

Megan Orr takes first in State Hoop Shoot contest

Megan Orr of Heppner has won the Elks Hoop Shoot state championship for the girls' 10-11-year-old competition.

Megan, 11 years old and a student at Heppner Elementary School, won the local and district competition before advancing to the state contest. She will now compete at the regional level.

Megan is the daughter of Jeff and Lana Orr, Heppner.



Megan Orr

4-H News

Phat Photos

By Kyle Huddleston reporter
A new 4-H club, the Phat Photos, met for the first time at leader Kelly Boyer's house, on Thursday, Feb. 15. Members are president, J.C. Sherritt; vice president, Tyler Boyer; treasurer, Jode Coil; and reporter, Kyle Huddleston.

Members started the meeting by reciting the 4-H pledge. They then discussed the name that they wanted for the club. They came up with "Phat Photos." For those that might not know, "phat" is a slang word for "cool."

Members also discussed the types of cameras they have and how to use them.

The club ended the meeting by talking about the things members wanted to accomplish this year. The next meeting will be "focusing" on how to take a good picture.

Chef Girls Are We

By Sarah Hickerson, reporter
The 4-H club, PB&J met for the first time on Feb. 2. The members elected officers: president, Whitney Matthews, vice president, Kelsie Fox, and secretary, Sarah Hickerson. The club discussed fund raisers and ideas for fun things to bake.

The next meeting was Feb. 10. Members decided to change their name to "Chef Girls Are We." They baked Valentine cookies and frosted them. There was no old business to discuss.

The next meeting is Saturday, March 10, at 11 a.m.

Hillhoppers 4-H Club

By Kate Kendrick, reporter
The Hillhoppers 4-H club held their second meeting Feb. 9. Meaghan Unruh was the president this month. Kelsey Wolff gave her presentation on three breeds of rabbits. Anna Unruh described undesirable characteristics of a rabbit. Kelsey Wolff and Kate Kendrick will give a report on the Havanah and Mini Rex rabbits next month. Everyone took turns describing and spelling rabbit words.

Stichin' In The Kitchen

By Jessica Heliker
On Feb. 12, the "Stichin' in the Kitchen" 4-H club held their fifth meeting of the year at leader Deborah Kendrick's house. All members were present to make calzones, using dough from a bread machine. "They all turned out looking different but tasted great." Katie Kilkenny was elected president for the second half of the year and Jessica Heliker was elected secretary/treasurer.

Next month the club will make tank tops to go with the shorts that they made in December.

Horse'in Around 4-H Club

By Stacy Just
The Heppner horse 4-H group "Horse'in Around" had a meeting Feb. 24. Club members started working on their record books and made plans for fund raisers and activities.

The next meeting is this Friday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at Stacy Just's home. This is an important meeting as the group is preparing to take a club trip to the "Greater Northwest Equine Expo" where professional trainers like John Lyons will be there helping them learn about their horses. "This is a wonderful opportunity, so don't miss it. Come to the meeting on March 9 to make arrangements for this trip," said Just.

In order to pay for the trip, the group must have some support for its two fund raisers. The club plans on having a club car wash this Saturday, March 10, at Les Schwab Tire Center in Heppner from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. On Saturday, March 17, the club is having a bake sale of St. Patrick's Day treats before, during and after the parade. Call Stacy Just, 676-5102, for more information or to help out.

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Local girl standout at Carroll College



Nikki McElligott (center) battles for position against Westminster.

Former Ione High School athlete Nikki McElligott, a center for Carroll College in Helena, Montana, was third in rebounding, field goal percentage and blocked shots in the Frontier League (NAIA Division I school).

McElligott, who graduated from IHS in 2000, averaged 8.1 rebounds per game; had a .557 field goal percentage and had 1.23 blocked shots per game. She averaged 10.8 points per game.

Playing in the Frontier Conference Women's Basketball Tournament at Lewis-Clark State

College March 1-2, McElligott had 16 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots in a win over Westminster College of Salt Lake City. In a semi-final loss to Lewis-Clark she had nine rebounds, eight points and one blocked shot.

Carroll College ended up fourth in the Frontier Conference standings.

In an earlier win over Lewis Clark, McElligott came off the bench to score 22 points and grab 15 rebounds in the game.

McElligott is the daughter of Joe and Jeri McElligott of Ione.

MCGC News

By Sandi Day

The Morrow Co. Gun Club held their weekly shoot on Sunday, Feb. 25, with a full house of shooters turning out.

The winners at the 16-yard line were Harvey Childers, Jeff Cutsforth and Rob Ashbeck sharing first with 24 of 25. Mike Bennett was second with 23, and third went to Alvin Bennett and Mark Schlichting with a 22.

At the 16-yard line for the ladies, Misty Bennett led the way with a 22, Deona Hodges was second with 19, and Chrissy Wall took third with a 17.

In the 20-yard handicap event, Mark Schlichting shot 24 of 25 for first, Harvey Childers was second with 23 and third went to Alvin Bennett and Jeff Cutsforth each with 22.

Deona Hodges led the pack for the ladies with a 20, followed by Chrissy Wall with 17 and Shelley Ashbeck, third with 14.

MCGC met again on a rainy, cold Sunday, March 4, afternoon with another packed clubhouse.

At the 16-yard line, newcomer Mike Bennett shot a perfect 25. Harvey Childers had a 24 for second, and Curt Day and Mark Schlichting tied for third, each with 23.

The ladies at the 16-yard line were led by Deona Hodges with a 21, Misty Bennett, second with 18, and Sandi Day, third with a 16.

In the handicap event, Mike Bennett was again first with 24 of 25, Barry Munkers had a 23 for second, and another newcomer, Tim Collins, was third with 20.

Sandi Day and Misty Bennett tied for first at the 20-yard line for the ladies and Deona Hodges took second.

In the Annie Oakley events, Bill Greenup won the first pot and junior shooter Chance Day won the second, for his first Annie Oakley win.

In the fifth week of league shooting, the team of Mark Schlichting and Sandi Day are still in the lead, followed by the team of Rob Ashbeck and Brian Haguewood.

MCGC will shoot again on Sunday, March 11, beginning at noon.

Singspiration planned

The Ministerial Association will hold their monthly Singpiration this Sunday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at Lexington Baptist Church.

Everyone is invited to join in singing their favorite hymns, enjoy the special music provided by community members and stay for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

For more information, call Pastor Glenn Anderson at 989-8555.

Obituary

Leland Leroy Groce

Leland Leroy Groce, 69, of Boardman, died March 4, 2001, at his home.

Graveside service will be held Thursday, March 8, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Park Lawn Cemetery in The Dalles. Inurnment will follow the service.

Leland Leroy Groce was born June 4, 1931, in The Dalles, to Leland D. and Deloris M. Peevler Groce. He was raised and attended schools in The Dalles. He then joined the United States Navy, serving from 1950 until 1954 during the Korean Conflict and then served from 1961 through 1965.

He married Norma Stephen in October 1956, in Stevenson, Washington. They lived in the Heppner area where he worked as a ranch hand until the early 1970s.

He married Helen Taylor in 1973 and they lived in Eagle Creek, where he worked for Leo Corrigan Logging Company, driving a log truck until 1991.

Mr. Groce then moved to Boardman where he worked for Coyote Springs Sand and Gravel until 1998 when he retired.

He was a member of the Estacada Oregon Moose Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, country music and John Wayne movies.

Survivors include daughters, Diana Wilson and Elizabeth Morris, both of Boardman, Laurel Groce of Pilot Rock; sons, Larry Groce of Boardman, Stephen Groce of Los Angeles, California; brother, Edwin Groce of Portland; sister, Jane Moore of Portland; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Research, c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, Oregon 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

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Court hears BFD concerns

By Doris Brosnan

At the Feb. 28 meeting of the Morrow County Court, Judge Terry Tallman reported a concern of the Boardman Fire Department Chief, who recommends that the county court require sprinklers for all apartment buildings. The commissioners agreed to investigate the issue.

County Counsel Bill Hanlon and District Attorney David Allen discussed with the court the medical examiner's contract, and the court then approved a contract with Dr. Kenneth Wenberg as medical examiner for the county.

Hanlon again discussed with the court the property on Columbia Avenue. Assessor Greg Sweek provided a map of the area in question and Hanlon reviewed a deed, the easement and legal descriptions of the tracts in question. Sweek noted a 1965 agreement between the state and Morrow County on the old highway. This resulted in acquisition of the roadway under discussion but creates the question of a 1984 easement agreement with a property owner. Hanlon advised sending a copy of the 1965 agreement to the property owner now questioning the easement/ownership, and the court agreed.

Hanlon updated the court on the status of the bridge at the end of Eastregard and informed them of the implications of the court decision that overturned Ballot Measure 7.

With the court, Public Works Director Burke O'Brien discussed the language of the stockpile agreements and the status of the Zinter rock quarry. The court then approved a contract for the Zinter Pit.

O'Brien provided the court a copy of the fully executed County Line Road agreement with Umatilla County and apprised them of a letter from West Extension Irrigation District regarding an easement and an abandoned concrete ditch by Montana Avenue that the district replaced with a pipeline. He also reported the likelihood of the county's receiving Special Transportation Program exchange money, referenced in a notice from the County Road Program manager of the Association of Oregon Counties. O'Brien explained a

training program sponsored by the Mine Safety Health Administration, offered in Bend on March 22, and an asphalt safety training that some staff are now receiving through the Asphalt Paving Association. Two employees attended crane operators training last week.

The court learned from O'Brien that flooding in the Lexington area damaged McCabe, Brenner Canyon, Baseline, Lexington Grange/Cutsforth and Noland roads. The crew continues work on Montana and Blackhorse projects. The Rodeo Committee will attend the Road Committee meeting to discuss requested work in a parking lot.

O'Brien reported results of his inquiries about hangar rental fees around the state and suggested reviewing the county's fees and creating a rental agreement form.

Other action of the court included the following:

- approval of a permit to Umatilla Electric for installation of conduit under Montana Street;
- approval of the annexation of territory into the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District;
- approval of an agreement for Behavioral Health with the Burns Group Home;
- approval of tax refunds to two citizens;
- appointment of Bob Flourmoy as the Irrigon representative to the Baker Morrow Regional Partnership Board;
- appointment of Bob Gates and Mark Miller to the Safety Committee.

Program on pipeline set at Ione City Hall

Representatives from PG&E Gas Transmission Northwest will be present at the Ione City Council meeting to be held Tuesday, March 13 at 6 p.m.

Dave Young and Larry Thomas from PG&E will make a presentation on safety awareness concerning the pipeline.

"They want people to know how conscious they are about safety," said Cindi Doherty at Ione City Hall.

For more information, call Ione City Hall, 422-7414.

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