played board games, read under the covers with flashlights, and slept. The door prize, a stuffed replica of Hedwig the Owl from Harry Potter, was won by fifth grader, Eddie Ramirez.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, all of the times had been totaled and prizes were awarded. Justin Delveaux won the honor of choosing the first prize, a Shaq jacket and a book, and then prizes were chosen by the other students participating. Prizes included camping chairs, puzzles, games, blankets, stuffed toys, basketballs, Nerf basketball hoops, calendars, clocks, pillows, journals, school supplies and, of course ....books.

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**Special Valentine's Dinner:** The chefs will be fixing Prime Rib, Barbecue Steaks, Oysters and Prawns. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. For members and out of town guests only.

**February 24th - Saturday**  
**104th Annual and Ladies' Tea:** Tea starts at 1:30 p.m., Lodge at 2 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m. (whole roast pork is on the menu), and Music at 9 p.m. with a Mardi Gras theme!

**BINGO BACK ON WEDNESDAYS STARTING AT 7:00 p.m.**

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