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Lexington town-wide yard sale draws crowd



Left to right: Kelly Boyer, Marcia Kempand Yung Nelson help out at the Lexington Fire Department Auxiliary sale held during the Lexington town-wide yard sale Saturday, July 28. Because of the Morrow County Fair, the Lexington Fire Department Auxiliary meeting has been changed to Thursday, August 9, at city hall. The agenda will include highlights of the yard sale, fair parade and upcoming hunters' food sale.

Kids participate in junior golf tournament



By Debbie Harper

At 7:30 a.m. on a drizzly Saturday morning 38 young people gathered to take part in the Willow Creek Country Club's second junior golf tournament on July 28.

The participants, from six through 13, took lessons for two weeks before playing in the tournament. Lessons were given again this year by Craig Holland, with assistance from Tom Shear. In addition to the mechanics and rules of golf, the kids learned courtesy and etiquette associated with the game.

Craig Holland works for Morrow County Grain Growers, but his passion is golf. "Hopefully this is a sport kids can play all their life," said Holland, who is a PGA golf professional.

All participants in the tournament received certificates of achievement, gift certificates, redeemable at either the WCCC golf shop or Greg's Custom Clubs, and golf balls supplied by Dan Hayes of Subaru. The Willow Creek Country Club,

Bank of Eastern Oregon, Klamath First Federal and John Boyer's Gar Aviation sponsored the prizes.

Lunch for the participants and their families was furnished by Red Apple Market, Tim Adams and Morrow County Grain Growers.

Results are as follows:

Girls 7-9 years: first Emily Thompson - 58, second Cassie Day - 59; Girls 10-11 years: first Jenna Bowman - 48, second Maggie Armato - 48, third Brenna Rietmann - 49, fourth Megan Orr - 52 and fifth Bailie Keithley - 64; Girls 13-14 years: first Charlene Houweling - 80, and second Kylie Disque - 86.

Boys 6-7 years: first Justin Pranger - 40, second Steven Holland - 44, third Drew Brannon - 49, fourth Connor Pappas - 53, and fifth Stephen Thompson 57; Boys 7-8 years: first Justin Gutierrez - 35, second Cody Orr - 37, third Zach Orem - 40, fourth Cameron Day - 42, and fifth Joe Armato - 54; Boys nine years: first Chance Day - 56, second Drew Johnson - 61, third Brent Eckman - 65, fourth R.J.

Ramos - 66, fifth Bryan Holland - 66, sixth Tyler Robinson 80, seventh Zach McCarl - 85, and eighth Curtis Harper - 116; Boys 10 years: first Joe Pranger - 53, second Luke Young - 55, third Mark McCabe - 63, fourth Matt Holland - 73, fifth Taylor Disque - 96, and sixth Chris Hickerson 115; Boys 11 years: first Matt McCabe - 50, second Talor Hodges - 57, third Zach Robinson - 82, and fourth Ben McCarl - 102; Boys 12-13 years: first Matt Kenny - 40, second Logan Anthony - 46, third Jason Houweling - 53 and fourth Jess Jowers - 54.

Jail and Bail raises funds for Chamber



Hangin' Judge George Koffler (right), with the assistance of "lackey" John Edmundson, sentences a hapless victim during the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Jail and Bail. The event, held in conjunction with a town-wide sidewalk sale and the Celebrate Heppner day on July 27, raised funds toward a chamber brochure and Christmas lights.

Ranch registration speeds Air Life arrival

By Jan Volz, Air Life of Oregon

It's summertime and that means travel, and farming and ranching activities, are in full swing in Oregon. With the increased traffic, extra heavy machinery in the fields and more people on horseback in rural areas, the chance of accidents--and the need for the services of Air Life of Oregon--can be even higher than during other seasons.

In an effort to reduce its response times in distant locations, Air Life is encouraging farmers and ranchers in central and eastern Oregon to register their ranches as potential landing sites.

Although Air Life will respond to emergency calls without a pre-arranged landing site, ranchers can speed the rescue by registering their ranch.

"If we have the latitude and longitude of the ranch number and a brief description of the ranch, the flight team can activate as they already have the specific directions," said Wanda Grindstaff, membership coordinator. "It helps expedite the mission we're on."

Ken Cox, a 15-year veteran Air Life helicopter pilot, agrees. The registration makes Air Life response quicker, more certain and easier than working with bulky maps in the confined space of a helicopter, said Cox. "We don't have to do the detective work," he said. "I have more confidence in the numbers done in the calm and quiet of the office."

For example, Cox recalled a horse rollover in the far northeastern Ochoco where the person who found the injured rider had little idea of where they were. But once the name of the ranch was known, "The registration allowed us to head there immediately," he said. "When it works, it's worth its weight in gold."

Air Life started the rancher registration program with its original flight program in 1985. "There was a perceived value in registering landing zones from the inception



Air Life seeks ranch sites.

of the flight program," Grindstaff said. More than 630 landing zones in central and eastern Oregon are currently listed.

Air Life's helicopter service covers 77,000 square miles from the Cascades east to John Day, Condon, Heppner, Burns and Lake County (areas within a 150 radius of Bend). The helicopter needs a minimum of a 100-foot-square, reasonably flat area, free of trees, poles, overhead wires and other obstructions in order to land. Landing zones can be a field or open meadow near a highway, road

Local men aid travelers

(Editor's note: The following article was sent to the Heppner Elks Club from James Barnard.)

Last Memorial Day weekend, James Barnard and his wife Ramona did not see the "Road Closed" sign as they ascended the scenic highway from Heppner through the Blue Mountains of Northeastern Oregon. They had taken this route many times on their way to visit their daughter and her family in Boise. "I knew we were in trouble as we rounded a curve onto a downhill patch of snow with no tire tracks. A few hundred yards into it, we were firmly high-centered."

Barnard used his only tool, a cell phone, to call for help. The operator promised a tow truck would be sent. Two hours and another phone call later, no one had arrived. As Barnard remembers, "We weren't panicking, but were becoming slightly anxious when a truck appeared at the top of the hill. It belonged to Dick Schmidt, a friendly man, who said he would check on the tow truck on his way home." Mountain shadows grew longer as another hour and another phone call yielded no help.

"Just as I was deciding which way to walk out, Dick Schmidt reappeared with his friend Stanley Cox and a much larger truck. Within a few minutes, they attached a chain and pulled us out." Extremely grateful, Barnard offered payment, but the two men refused to take anything. "I noticed Schmidt's jacket with 'Heppner Elks 358' on the back. I knew the Elks were connected to the Casey (Eye Institute), so I

intersections or parking lots.

To register, ranch owners are asked to fill out a form providing a description of the ranch location, the township, range and section numbers and/or latitude and longitude as well as a list of landmarks and tall and overhead obstructions. If ranch residents have prior or existing health problems, those also can be registered on the form.

There is no cost and no deadline to register a ranch. For more information, call the Air Life Office at (541) 385-6305 or 1-800-522-2828.

decided to thank them directly." Barnard subsequently contributed \$200 to the Visual Program.

When Barnard questioned why the two men returned, Schmidt replied, "I spoke to the tow truck driver and he had no intention of coming to rescue someone who had been driving on a closed road. Besides, it was the right thing to do."

Meetings on school construction

Members of the community are invited to attend the upcoming Morrow County School District Advisory Committee meetings. At the meetings, architects for area school construction projects will be introduced and planning for the facilities will begin.

The Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee meeting will be held Monday, August 6, at Heppner Elementary School beginning at 5 p.m.

The Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee meeting will be held that same evening, Monday, August 6, at 8 p.m. at the Ione Schools cafeteria.

The Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, August 7, at 10 a.m. at Sam Boardman Elementary School.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Kindergarten registration set

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2001, and first through sixth graders new to Heppner may register for school at Heppner Elementary School, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., beginning August 1.

Parents are requested to bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records and social security number.

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