

Local student qualifies to compete at world's largest junior high rodeo

Devin Robinson, a seventh-grade student at Heppner High School has earned a position on the Washington State Wrangler Junior High rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Gallup, New Mexico from July 10-15 to compete at the 1st annual Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo (WJHFR) in the chute dogging, boys' goat tying and team roping competitions.

Featuring more than 800 contestants from 41 states and Canadian provinces, the Wrangler Junior High Finals is the world's largest junior high rodeo. In addition to competing for more than \$75,000 in prizes, WJHFR contestants will also be vying for more than \$50,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo National Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 15 after two go-rounds of intense competition before

advancing on to Friday's final championship performance. This year, the Saturday championship performance will be televised nationally as a part of the "20X Rodeo High" telecast series. Check online at www.nhsawranglerdivision.com for the broadcast schedule.

Along with great rodeo competition and the chance to meet new friends from around the world, WJHFR contestants have the opportunity to enjoy nightly contestant dances, family-oriented activities sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Cowboys and the chance to shop the WJHFR western tradeshow, as well as visit the historical attractions of New Mexico and nearby Arizona.

To follow your local favorites at the WJHFR visit the Wrangler Division's website daily for complete results at www.nhsra.org. For ticket information and reservations, call toll free at (800) 380-4989.

Over the Tee Cup

Willow Creek Country Club ladies held their nine-hole invitational on Tuesday, June 27. Ladies from Oregon and Washington clubs joined our local golfers for a beautiful day of competition, a salad luncheon and prizes.

Low gross of the field went to Loa Henderson, WCCC. Low net of the field went to Susie Brown, Tri-Cities Country Club.

Other winners included:

Canyon Lakes Golf Club: Low gross, 1st- Inez Mowery; Low net, 1st- Emma Kleinknect and 2nd- Enes Shonka.

Columbia Park: Low gross, 1st- Sue Hanni and 2nd tie- Charla Casey and Sandra Oster; Low net, 1st- Nancy Dodson and 2nd tie- Joan Robinson and Marla Fox; Chip-ins, Nancy Dodson #4 and #9 and Sylvia Yanmura #4; and Birdie, Nancy Dodson #4.

La Grande Country Club: Low gross, 1st tie-

Betty Hyde and Jean Trotter and Low net, 1st- Joan Staab and 2nd- Loise DeVore.

Meadow Springs Country Club: Low gross, 1st- Donna Megy and Low net, 1st- Judy Stewart and 2nd- M.B. Peterson.

Tri-Cities Country Club: Low gross, 1st-Debbie Machbay and Low net, 1st- Mary Sevelle and 2nd- Neva Boyle.

Umatilla Golf Club: Low gross, 1st- Carole Hamilton.
Willow Creek Country Club: Low gross, 1st- Virginia Grant, 2nd tie- Corol Mitchell and Eva Kilkenny and 3rd- Luvilla Sonstegard and Low net, 1st- Bernice Lott, 2nd- Joanne Barbee, 3rd- Lois Hunt and 4th- Pat Dougherty.

Special Events: Long drive- guest, Nancy Dodson and home, Jackie Allstott; K.P.- guest, Mary Sevelle and home, Eva Kilkenny; and Long Putt-guest, Sue Hanni and home, Jackie Allstott.

Spanish Class for kids to be held

A Spanish class for children in kindergarten through sixth grade will be held July 10-13 from 9-11:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Parish Hall. The class will include vocabulary, stories, cookies, singing, dancing and conversation. Mary Ann Elguezabal and Petra Payne will teach the class.

Cost for the class is \$40 per child. Pre-registration is required as class size will be limited. To register, call 676-5774.

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WCVEDG meeting rescheduled

The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 12 at 8 a.m. at the Heppner City Hall. The agenda and last's month's meeting minutes will be emailed next week.

Births

Alexis Nicole Clark- a daughter, Alexis Nicole, was born May 30, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Rachel Phillips and Jacob Clark of Irrigon.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news



Velma Wight, Kathy Turner and Meg Murray enjoy the 3rd floor balcony at the Sr. Center with its patio table with umbrella and a variety of flowers and mini-shrubs.

The menu for the July 12 noon meal at the Senior Center is salmon loaf, baked potato, mixed vegetables, green salad, rolls and fruit cups. St. Patrick's Catholic Church will be serving.

Due to increases of food prices, the suggested price of the meal has

increased 50 cents.

We are sorry to hear that Grace Drake is in the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with her. If you would like to send her a card, it can be sent to: St. Anthony Central Hospital, 4231 W. 16th Ave., Denver, CO 80204.

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Hughes sent off with flowers and well wishes



Claudia Hughes, who retired from her position as executive director of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce June 30, was honored by an open house retirement party at City Hall. Hughes received cards, flowers and well wishes from numerous community members.

NOAA issues June climate summary for Heppner

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged slightly warmer than normal during the month of June.

The average temperature was 64 degrees, which was 1.2 degrees above normal. High Temperatures averaged 77.3 degrees, which was 0.3 degrees above normal. The highest was 98 degrees on June 28. Low temperatures averaged 50.6 degrees, which was 2.1 degrees above normal. The lowest was 43 degrees, on June 10.

On three days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 2.30 inches during June, which was 1.22 inches above normal. Measurable

precipitation -at least .01 inch- was received on 10 days with the heaviest, 0.80 inches reported on June 4.

The outlook for July from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during July are 85.7 degrees and normal lows are 53.1 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.35 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department. You can visit their website at weather.gov/pendleton.

plant exchange, Green Feed (for potting soil), Les and Janice Paustian (for many of the beautiful plants) and all the tenants (for helping plant and for watering) has been greatly appreciated. The balcony off the third floor has become a gathering place to visit and share ideas.

Fair and Rodeo committees prepare for fun-filled celebration

This year's Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo and Morrow County Fair committees are ready to present a fantastic celebration for Aug. 16-20. New ideas and a huge amount of energy and commitment will leave memories in your minds for years to come.

Start off your week bringing the kids to the fair on Wednesday, Aug. 16. The pet show, watermelon seed spitting contest and the ever so famous "tractor pull" will keep the kids hopping. The highlight for kids this year will be OMSI. They have planned fantastic, educational activities. Thursday, we have something for everyone, including music from Zach Grooms and he will use his talents to host the talent show this year. Murray's will also sponsor their relaxing Wine and Micro-Beer tasting festivities on the football field. A new attraction will include the NPRA rodeo slack this year, starting at 6 p.m. You can eat at the fair, enjoy a cool one and watch a little rodeo talent. The youth from all over the county will be showing their livestock, talents and then finishing off the fair with the auction Saturday evening.

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo is celebrating its 84th year. That says something for any rodeo. Ranked the second largest payout rodeo in the Pacific Northwest, OTRP is known for its outstanding ground, clown acts and stock. It is sure to entertain spectators and bring in the finest cowboys and cowgirls around. They will be competing for the All Around Saddle, sponsored by the longtime supporters and a great business in our community, Bank of Eastern Oregon. The rough stock riders will have an added bonus this year; three of the finest NPRA rodeos in our

Garden Club news

The Heppner Garden Club will meet on July 10 at 6 p.m. at JoAnne Bursleson's home at 655 Hagar Street, Heppner. This will be an ice cream social. The group will also be planning for the next year's programs.

The Garden Club is an opportunity to meet new friends, learn more about gardening and it always gives to the community.

For further information, contact Bursleson at 676-8981.

Lexington neighborhood watch group to meet

A meeting of the Lexington Neighborhood Watch will be held Thursday, July 6 at 7 p.m. at Lexington Town Hall. Morrow County Sheriff Ken Matlack will be in attendance.

area (Fossil, Spray and OTRP) have sponsored a rough stock gun series. Each rodeo supports one of the rough stock events and all three put money to give away a trophy gun to the cowboy who accumulates the most rough stock points from all three rodeos. This will be an added attraction from rodeo talent.

The "wooly action" will start off Friday evening at 6:30 p.m., with Mutton Bustin'. Grand entry will kick off at 7 p.m. B Bar D will supply the stock this year and the annual OTRP dog calling contest will bring canines of all sizes to run for the jackpot money that evening. Saturday will spark into action at 12:45 p.m., with Mutton Bustin' and grand entry at 1:15 p.m. The clown, Cody Sanford from Pasco, will attempt to ride a bull backwards just to make life a little more interesting. End your weekend with the Wrangler breakfast on June 20 and watch the locals compete for awards and jackpot money.

OTRP admission is adults, \$8, students ages 7-12, \$5 and 6 and under are free. Be ahead of the game, close and comfortable by buying pre-sold VIP seats. For only \$12 a seat you can be up close and personal to the rodeo action and enjoy backed, armed reserved seats. At the gait these will cost you \$15. Pre-sold box seats for all three days are also available. This reserved 10 seats for larger families or businesses. The best deal is pre-sales, so call Rodeo secretary Lynn Dee Ramos at 422-7559 or 676-5583. Enjoy the entertainment and activities out committee members have worked all year toward.

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Caledonian Games July 8 & 9

City Park in Athena, Oregon

Scottish athletic events, piping, dancing, vendors, parade, pipe bands!



Benefit dinner on July 7th. Scottish menu, \$11.00. Dinner at the Catholic Church Hall on 5th St.

Check out the full schedule at www.athenacaledoniangames.org

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The city staff will be executing
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Emergency Flash Flood Plan**