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# Gazette Times

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## Morrow County residents help at Bite of Oregon



(L-R): Terry Tallman, Benny the Beaver and Cheryl Tallman at the Morrow County booth at the Bite of Oregon festival.

Promoting Morrow County during the Bite of Oregon in Portland was: Karen Wolff, Claudia Hughes, Cara Osmin, Victor and Nancy Vander Does and Terry and Cheryl Tallman.

Morrow County partnered with Umatilla County to kick off the Boot Loop Tour.

## Morrow County deputy charged with sexual abuse of 17-year-old girl

Charges have been filed against Mark James "Jamie" Rietmann, 29, a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy. He has been accused of sexual abuse concerning a 17-year-old girl, and giving her cocaine when he worked as a technician for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

Rietmann was indicted by a grand jury last week on charges of sexual abuse and unlawfully delivering a controlled substance to a minor. He was released from Deschutes County Jail after posting bail.

"We are in shock around here. It is out of character," said Morrow

County Sheriff Verlin Denton. Rietmann has been with the department for two years and was named employee of the year in 2003. He began as a contract officer, working exclusively in Heppner, and has currently been working countywide.

Rietmann has been relieved of duty and has been placed on paid investigative leave, said Sheriff Denton. A local internal investigation will be conducted while the Oregon State Police are handling the investigation into the charges.

According to Sheriff Denton, Rietmann has maintained his innocence

## PMHH offers Lifeline services

Pioneer Memorial Home Health (PMHH) has contracted with Lifeline to provide a 24-hour-a-day personal response service to seniors in the surrounding communities. The service provides quick assistance whenever personal support is needed, especially in a medical emergency.

PMHH Director, Molly Rhea, says, "Helping seniors and people with disabilities live with confidence, is a mission we hold close to our hearts and one that all of us take seriously. We are proud to be a part of an organization that helps support the active and independent lifestyle of elders in our communities. The Lifeline system is there when loved ones or caregivers can't be."

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## Jackpot Rodeo rescheduled because of rain

Because of heavy rains, the Morrow County Jackpot Rodeo, which was to be held Sunday, Aug. 22, has been rescheduled to Sunday, Aug. 29 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

The entries will be reopened and registrants can contact Teresa Hughes at 676-9451 or 676-5978.

If the weather is still bad, the rodeo will be held inside.

photos by Sandy Matthews



Children of the Fair and Rodeo volunteers turned a rainy day into fun by "mud wrestling" in the rodeo arena. All the kids were covered from head to toe.



Getting in on the fun, Princess Jessica Wainwright was pulled through the mud by Lane Bailey.



Not wanting Sunday to be a total loss, children of the Rodeo volunteers, used the muddy rodeo arena for "mud wrestling." (L-R): Kelsie Fox, Megan Orr, Dalton Wellman, Cassie Wilson and Whitney Matthews.

## Ione Education Foundation to hold fundraising dinner

The Ione Education Foundation is holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fundraising dinner on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Ione American Legion Hall. An auction and raffle items will be included in the evening.

A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. The menu includes prime rib, crab, shrimp, salad, baked potato, bread and dessert. Two drinks will also be included in the meal, with

choices of beer, wine and soft drinks.

Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under; and children 6 and under free. Tickets are available at Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione.

"Come enjoy a fun evening and help support the Ione School," said an event organizer. The Ione Education Foundation is a 501c(3) non-profit corporation.

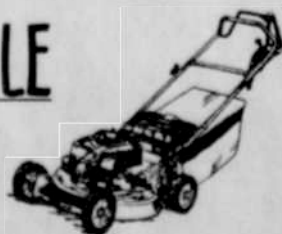
## Gazette-Times Closed for Labor Day

The Heppner Gazette-Times office will be closed Monday, Sept. 6 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. All news articles and advertisements need to be turned in by Friday, Sept. 2, at 5 p.m., for the Sept. 8 edition of the paper.

The office will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

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