

HEPPNER



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## Campbell wins all-around at OTPR



B.J. Campbell won the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo All-Around Cowboy award at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 17-18, in Heppner.

Campbell won \$1120.35 in event money and the All-Around saddle made by Rich Boyer Saddlery in Hermiston and sponsored by Gardner's Men's Wear, Heppner.

Campbell was first in team roping with Richard Eiguren and was sixth in steer wrestling.

Other OTPR results are as follows:

Barrel Racing: first Renee Gossett, time 17.18, \$723.12 won; second Rayna Prewitt, 17.27, \$628.80; third Kelli Currin, 17.32, \$534.48; fourth Debbie Stahl, 17.33, \$440.16; tie for fifth Maureen Crossley, 17.40, \$298.68 and Patty Childers, 17.40, \$298.68; seventh Tracy Kenyon, 17.41, \$157.20; eighth Kim MacRae, 17.47, \$62.88.

Saddle Bronc: tie for first Shawn Eng, time 79, \$853.94 won and Glen O'Neill, 79, \$853.94; third Jerad McFarlane, 78, \$490.82; fourth Dan Mortensen, 76, \$245.41.

Calf Roping: first Blair Burke, time 79, \$1125.20 won - Burke was also awarded the Mike Currin Memorial Calf Roping buckle; a three-way tie for second Jeff Coelho, 8.6, \$737.20, Trent Walls, 8.6, \$737.20 and Joe Beaver, 8.6, \$737.20; fifth Nate Baldwin, 8.8, \$349.20; sixth Steve Currin, 9.3, \$194.00.

Team Roping: first Richard Eiguren and B.J. Campbell, time 5.1, \$940.90 each; second Guy Gregg and Wade Jess, 5.8, \$705.68 each; third Matt Davis and Tommye Flenniken, 5.9, \$470.45 each; fourth Jimmy Tanner and Nick Rowland, 6.0, \$235.22 each.

Steer Wrestling: first Brad McGilchrist, time 3.8, \$1040.81 won; second Bill Pace, 3.9, \$861.36; third Shawn Greenfield, 4.1, \$681.91; tie for fourth Tony Currin, 4.2, \$412.74 and Brad Gleason, 4.2, \$412.74; sixth B.J. Campbell, 4.6, \$179.45.

Roe Gardner of Gardner's Men's Wear, sponsor of the OTPR All Around Saddle. B.J. Campbell was the all around cowboy and winner of the saddle made by Rich Boyer.

Steer Roping: first go-first Scott Wilson, time 12.8, \$840.67 won; second Mike Beers, 13.1, \$630.50; tie for third Gabe Richardson, 13.2, \$315.25 and Jason Stewart, 13.2, \$315.25; second go-first Joe Bartlett, 10.8, \$840.67; second Joe Talbot, 13.2, \$630.50; third Dave Inman, 13.4, \$420.33; fourth R.A. Lovell, 14.0, \$210.17; average-first Gabe

Richardson, 31.6, \$840.67; second Scott Wilson, 34.2, \$630.50; third Joe Bartlett, 10.8/1, \$470.33; fourth Mike Beers, 13.1/1, \$210.17.

Bareback Riding: tie for first Bobby Mote, score 80, \$668.82 won and Jason Havens, 80, \$668.82; third Cody Demers, 77, \$382.18; fourth Sean Culver, 75, \$191.09.

Bull Riding: first Nathan Murray, score 75, \$1109.00.

Morrow County Rodeo results will be in next week's paper

## Cutsforth Park staging area for firefighters

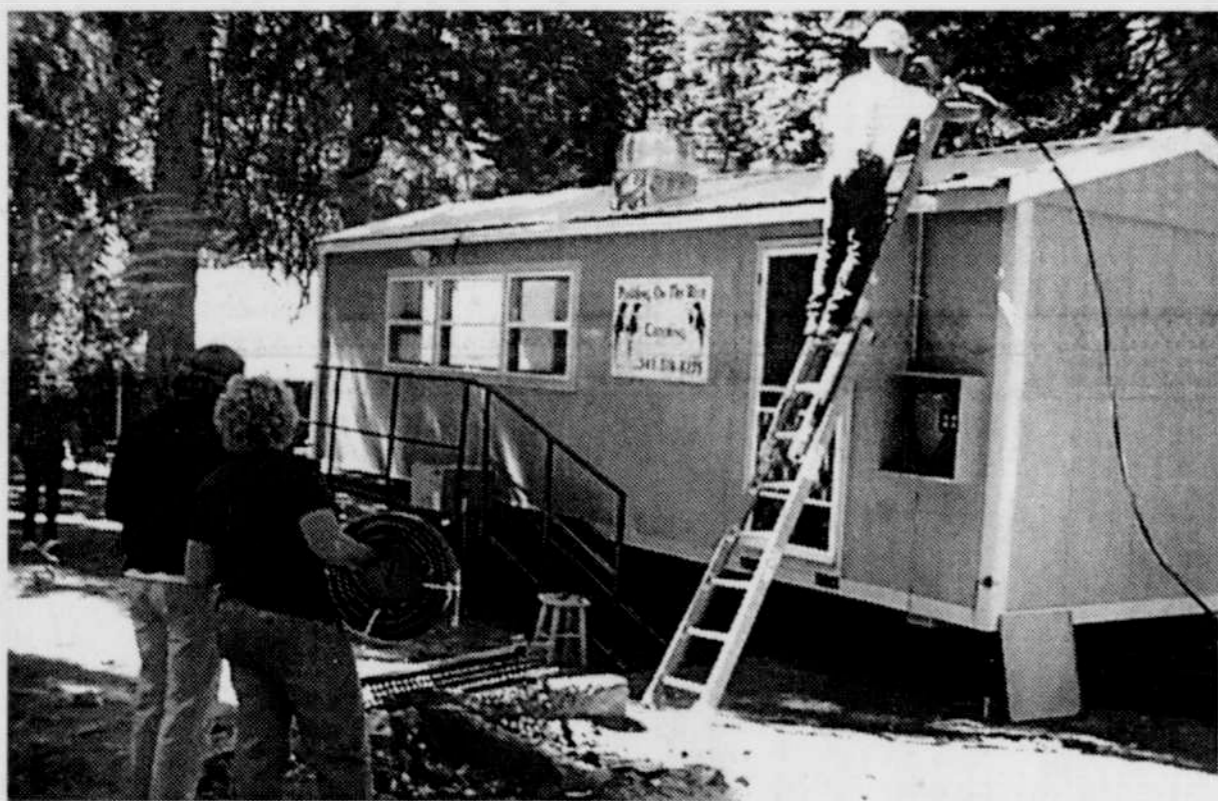


photo by Allison Sykes

Workers prepare the catering trailer at the Cutsforth Park base camp set up for firefighters

Cutsforth Park has been set up as a staging area for firefighters, according to Dave Kendrick with the Heppner Ranger district. The park served as a base camp for firefighters in the north end of the Mallory fire.

Kendrick said Monday that 75 to 125 firefighters were expected to congregate at the "spike" camp.

Kendrick said that the Morrow County offered their services for the firefighters. Burke O'Brien with the Morrow County Public Works Office facilitated use of the park and arranged for services there.

A Heppner catering business, "Puddin' on the Ritz" owned by Joann Tingue, provided catering service to the firefighters. O'Brien said that

they were using the 4-H building there as a dining hall, but brought their own shower facilities. He said that some members of the National Guard who had been called to fight the fire were also based at the camp.

O'Brien said that the county is still allowing camping for archery hunters in one end of the park.

## New officer in charge at post office



Kelli McKague

A new officer-in-charge is on the job at the Heppner Post Office.

Kelli McKague, 31, Pendleton, took over duties on August 6. She will remain in that position until the Heppner Postmaster position is filled, hopefully before Christmas. She replaces Dennis Lien who is back at his previous position with the Post Office in Pendleton.

McKague, who was born and raised in Pilot Rock, has been with the Post Office for the last seven years. She was originally hired as a clerk and then was promoted to a supervisor in customer service in 1996. She will return to her position as a supervisor when a post master is hired for the Heppner office.

McKague has four children, Maureen, 14, Kurtis, 12, Kaylie, 10, and Kolby, nine.

"I really like working with the girls in the office," said McKague of her Heppner co-workers.

## Registration set for Pathfinders Club

Registration for the Oregon Trail Pathfinders Club for children 10-15 years old will be held Tuesday, August 28, from 7-8 p.m. at the Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church located on Minor Street.

"Come join us for a fun-filled year," said a club organizer.

For more information, call 676-8282.

## Fires force closure of state park

Forest fires and continuing dry conditions have forced the closure of the Ukiah-Dale State Park on Highway 395 in southern Umatilla County. Fire is not threatening the park at this time. However, due to limited access, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department decided to close the park.

Ukiah-Dale has 27 primitive camping sites. There were no campers in the park at the time of the closure. The campground host, who resides at the park, has been relocated.

This is the first fire-related park closure of the season. However, Oregon State Parks has imposed campfire and other restrictions in state parks in central, southern and eastern Oregon.

Because of rapidly changing events, the most current information will be available on the parks and recreation website at: [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org) under "Fire restrictions." Tom Towslee, OPRD Public Services Division manager, may also be contacted at (503) 378-4168 extension 243.

## Friends



Kathy Cutsforth (left) and Hiromi Yamanaka

When two 16-year-old 10th graders met in Madras in 1976, little did they know that their friendship would span not only the Pacific Ocean, but 25 years.

This year Kathy Cutsforth of Heppner and Hiromi Yamanaka of Hiroshima, Japan, commemorate 25 years of friendship.

The two met when Kathy's parents, Billie and Walt Lacey of Madras, sponsored Hiromi as an exchange student. Hiromi lived with the Lacey's and she and the family became close. So close that Hiromi returned to visit the Lacey's in Madras and also traveled to Lexington to see Kathy's first born, Melissa, in 1980. She returned in 1982 and briefly in 1990. In 1994, she visited the family in Heppner. She returned this year so the two could celebrate their 25th reunion. Hiromi says that Kathy "looks just the same" as she did when they first met.

The two wrote to each other from 1976 to 1994 and then communication took a more technological turn--to e-mail.

During this year's visit Hiromi attended the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, the Morrow County Museum, went shopping in Heppner and Pendleton, took a tour of the Pendleton Underground and even tried her hand at shooting a gun. She went to see "Jurassic Park II" at the movies with Kathy and Mary, Tony and Carrie Haguewood. "The first was better," laughed

Hiromi.

On a shopping trip Hiromi bought a box fan, which she says are very expensive in Japan, and a frying pan. "Some prices are double in Japan," says Hiromi, adding that candy is cheaper there.

The Cutsforth family, Kathy, her husband Curtis and son Stanley, and Kathy's mom, Billie, took Hiromi to Cutsforth Park and Penland Lake. They had a good time and even saw a deer, but Hiromi got stung by a bee.

Hiromi says she especially loves ice cream, but didn't have such a good experience with some spicy-hot food. She cooked a stew for the Cutsforth which Kathy says was "awesome" and also treated them to homemade patties made out of a mixture of pork, beef, carrots and onions dipped in bread crumbs.

Hiromi says that like most Japanese students, she has studied English since she was 13, although speaking it is difficult.

In Japan, Hiromi is a medical technician at a hospital and conducts EKGs. She lives with her parents and her dog, "Poo".

She says that the temperature in Japan is about the same, but it is much more humid than the dry Eastern Oregon climate.

Hiromi departed for her native land Saturday, but not before laughingly admonishing Kathy that it's her turn to visit Japan.

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