

## Kids have fun "going to the dogs"



Front row (left to right): Ashley Black with BooBoo, Tiera McCool with Scooby D, Mahaley Huddleston with Oli, Sarah Stillman with Boz and Whitney McNary with Delani. Back row (left to right): Patti McNary with Teddy, William McNary, Kristal Temple with Sheila and Sassy, and Mindy Wenberg with Cisco. Not pictured: Kim Morris, Codi Rosecrans and Isaac Stillman.

By Debbie Harper

Everyone is invited to spend some time with the dogs on Wednesday afternoon, August 15. That's when the open and 4-H dog classes are judged at the Morrow County Fair.

Tina Edwards, Heppner, has been the leader of the 4-H club "Puppy Power" for three years, "with lots of help from Patti McNary, Ione."

Club members are Tiera McCool, Mahaley Huddleston, Sarah Stillman, Whitney McNary, William McNary, Kristal Temple, Mindy Wenberg, Kim Morris, Codi Rosecrans and Isaac Stillman.

Starting in January, the club meets every other week until July, when they start meeting weekly. They learn about grooming, breeds, confirmation and parasites. And they spend lots of time handling their dogs for exhibition. They also attend practice shows, where they learn about judging and what will be required of them during a show.

Judges can ask anything about dogs. "One judge asked the kids how much the registration fee was in their town," said Edwards.

4-H club members show according to school levels just completed. Children who have just completed grades four or five and in their first year of showing a project are beginners. Juniors have just completed grades four, five or six; intermediates are in grades seven, eight or nine; and seniors are in 10th,

11th or 12th.

The dogs are exhibited according to their training level. All the club members have dogs at the subnovice level. They can show in obedience and or showmanship classes. Dogs can be pure or mixed breeds and don't even have to be owned by the children themselves. The children may show a friend's or neighbor's dog if they like.

This is Kristal Temple's 4th year in dog 4-H. Kristal, who lives in Lexington, will be showing her dog Sheila in the novice class. Last year she got a new dog, Sassy, which she'll show in subnovice this year. Having a new dog has kept Kristal's interest and given her new challenges, she said.

There is also an open class division, with obedience and showmanship classes. In the open division adults and children compete against each other at each level. Exhibitors who show in the 4-H division cannot show the same dog in the open division.

Mahaley Huddleston of Heppner has only been with the club a short time, and is only showing her dog, Oli, in the open classes this year. "The biggest thing I've learned is there's a lot of different things to learn," said Mahaley. She and her best friend, Tiera McCool, joined 4-H because they "love dogs."

For more information or to enter the open division, contact LaRae Kindle, 541-676-9474.

## Eclectic duo to perform at fair

Between the two of them, Mike Mallory and Jerry Smith have played a lot of music, in a lot of bands and in a lot of towns. With an "impressive number of gigs and influences" behind them, Mallory and Smith have joined forces to make "original music that is definitely their own".

Asked about the "kind of music" he plays, Mallory recalls listening to the radio. "When I was a kid listening to the radio you could hear a cut by Cream, followed by Buck Owens, followed by Little Richard," he said. "The stations were not so genre-oriented. There weren't such clear distinctions. You could hear almost anything on almost any station."

Eclectic, then would be the right word to describe the music of Mallory and Smith. That is, it would be the right word if it weren't "way too fancy".

Mallory and Smith play some blues and some rock'n roll and some folksy tunes and some country and then some other stuff.

"I like to say that we play all original, folk-rock-blues," Mallory says. Mallory and Smith perform a "wholly original" show.

Mallory does the large part of the writing but says that rehearsals and fine-tuning always change the tunes. "It's a very good experience to build songs from the ground up."

Mallory is the force behind a recent CD, "Things I Remember," produced by Will Kenworthy Productions. The CD features seven of Mallory's compositions and includes both acoustic and electric versions of the song "These Days". A long-time collaborator, Al Macleod, plays on the CD and helped write "Thread of Truth".

Mallory's music is as "flexible and wide-ranging" as Smith's "virtuoso" guitar playing. Smith's guitar is "wonderfully agile"; his leads are complete thoughts expressing the "essence of finesse

and taste," according to a news release.

Smith started his guitar days as a rock'n roller and learned that he could make money playing country. He toured as bass player and put in some time in various show bands in the Las Vegas and Reno areas. But it is the lead guitar that he was born to play. He says he is musically very happy with the duo, and enjoys the acoustic gigs he plays with

Mallory.

Smith's "got the chops". In 1997 he won the Columbia Gorge flat-picking championship, held at Stevenson, WA.

Smith and Mallory came together several years ago when Smith sat in a time or two with "Mike Mallory and the Liars". "As soon as I heard him play," Mallory says, "I knew we should have him in a band."

Morrow County fairgoers can enjoy listening to this duo on Thursday afternoon from 2-3p.m.

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