



Leadline: Jessy Wolford, Connor Green, Rylee Kollman, Tate Gentry, Laney Jenson, Macy Gibbs, Ali Lovgren



Stick horse: (l-r) Joseph Pettibone, Makenzi Hughes, Laney Jenson, Rylee Kollman, Coby Dougherty



14-17-year-olds: Kelsey Greenup, Amy Jepsen, Lacy Davis



Most Improved Riding Award Trophy went to the Pat Lovgren family. Bobbette, Hanna, Kody and Tory pictured here.



5 and under: Blake Greenup, Ryan Dougherty, Bobbie Correa, Makenzi Hughes



6 and 7-year-olds: (back) Rebecca Jepsen, Mary Rietmann, Makenna Ramos, Colby Green, Hanna Lovgren, (front) Stacy Jo Halvorsen, Hannah Jones, Garrett Robinson, Garrett Gibbs



8-10-year-olds: (back) Jessica Hughes, Taighler Doherty, Eric Jepsen, Devon Robinson, (front) Tory Lovgren, Kylie Jensen, Willy Gentry



11-13-year-olds: Emily Rietmann, Che Green, Regi Seitz, Ashley Zimmerman, Krystal Temple, Kody Lovgren, Becky Schiller and Ashley Kinnard.

## Hair today...gone tomorrow



Champion book readers shaved teacher Dean Robinson's head and beard and Principal Mike Stuart's mustache.

Once again, lone elementary and junior high students completed their goal in this year's reading program, "Read Across America". Teachers, students and Cathy Halvorsen decorated the main hall in the elementary building, keeping with the theme of red, white and blue, and the different states they would be visiting along the way.

This year's program began on April 22 and ended on May 9. The students read a total of 16,210 miles all together, equivalent to two times around the United States. Students began in Ione and made several stops along the way. First they stopped in Utah, then Minnesota, New York, Washington D.C., Florida, Texas, California and back to Ione. For each 25 books the students read, or with the older students, 500 pages, they completed a passport and brought it to the library for a prize and a star on the board. Each star represented 100 miles. "We were hoping to make it at least once around the U.S. but the students out did themselves, and we made it around twice" said Terri Palmateer, librarian.

For reaching their goal,

students were treated to a shaving party with Principal Mike Stuart and teacher Dean Robinson once again volunteering their facial hair as well as the hair on Robinson's head. The students competed for the honor of being able to go up and shave the two by reading as many books, and pages as they could. Winners this year, with four stars each, were Natasha Epperson, first grade; Jordan Peterson and Zac Orem, second grade; and Beth Morter, third grade. They were followed by Julianne Carlson, first grade; Emily Holland, kindergarten; Alex Carlson and Brianna Peterson, tied, fourth grade; and Mike Coleman, fifth grade.

Junior high winners were: Shannon Clay, sixth grade; Miranda Hunt, seventh grade; and Abby Key, eighth grade.

"Everyone had a great time, yes, even Mr. Robinson and Mr. Stuart," said Palmateer.

Afterwards participants had chocolate sundaes to end the program.

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## Wranglers give awards

The Wranglers Club held a Mother's Day barbecue and the fourth of its annual series of play days on Sunday, May 12. The local riding club is open to anyone who wants to participate. This year they held play days on the afternoons of April 21, 28, May 3 and 12. Each week there were three different events for the contestants. The first two events were always barrel racing and pole bending. The third event was different each week and included the Figure 8 Stakes Race, Put and Take, Scurry Race, and Ring Race. All of the kids who participated in at least one week of the four received a prize. Overall season winners who accumulated the most points included the following: Stick horse: first place, Makenzi Hughes; second place, Laney Jenson; third place, Rylee Kollman; fourth place, Colby Dougherty; fifth place, Joseph Pettibone and sixth place, Chance Frederickson.

Leadline: first place, Jessy Wolford; second place, Connor Green; third place, Rylee Kollman; fourth place, Tate Gentry.

Five and under: first place, Blake Greenup; second place, Ryan Dougherty; third place, Bobbie Correa; fourth place, Makenzi Hughes.

6 and 7-year-olds: first place, Rebecca Jepsen; second place, Mary Rietmann; third place, Makenna Ramos; and fourth place, Colby Green.

8-10-year-olds: first place, Jessica Hughes; second place, Taighler Dougherty; third place, Eric Jepsen; fourth place, Devin Robinson.

11-13-year-olds: first place was a tie between Che Green and Emily Rietmann; second place, Regi Seitz; third place, Kody Lovgren; and fourth place, Becky Schiller.

14-17-year-olds: first place, Kelsey Greenup; second place, Amy Jepsen; third place, Sibbea Jones; and fourth place, Lacy Davis.

Each year, the Wranglers Club also gives a large traveling trophy to the family who has shown the most improvement in their riding skills. This year's winners were Pat and Bobbette Lovgren of Heppner and their children, Kody, Tory, Hanna, and Ali.

The Wranglers will be sponsoring a Jack Pot Rodeo on Saturday, June 8. Call Bill or Liz Green at 676-5425 for more information.

## Watching the light bulbs come on



Karen Beck will "not miss the paperwork" when she retires from teaching next month.

Karen Beck, long-time Heppner math teacher, is counting the days to her retirement.

"I have a clock that counts backward," Beck said. "I'm down to 30-something." Actually, she's down to the teens now, as she will be running for the doors, just like the rest of Heppner schools, on June 6.

Beck was born and raised in the Portland area and graduated from Clackamas High School in 1968. She then attended Oregon College of Education, now Western Oregon University, and received her BS in education. There she also met her husband, Alan, who retired from Heppner High School three years ago.

Beck's first teaching experience was in Sherwood where she taught seventh and eighth grade math for one year. She then married Alan and moved to Ione. From 1969-1971 she taught fifth grade at Ione Elementary School. In 1971, their first child, Michelle, was born and Daniel, their second, followed in 1975.

She went back to full-time teaching in 1976, spending two years at Ione High School, and then going on to Heppner to teach fifth and eighth grade math. "That's when I really fell in love with mathematics," said Beck. In 1985, the family moved to Heppner and by 1986, Beck had assumed her current position as Junior High math teacher. "When kids go, 'I get it!' the light bulb comes on," said Beck, "I enjoy watching the light bulbs come on. I didn't always want to be a math teacher, I was torn between the nursing profession and teaching."

Beck has been involved in many school programs and activities throughout her teaching career. More recently, she has helped set up the Family Math Night at the grade school; a program that has taken place the last two years for grades K-8. She also helped set up the Veterans Day service at the high school. "This was really dedicated in my heart to my dad," she said.

"Teaching is very different now than 20 years ago," Beck stated. Beck described several changes at the state level that she was, "not happy with." Beck thinks that the benchmarks

that children have to reach are unreasonable, and that the state is wasting money on these tests. "The only part of the state benchmarks I like is where a student has a work sample from their grade level and they explain how the mathematics was done. The writing of the explanation is good."

Beck and her husband already have their future as a retired couple planned out. They are planning to move to the coast, a place they always went to when they were dating. They also plan on traveling and, Karen especially, pursuing their other "passions": gardening, landscaping, reading, and collecting things featuring cats.

The Beck's children are living in the Portland area and they now have a grandson, Travis, who was born in January.

When her children were growing up, Beck was a leader in Cub Scouts, Bluebirds and Campfire. She is now active in the Heppner Methodist Church as a trustee and involved with Pastor-Parish Relationship. She has been on the Heppner Planning Commission and also enjoys running. "My husband and I are avid runners," she said, "we run in races year round, from marathons to track meets to relays."

Though Beck will miss her long-time position, she is ready to retire. "When I retire, I won't miss teaching, but I will miss the contact with the kids and staff," she said and then added, "I will not miss the paperwork!"

## Lifeguard training offered

Be trained as a lifeguard and work as a lifeguard during the summer, while attending college or at any year-round pool.

A lifeguard training course will be held at the Condon swimming pool beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday, June 1. Participants must be at least 15 years old.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Sally Walker at 676-9112.

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