

DIY Kids take field trip to Alpaca farm



Members of the DIY Kids 4-H Club (left to right): Christine Raible, Shadow Kendrick, Stacey Halvorsen, Julianne Carlson, Stephanie Schuler.

By Julianne Carlson

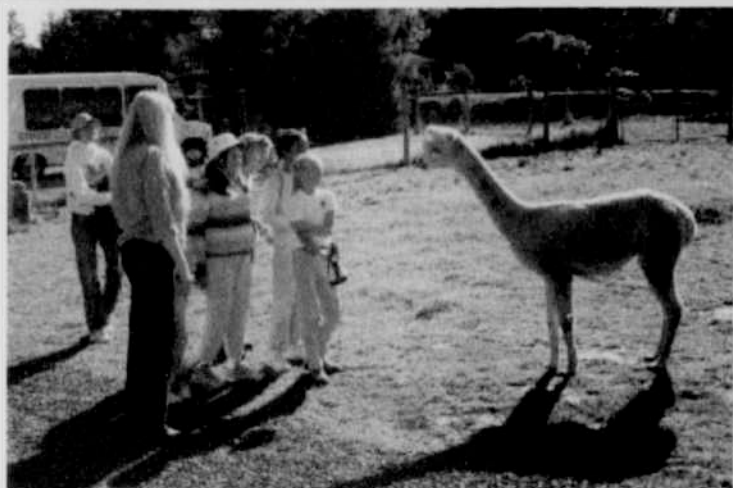
Saturday, September 24 the DIY Kids met in Ione to travel to the Hood River Valley for their field trip to the Foothills Yarn and Fiber Shop and Alpaca farm. In attendance were Stacey Halvorsen, Shadow Kendrick, Christine Raible, Stephanie Schuler and Julianne Carlson. The chaperones were Sarah Carlson, Betty Carlson, Linda Halvorsen and Michelle Raible.

When we arrived, we met Tom and Connie Betts. They showed the group members around the farm. They taught how they take care of the Alpacas, and they let the group feed the animals. Connie spins fiber and is an experienced knitter. She taught how to spin on a drop spindle. The drop spindles were made of a wooden dowel and CD. Each member each got to spin Corridale/Alpaca fiber.

The group had a picnic lunch and purchased some yarn from the shop for their 4-H knitting projects. On our way home, they stopped in Odell to get ice cream and Hood River Valley fruit. The group thought whole trip was great fun.

St. Patrick's Senior Center

United Methodist Church will provide volunteers for the October 26 noon meal at the Heppner Senior Center. The menu is beef stew, green salad, fruit, cornbread and 7up with orange sherbet.



Connie Betts introduces the members of the DIY Kids 4-H Club to an alpaca.



Julianne Carlson learns to spin with a drop spindle.

Ponies 'A' team beats Mt. Vernon

By Jessica Hughes

The Heppner Junior High School Ponies got off to a great start Thursday, Oct. 13, against Mt. Vernon. Mt. Vernon won the first game, 25-12.

Game two was a very close loss for the Ponies. They kept it close the

whole game. Jessica Hughes had seven serves in a row. Brynna Rust had a powerful kill that brought the score to 9-15. The Ponies couldn't pull it out and the game ended with a loss.

Game three was an easy and intense game for the Ponies. Torri Lovgren had five points to help out with the win. Rust added three points and Hughes added five. A kill from Catherine McElligott sealed the Pony victory. The Ponies record is now 6-0.

The Ponies travel to Weston on Friday, Oct. 21, for their final league match. They then travel to Riverside on Saturday, Oct. 22, for their league tournament.

Junior cheer clinic held



"They worked extremely hard and I was impressed," says Grant.

The junior cheer clinic was held Oct. 11 and 12 with 20 third through sixth graders and 18 kindergarten through second graders attending. The Heppner High School cheerleaders sponsored the clinic. The participants learned basic cheer moves and will

perform at an upcoming Heppner High School football play off game. The specific date will be announced later.

Heppner Cheer coach Virginia Grant said she was pleased with the number of girls attending the event. "They worked extremely

hard and I was impressed with how quickly they learned," said Grant. "My squad and I had a great time working with the young girls." The clinic could not have happened without the help of the "cheer moms" who volunteered both days, she said.

Retaining wall construction continues

Terrace Drive in Heppner near the Morrow County Courthouse has been closed for the last three years due to safety issues. The Morrow County road department has been working to place a cement retaining wall on Court Street blocking the use of Terrace Drive.

The original construction will consist of a cement retaining wall. The original stone from the Osmin Ranch basalt quarry on Balm Fork Road will face the retaining wall to match the basalt wall along Court Street. The area behind the wall will be backfilled and landscaping added.



Phase I of Morrow County Courthouse grounds renovation project

This project is Phase I of the Courthouse area. Sidewalks will be replaced in the front and rear of the Courthouse. The final phase will include renovation of the lower parking lot.

Scarecrows appear around town

There is still time to enter your scarecrow in the Heppner Chamber of Commerce fall contest. Anyone living within the city limits is eligible to enter. The chamber has received nine entries so far this year. Judging will take place before October 31.

Prizes will be given for the most welcoming, most unique, biggest and best, and latecomer entry. For more information and to enter contact Claudia Hughes at the Chamber office.

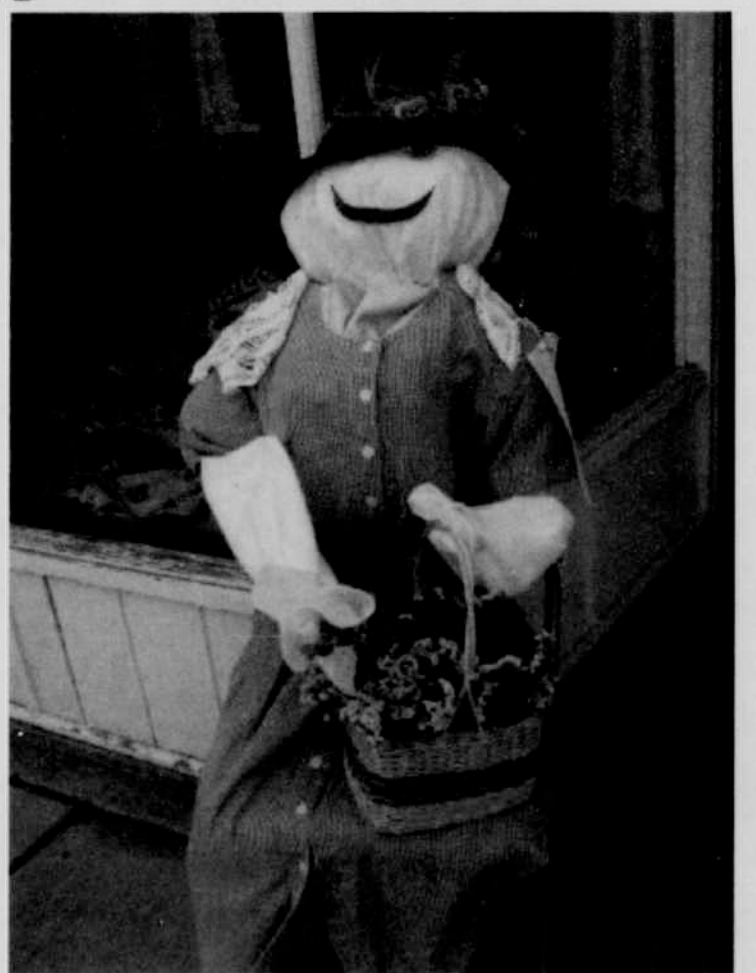
Pony 'A' team cruises past Pendleton

By Jessica Hughes

The Pony 'A' team got off to an intense start in game one against Sunridge Middle School on Thursday, October 6. They won an easy game, only allowing Sunridge 10 points.

In game two, Pendleton turned the table on the Ponies. Sunridge came out victorious, winning 25-17.

In game three, Heppner brought back their intensity and won the game by only two points. Lindsay Cutsforth scored the winning point by making an awesome save. She saved it from going out of bounds, a point that could have cost the Ponies the game and the match.



Ms. Scarecrow greets customers at the Artisan Village

AARP Driver's Safety Class scheduled

AARP and Blue Mountain Community College have scheduled a Driver's Safety class for Thursday, November 10, at the Morrow County Extension Office in Heppner. The class will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students are asked to bring their lunch.

Driver's Safety is classroom instruction for mature drivers age 55 and over, stressing laws and safety. Most insurance companies offer premium discounts to drivers age 55 and over who have completed the class. The cost of the class is \$10,

payable to AARP on the day of the session

Pre-register by contacting Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator for South Morrow County at 422-7040 or John and Judi Swanson, instructors at 922-9568. Pre-registration is required, as a minimum enrollment must be met for the instructors to hold the class.

Correction

The Neighborhood Center will have an open house Thursday, October 27, from 5-6:30 p.m. The date was stated incorrectly in a previous story.

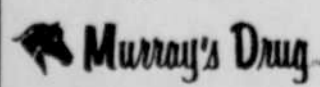
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