

Local Scouts hold Pinewood Derby



First-year Webelos winners (left to right): Drew Johnson, Curtis Harper.

Story and photos by Debbie Harper

Cub Scout Pack 661 held its annual Pinewood Derby Sunday, March 3. It was once again a fun filled afternoon of exciting cars and close races. There were many more ties in each heat than in previous years. Instead of trophies for first through third place in each den, this year winners were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals in memory of the Olympics.

Craig Miles had the difficult job of keeping all the racers and their placements in order. Doug Holland and Lee McCarl kept the timing lights working and Terry Harper helped the racers at the starting posts.

Results are as follows: Tiger Den-first Austin Gutierrez, second Shane Miles, third Garrett Gibbs; Wolf Den-first Cody Orr, second Zach Orem, third Kyle Wilson; Bear Den-first Bud Jones, second Devin Robinson, third Connor Corbin; Webelo First Year Den-first Curtis Harper, second Drew Johnson, third Jordan Hatfield; Webelo Second Year Den-first Chris Hickerson, second Spenser Palmer, third Taylor Disque.

First through third place in each den are eligible to race at the district Pinewood Derby in Kennewick on April 27.

In addition to the race winners, five specialty trophies were given out. Spenser Palmer received a trophy for most realistic with his blue coupe. Bryan Holland won for a skilled blue and gold racer as best Cub Scout theme. Best paint job went to the black and yellow car painted by Drew Brannon. Brett Harrison received most creative for a red ladder fire truck painted in commemoration of FDNY, and his brother, Kyle Harrison, won most patriotic for his sleek red, white and blue racer. Judges for the specialty categories were Tom Wolff, Linda Shaw and Kevin Hughes.

Racer participants were: Shane Miles, Curtis Harper, Eddie Collins, Drew Brannon, Justin Pranger, Bud Jones, Zach McCarl, Connor Corbin, Zach Hintz, Brett Harrison, Kyle Harrison, Colby Green, Zach Orem, Spenser Palmer, Chris Hickerson, Garrett Gibbs, Kyle Wilson, Cody Orr, Connor Pappas, Taylor Disque, Austin Gutierrez, Devin Robinson, Drew Johnson, Garrett Robinson, Chance Raver, Colter Raver, Matt Holland, Bryan Holland, Jordan Hatfield and Justin Smith.

First through third place in each den will race at the district race in Kennewick, WA, on April 27.

Engagement

Ropp-Lindsay

Vilas and Debbie Ropp, Lexington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Deb Ropp, Lexington, to Daniel Lawrence Lindsay, Lexington. Lindsay's parents are Larry and Corrine Lindsay, Lexington.

Ashley graduated from Heppner High School and attended Mt. Hood Community College at Gresham and Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton. She plans to finish school at BMCC and work on the Lindsay family ranch.

Daniel graduated from Heppner High School and graduated from BMCC. He is employed on the Lindsay family ranch.

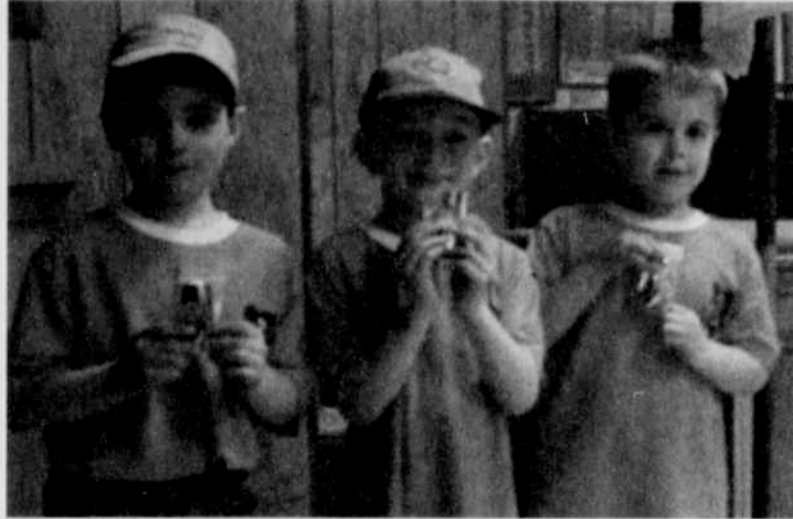
The couple plan a May 4, 2002, wedding at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.



Ashley Ropp and Daniel Lindsay



Winners of specialty categories (left to right): Bryan Holland, Spenser Palmer, Drew Brannon, Brett Harrison, Kyle Harrison.



Tiger Den winners (left to right): Garrett Gibbs, Shane Miles, Austin Gutierrez.



Bear Den winners (left to right): Devin Robinson, Bud Jones. (Not pictured is Connor Corbin.)



Second-year Webelos winners (left to right): Taylor Disque, Chris Hickerson, Spenser Palmer.

Forest Service recruits youth for YCC

Four young people between the ages of 15 and 18 are being recruited by the Forest Service, Heppner Ranger District, for summer employment in the Youth Conservation Corps. The work will include tube removal from tree seedlings, wildlife habitat improvement, and campground and trail maintenance.

The duration of the program will be eight weeks from June 17 to August 9 and pay the Oregon minimum wage rate of \$6.50 per hour. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Monday, April 15. Participants will be selected on a random basis on April 15 at approximately 4:15 p.m.

No previous experience is required. Applicants must be 15 years old and not reach age 19 during the term of employment in the program, and have a social security number, or have made application to obtain one. Applicants must also obtain parental or legal guardian consent to enroll in the program.

Applications may be obtained from the Forest Service in Heppner, local high schools, or the Heppner Ranger District's website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/heppner>. For more information, contact the Forest Service at 676-9187.

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Heppner taxidermy shop thriving



Curt Christiansen

A new taxidermy shop opened in Heppner is already off to a running start. Curt Christiansen opened the Whistling Wings Taxidermy shop at 388 N. Main in Heppner in late October-early November and is already running a thriving business.

Christiansen graduated from the 15-week Colorado Institute of Taxidermy Training program at Denver and has had 10 years of experience in taxidermy. He has mounted about every animal you can think of, from the domestic such as pheasant, mallards, wood ducks, fish, elk and deer, to the more exotic such as Blesobock (a spiral-horned antelope), African Springbok, wart hogs and even a lion cub. His clients include Tad Jones with World Wide Outfitting out of Harrisburg, who has hunting tours to Africa, New Zealand, New Mexico and Arizona, Bryce Logan, who has the Prairie Ranch out of Fossil at the old Kinzua property and Ruggs Ranches, in addition to hunters all over the country, including the Portland area. "I just love hunting and I figured I wasn't going to pay someone for what I could learn to do," said Christiansen, who is now strictly an archery hunter.

Christiansen offers a special deal to young hunters-their first bird mounted for free. "We were really happy with the work Curtis did for us," said Curt, Sandi and Chance Day of Heppner. "Our son shot his first pheasant this year and he mounted it for free for him and we were impressed. I got my first pheasant also this year and we thought the work was superb and his prices reasonable."

Winter hours at the shop are 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. For hunting season, beginning in August, hours are 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. "I'm pretty much available 24 hours," he says. He is considering expanding his shop to also include hunting equipment.

Christiansen is licensed federally and by the state and says that OSP makes regular visits to his shop to check the legality of animals brought in.

Christiansen also emphasizes spending locally. Christiansen, 28, is originally from Elgin, graduating from Elgin High School. He worked in Stayton for around five years as a custom glasscutter at Summit Windows and Patio Doors. At Stayton he met his wife, Mindy. They have two children, Emily, five, and Aspen, two. When they first moved to Heppner about a year and a half ago, Christiansen worked at a ranch hand for Tim Rust.

Their move to Heppner was partly because it is centrally located between Prineville, where his grandparents live, and Spokane, WA, where his wife's family lives and, of course, there's the hunting. "Besides," adds Christiansen, "Heppner's a neat little town."

For more information, call Christiansen at 676-5140.



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Saturday - 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

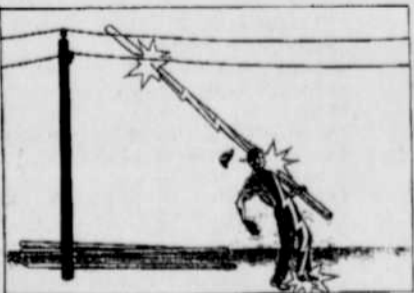
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