

4-H group holds dog training session



Left to right: back-Mindy Wenberg, Kristal Temple, Curtis Harper, Cory Peterson and Catherine McElligott; front row-Patty McNary, leader, William Wehrli and Whitney Wehrli

By Debbie Harper

The Puppy Power 4-H dog group held a dog training session March 9-10. A total of 10 dogs came from as far away as Irrigon and Pilot Rock. Some dogs had bad habits, such as jumping up or licking that the club members worked on correcting. Other dogs just needed a solid beginning in basic obedience, learning to sit, heel and come.

Club members were Kristal Temple, Cory Peterson, Curtis Harper, William Wehrli, Whitney Wehrli, Catherine McElligott and Mindy Wenberg.

Proceeds from the training fees will go toward purchase of canine agility equipment for the club.

Cardinal Booster Club meets

The Cardinal Booster Club met March 5 following the winter sport dessert.

Adam Neiffer, Adam McCabe and Brad Burright explained they are collecting donations for their all-star ads in the eight-man football program. They need at least \$200 each. The club agreed to donate \$25 to each all star.

Jeri McElligott had sample drawings from Jan and Bob's Signs for the OSAA Gold Cup sign. The club approved the sketches, but would like more information on the cost of the project.

The donkey basketball game, organized by Dean Robinson, will be Thursday, March 14. The eighth-grade boys AAU team will be on donkey clean up and sell concessions.

The new projection screen has been ordered. The club had agreed to pay half the cost.

The club approved reimbursing Darlene Marquardt for the cost of fabric to make flags for the marching band. It was suggested the student body pay for the school web page.

Dale Holland, conditioning teacher at the high school, described the weight equipment he would like to add to his program. The club approved purchasing a lap pull machine and a glute-ham developer at a total cost of \$952, plus freight.

The poor quality of the programs at the district tournament was discussed. It was agreed a complaint should be filed with the Umatilla Booster Club.

The 4th of July t-shirts have been ordered. The club is also selling shirts and hats, available at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The next meeting of Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, April 1, at the high school library.

Special St. Pat's section included in G-T

A special section with information about the Heppner St. Patrick's Weekend Celebration will be included in this week's Gazette-Times.

Easter messages invited

While the annual St. Patrick's Weekend Celebration is impending, Easter is just around the corner and local pastors are invited to share inspirational Easter messages in the March 27 issue of the Gazette-Times.

The deadline for messages is Monday, April 25, at 5 p.m. Messages may be dropped by the G-T office at 147 W. Willow in Heppner, faxed to 541-676-9211 or e-mailed to hiltonsykes@hotmail.com.

For more information, call April Hilton-Sykes at the Gazette, 676-9228.

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There might be a liability, but it is important to be concerned with public trust. People didn't want to leave a big debt for their kids," she said.

The council took no action, but agreed to study the matter further.

In other business concerning the defunct city hall/library project, discussion was held on what to do with the property the city bought last year for \$17,000 that was suppose to be used for parking when the new structure went in.

Some in the audience urged the city to sell the property as they felt it was purchased only for the purpose of parking for a structure that is now not going to be built.

Mayor Jepsen, however, said he doesn't recall saying that. "I don't remember ever saying that was purchased for just that purpose." What can we do to get that sold and back on the tax rolls?" Estes asked. "You told the public you purchased that for one reason: parking for the new facility."

The city staff was instructed to investigate the "potential needs" (of the city) with emphasis on selling the property.

In other business the mayor announced that the city is trying to get rid of almost everything at the old swimming pool, and that if local citizens want to salvage something from the pool they can have it if they come and check in with city hall first.

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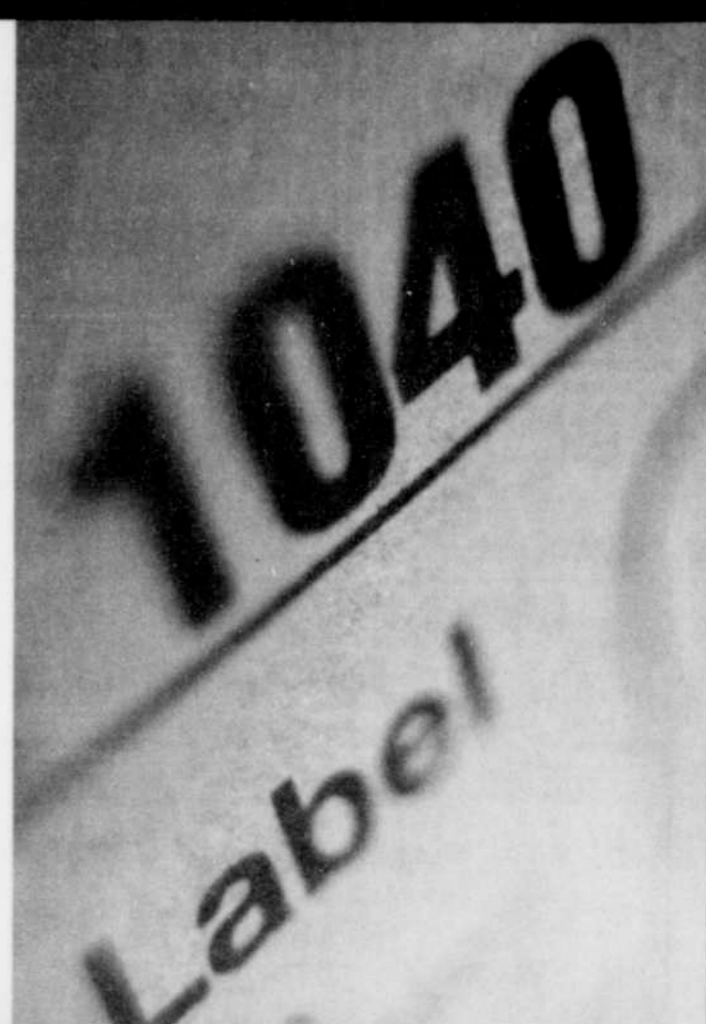
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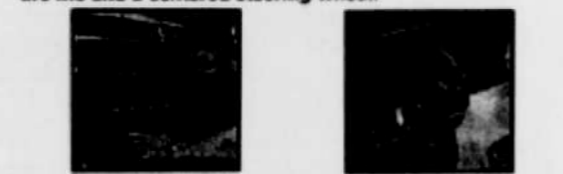
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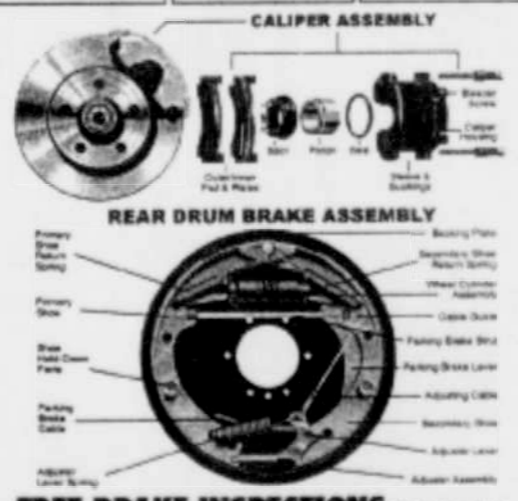
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