

Local girls place in barrel racing competition



(L-R): Taighler Dougherty, Jessica Hughes, Blake Greenup and Alexis Doutré.

Results are in from the Greater Columbia Barrel Racing Association for the 2004 year. Four local cowgirls received placings in the Association: Taighler Dougherty sixth in the Juniors; Jessica Hughes fourth in the Juniors; Blake Greenup first in the Peewees; and Alexis Doutré fifth in the Juniors.

Holiday wall hanging raffle generates \$500 for mural



Travis Harrison (right) won the Holiday Quilt Wall Hanging made by Judie Laughlin (left). The raffle was sponsored by Willow Valley Service Club with proceeds going to the FARM Foundation's Mural Project. The raffle generated \$500.

Morrow County Gun Club news

On Sunday, Dec. 5, eight shooters braved the cold wind at the Morrow County Gun Club.

The high shooter in singles (16-yard target) was Mark Schlichting with 23 out of 25 hits. Following him was Barry Munkers with 22 out of 25. High lady for the day was Deona Hodges with 17 out of 25 and junior was Taylor Hodges with 12 out of 25 shots.

In the Handicap (20-yard target), Harvey Childers was high shooter with 19 out of 25 targets. Following him were Kelwayne Haguewood and Schlichting tying at 18 out of 25. Deona Hodges was again high lady with 18 out of 25 and Taylor Hodges the junior shot with 14 out of 25.

Annie's were then shot with Roger Mortimer, Childers, Munkers and

Schlichting each winning one.

The next shoot on Dec. 12 at 12 p.m. will be games all afternoon- Annie's, golf, chip backers, buddy, bushwhackers and more. Bring your shotgun; the club has shells if you don't. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Willow Creek Baptist Church volunteers are hosts for the Dec. 15 noon meal at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu has not yet been received.

Nearly 20 people traveled to Ione on Sunday, Dec. 5 to attend the concert given by Willow Creek Symphony and Singers. They presented a homegrown treat, which has steadily improved over the several years of its existence.

On Dec. 10, the senior bus will be loading at 9 a.m., at the St. Patrick's Main Street entrance, for a shopping trip to Hermiston. Persons from Ione and Lexington are signed up also. The larger bus is used to accommodate as many as possible. Call the office to be sure of a seat, 676-9030.

The decorators have been at work to make the dining room festive. Come and enjoy.

Heppner Booster Club to elect officers and reps

The Heppner Booster Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Heppner

High School Home Ec room.

An election of officers and class representatives will be held

Justice Court report

The October monthly report for the Justice Court for Heppner and Irrigon saw \$32,481.35 received and turned over. Of that amount, the state received \$8665.50, the county received \$23,361.85 and \$454 was turned over in restitution.

The Court handled 204 cases, with 164 of those cases traffic citations, 19 game citations, 14 misdemeanors, two civil claims and FEDS, one small claims and four DUII.

There was also 30 pre-trials, 28 warrants issued, 107 suspensions ordered, three DUII Diversion filed, 28 warrants returned from the Sheriff's Office and 129 accounts sent to the collection's agency. Twenty trials were scheduled with only 11 minor hearings (traffic) actually held.

Recent tickets include:

Bruce A. McPeak, 44, Skamania, WA, No Written Record of Transfer-Spike Elk, fine \$75.

Austin L. Justesen, 18, Kent, VSL 70/55 and Improper Display/Expired, fine \$108.

Ione graduate collects teaching awards

Ione High School graduate Terry McElligott has been a U.S. History teacher for 23 years. She is passionate about law-related classes like history and civics. What makes McElligott stand out is she is teaching those topics to middle school students and collecting state and national honors for her efforts. Most recently, in the spring of 2004, McElligott was selected Oregon History Teacher of the Year by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

McElligott traveled to San Francisco in August of 2003 to accept the Middle School Law Related Education Teacher of the Year award from the American Lawyers Auxiliary and The American Bar Association. She won the national award, along with \$1000, for her Chehalis Valley Middle School students' involvement in local issues.

She spearheads a "We the People" eighth

grade congressional hearing simulation and "Project Citizen," which pushes students to improve an aspect of their home town.

The "We the People" activity involves about 220 students which McElligott divides into about 47 groups. The groups must be prepared to defend two law related statements with background and justification from the Constitution, Supreme Court cases, current events and historical information.

McElligott uses the "Project Citizen" curriculum with one of her language arts classes. Students must identify a community problem that needs to be fixed in some way. Last year, her students targeted the public restrooms at the city parks. They suggested a new schedule for cleaning and posting of emergency numbers in case of problems. The students won both the state contest and came in first in the nation with the project.

McElligott's success in the classroom isn't limited to civics lessons. Last spring, two of her language arts/reading class students received national recognition when they traveled to Washington D.C. for National History Day, a competition they qualified for by placing first in the state. The pair created a documentary titled "Exploring the Road to Freedom," about the Underground Railroad.

Portland's Classroom Law Project's Executive Director Marilyn Cover praised McElligott for her work mentoring teachers in the Pacific Northwest and traveling to Boston to lead summer institutes. She also made a trip to Croatia to help over 100 teachers implement democracy projects for their students.

"She is a teacher with unparalleled enthusiasm... She is a teacher we all wish our own children could have," said Cover.

Check Mates receive \$360 in donations



(Clockwise from top): Jason Kendrick, Seth Taylor, Cade Arbogast, Skyler Hawks, Sharon Harrison with BEO, Carolyn Willey with WVSC, Ross Cutsforth and Argho Datta.

The Heppner Elementary School chess team, Check Mates, received \$360 in donations for snacks and some extra equipment, i.e. chess boards, extra pieces and a chess clock.

Donations were received from Bank of

Eastern Oregon, \$160; Willow Valley Service Club, \$100; and an anonymous donor, \$100.

The Check Mates have made it to the regional tournament in previous years and been to the state tournament twice.

Advisors for the chess team are Sherry Matteson, Jannie Allen and Mary Ann Elguezabal. Many parent volunteers help, with the main volunteers being Wayne Seitz, Dave Kendrick and James Pappas.

PMH receives new Director of Nursing

Expanding her roll at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Home Health and Hospice Director Molly Rhea has also accepted the position of Director of Nursing.

Rhea who was born and raised in Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School went on to study nursing at Good Samaritan Nursing School, graduating in 1979.

After graduation, Rhea started working for Pioneer Memorial Hospital as a graduate nurse. She was a full-time nurse through 1985 and in 1986 was appointed Director of Tri-County Home Health. In 1987, the hospital took over the home health program



Molly Rhea

and it became a department of the hospital. The hospital received Hospice certification in 2002, expanding the program to Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

Tammy (Henderson) Martin resigned for the Director of Nursing position after moving outside of the community and with the position open, PMH asked Rhea to take on the responsibility. Rhea accepted and is now also in charge of the oversight of the nurses, nurses aides and medical staff, as well as involved in numerous committees that keep the hospital running effectively.

Not wanting to leave behind Home Health and

Hospice, Rhea had the offices moved into the lower level of the hospital where she would be able to manage both projects.

Rhea said that knowing a lot of the people in the area helps with both jobs. Rhea's husband, Steve, works as an insurance agent for Wheatland and is a volunteer fire fighter.

Marriage Licenses

Dec. 3: Larry William Buck Jacobsen, 29, Snoqualmie, WA and Jennifer Ruth Bon, 25, Snoqualmie, WA.

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