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Pony cart rides featured at Ione Auction and Barbecue



Kristy Crowell with her Shetland pony.

Do you remember the legendary myth of Romulus and Remus, the abandoned twin brothers of noble birth in ancient Rome? They were supposedly kept alive by a female wolf, later adopted by a shepherd, and Romulus went on to found the city of Rome. What exactly does this story have to do with the upcoming 40th annual Ione Auction and Barbecue on Saturday, June 1? Pony cart rides, of course.

At this year's auction and barbecue, Kristy Crowell will be offering pony cart rides to children ages four to 10 years old. Kristy has been raising and training Shetland ponies for over 20 years. Kristy is a familiar figure in the area, as she has shared her passion for cart driving and Shetland ponies with her daughter Erin's 4-H group, school groups and preschool classes, as well as parties, picnics and family reunions, particularly in her

hometown of Naches, Washington.

Three years ago Kristy was delighted when she returned from a vacation to Rome and discovered that she had two new baby Shetlands. She promptly named them Romulus and Remus. These two ponies will be taking turns pulling the cart at the auction and barbecue. Weather and pony energy permitting, Kristy hopes to offer rides from 10:30-12:30 p.m. and then from 2-4 p.m. Everyone riding must wear a helmet, such as a bike helmet, or Kristy will provide one.

Everyone is invited to the Ione Willows Grange Hall, Saturday, June 1, to meet Romulus and Remus and to stay for the 40th annual Ione auction and barbecue. The country store opens at 10 a.m. when the bell rings, the auction starts at 10:30 a.m. and the pit barbecue begins at 12:30 p.m. The barbecue prices are \$6 for adults, \$3 for 6-12 year olds and preschoolers are free.

Greg Walden to visit Heppner

Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR) will visit northeastern Oregon on Monday, May 13.

He will be at Heppner from 8:45-9:30 a.m. and will tour Pioneer Memorial Hospital and meet with hospital administrators and staff. Walden will discuss health care issues of importance to Morrow County, as well as current health care legislation in Congress. Walden is a lead co-sponsor of legislation that will benefit Pioneer Memorial Hospital and its patients.

He will also be in Pendleton later that morning to hold a round table discussion with local, state

and federal law enforcement representatives on the needs of the northeastern Oregon law enforcement community, and attend a lunch meeting with the Oregon Small Business Development Center. He will then travel to Enterprise to tour the Wallowa Memorial Hospital and meet with hospital administrators and staff, and then will meet with the Board of Directors of Wallowa Resources.

Congressman Walden represents the Second Congressional District of Oregon, which includes 20 counties in southern, central and eastern Oregon.

County court news

By Doris Brosnan

At the April 24 meeting, county court held a public hearing on the rehabilitation proposal. Economic development specialist, Martin Davis, was suggested as a county contact person for the projects, which would likely involve mostly older homes in the south county. A countywide survey would be sent out in about three months. Disbursement of the funds would need completion within two years. Repaid money would become a revolving loan fund. Administration costs would be held by the state, money received must be processed through the county, and the county must form a county committee. The hearing closed and the court approved the application for the grant.

Planning director, Tamra Mabbott, discussed with the court several topics: Morter Lane; a hearing date for the race track; a memo agreement between Morrow County, Morrow County Planning, Port of Morrow and Oregon Motor Speedway. The court then approved a memorandum of agreement with the Port of Morrow and Oregon Motor Speedway. The court also approved an authorization for an amendment to the professional services agreement with Kittelson and Associates.

Public Works Director, Burke O'Brien, reported activities of the department crew: crack sealing completed on Tower, Patterson Ferry, McNab, Pole Line, and Homestead Roads; current work with the state to stockpile chips on those roads; removal of a cattle guard underway on Halverson Road and one removed on Kincaid Holtz Road; installation of two culverts on Eightmile; weed-spraying around county buildings and on some special areas; near completion of the Valby project.

O'Brien reported his desire to set up a meeting with the developer of the Vanderbrink Dairy, Columbia Basin Electric, Perry Morter, the county court, county surveyor, and the road department. He also reported that the state transportation Task Force will be touring the county.

Other actions of the court include the following:
- approval of an assessment and taxation grant resolution to and the assessor's mapping contract with the Department of Revenue;

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A friendly experience for Centennial



Centennial students (left to right) back: Josh Raby, Casey Ward, Tim Kamp, Phil Markel; front: Kayla Wegleitner, Heather Schermerhorn, Allie Child, Brittany Knudsen, Crystal Moore, Emily Dorney.

Friendly, free, wide open, small, gossipy.

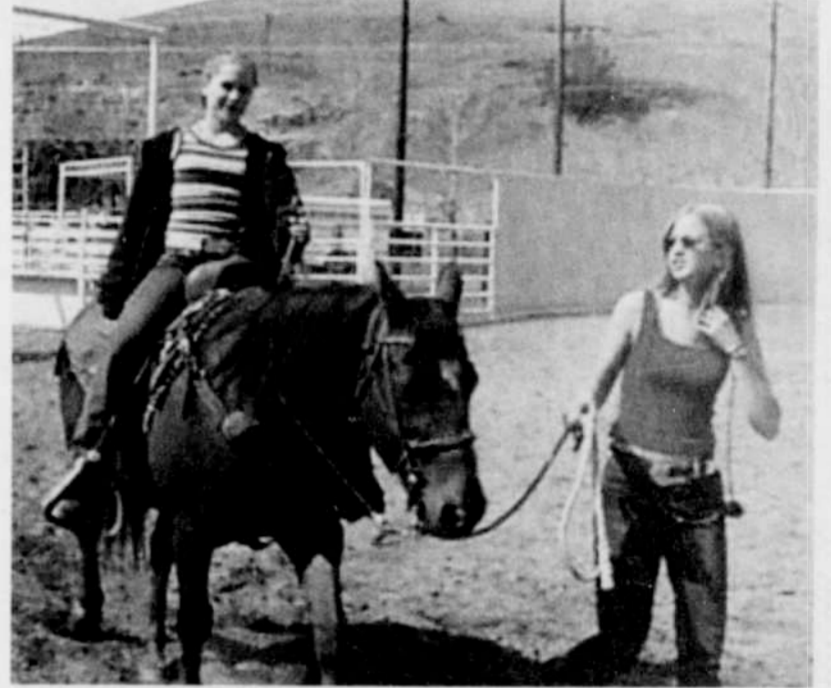
These terms sum up Heppner in a nutshell for some city teens looking at our rural town for the first time. The teens, from Centennial Middle School in the Portland area, are guests of Heppner-Lexington area families during the annual Centennial exchange. Each year eighth graders attending the Portland area school draw lots to see who will be able to spend a week in the country, hosted by the families of Heppner Junior High seventh graders; meanwhile Heppner eighth graders get the chance to spend a week in the city, hosted by the families of other Centennial eighth-graders.

What are the city kids like and what do they really think about Heppner? Here are their impressions:

Casey Ward-13, lives in Portland with his dad, Tom, a truck driver; mom, Diane, who runs an embroidery business; sister, Dannielle, 19; and brother, Jake, 15. Casey stayed with the Bobbette and Pat Lovgren family, Rhea Creek, who took him to the Wranglers rodeo. He competed and won second in the barrels-pretty good for having never ridden a horse before. The family also took him four-wheeling and he and the Lovgren kids played hide and seek in the dark. At home, Casey likes to ride dirt bikes, watch TV and play on the computer. "Everyone in town (Heppner) knows each other," says Casey. "It would be a pain to always have to wave to everyone." He says that people are nice in Heppner, compared to Portland, where people are "rude." "There's not much to do," he adds. The first thing he plans to do when he gets back is to get on the Internet and watch TV, especially since the Lovgren family doesn't have access to either.

Josh Raby, 13, lives in Portland with his mom, Felicia, who works at Toys R Us; dad, Mike, a truck driver; and two brothers, Michael, nine; and Brandon, seven. Josh was hosted by the Dave and Patti Allstott family, Heppner, who took him on an overnight trip to their cabin in the Blue Mountains. They also went golfing and he went bowling with the group. "You can walk almost anywhere here," says Josh. "In Portland you have to take the bus or drive. Heppner's whole population is about the amount of students we have in our middle school. It's quieter here." "The food's better at school here," he says. Although he says he hasn't been bored, he admits to liking a bigger school. "I like my (Heppner) family," he adds. "It was really nice of them to bring me into their home."

Allie Child, 13, lives in Gresham with her mom, Angel, a nurse at Providence; dad, Brent, a teacher at Centennial High School; and sister, Maddie, one year. In Heppner, Allie stayed with the Bill and Liz Green family.



Centennial student Paige Moyer rides with the assistance of Ashley Ward, Heppner, during the rodeo presentation at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

She also went to the Wrangler rodeo and rode for the first time. Allie says she misses her family but hasn't been bored during her stay. "It's not boring because it's so small you can walk anywhere," she says. "Our school is huge," she says. "The population of Heppner is about the same as our school." "Everyone knows everybody," she adds. "Rumors get around a lot faster." "The guys here are nicer," she says. "We get kind of sick of the guys down there." Allie noticed a difference in the way the rural boys dress compared to the city guys. "There is a big difference," she says. "The guys here wear tight pants. Guys there wear them baggy and low. There's not really a change with the girls."

Brittany Knudsen, 13, lives in Gresham with her mom, Kathy, who works at a U.S. Bank; dad, Chris, a PE and power lifting teacher, track coach and head football coach at Centennial High School; and brother, Tyler, 18, a senior at Centennial. While in Heppner, Brittany stayed with the Lizz and Bill Green family and attended the Wranglers rodeo. She looked forward to a trip to Condon with her host family and a barbecue at the Bobbette and Pat Lovgren home. "A lot of people know each other so well, you find out stuff. They know everything about each other. When you walk down the street you see everybody and you don't even have to call them. There (in the city) you get together with your friends, but you move in a smaller circle of friends," she says. "The boys are really different," laughs Brittany. "At home their pants are falling down around their ankles and here they're really tight and they wear big belt buckles." "I don't like the rumors getting spread (in Heppner), but other than that I really like being in a small community," says Brittany. "It's pretty cool that all these city people are able to get out in the country and see things they don't get to see at home. Here you can

walk everywhere and go get ice cream and stuff. At home you can walk down the street or around the block, but you can't really walk anywhere else. It's too far."

Crystal Moore, 15, lives in Boring with her mother, Bonnie, a beautician; dad, Doug, a machinery mechanic; and brother, Brenton, 17, a junior at Centennial High School. Crystal celebrated her 15th birthday in Heppner with an ice cream cake and lasagna made by her host mom. She also went to the Tri-Cities with her hosts, the Brad and Tami Foster family, visited at friends' houses and spent the night with a new friend. "It's fun here," says Crystal. "It's weird being able to walk to everything. I've had a really good time. I like the weather here-sunny and warm-and I like the wide-open spaces." The rural setting isn't a new thing to Crystal, however, since her home is in the country. Crystal said that her school experience here has been mostly field trips, so she hasn't really gotten a taste of school life in Heppner, but notices how much more crowded classes are at Centennial. Crystal says she misses her friends most, but adds, "It's nice being away from my brother."

Emily Dorney, 14, lives in Portland with her mom, Kathy, who works for a drug and alcohol counseling center. In Heppner, Emily stayed with the Sandy Patton family. While here, Crystal went to the Wranglers rodeo, toured the Morrow County Courthouse where her host mother works and stayed overnight in a cabin in the mountains with her family. "I like how you can just walk around and you don't have to worry about your safety here," says Emily. "I think the last murder here was in 1985 or something. People here sure cuss a lot, though, much more openly. Back there (Centennial) you would get into trouble." She says she hasn't been bored, but admits to missing the mall. At home she enjoys riding bikes and performing on the Sundancers dance team.

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