

Heppner Rowdy Red Hats to gather at Willow Creek Lake

On Thursday, July 13, the Rowdy Red Hats will meet at Willow Creek Lake for a potluck picnic at 6:30 p.m. Spouses or partners will be welcome to accompany their favorite Red or Pink hatter or one who wants to join the organization to this meeting only.

The gathering will take place in the picnic area down near the docks and swimming area. People who plan to attend are asked to bring the following items: lawn chairs and tableware for themselves, a dish to share and a beverage. Lemonade, water and dessert will be provided.

Before dinner, there will be a brief meeting to determine what the group would like to do for August. The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo parade is on Saturday, Aug. 19 and the group could possibly march in it or do a float. Attendees are asked to bring some good ideas. There will also be a collection of dues for 2006 at this gathering if you have not already paid them.

After dinner, there will be an opportunity for teams of two to compete in a game called Arizona Golf, similar to vertical horseshoes. It is nothing like golf, but uses golf balls to weight the throwing devices. Prizes will be awarded for the first three places. Come and try your luck after enjoying a yummy meal.

Heppner Idol Talent Show to be held

The Heppner Idol Talent Show will be held Friday, July 28 during the Celebrate Heppner Festivities. Singers, dancers, instrumentalists, poetry writers, magicians, stand-up comedians, animal trainers and others are welcome to share their talent.

The talent show will follow the BBQ, which begins at 5 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are available at Wheatland Insurance and the Heppner Chamber of Commerce. The deadline is July 24. For more information, contact Nancy at 676-9113.

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Court helps out at Oregon Trail Library summer reading program



The court reads with kids at the Boardman Library. (L-R): Pennant Bearer Jarreid Miller, Princess Josie Miller, Queen Heather Yocom and Pennant Bearer Jessica Hamilton (reading).

The Morrow County Fair and OPR Court have been busy reading to the kids in Morrow County who have been attending the Oregon Trail Library Summer Reading Program in Heppner, Boardman and Irrigon. On June 14, they enjoyed helping take registrations and reading to the kids in Heppner, where they also helped Wally Wisecracker. They will be helping with the final one in Heppner on July 19.

They were in Boardman and Irrigon on June 30. They have also been busy participating in parades at Spray, Umatilla, Ione, Athena, and Elgin this is just the beginning of the busy summer.

To be able to afford all the travel, the Court is still doing the pop can drive, so keep dropping your cans off at the Fairgrounds from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. weekdays. They are also selling a coloring book with biographies, pictures of the court this year and many coloring pages. The price of the book is \$3.50 a piece, to



During registration for the Heppner Library's reading program, the court helped Wally Wisecracker. (L-R): Princess Josie Miller, Wally Wisecracker, Queen Heather Yocom, Pennant Bearer Jessica Hamilton and (front) Pennant Bearer Jarreid Miller

purchase one, contact a Fair and OPR Court member or the Fairgrounds at 676-9474 or keep your eye out around town. Remember not to forget about the cut and

wrapped 1/2 pig and the gorgeous ring from Peterson's (that will be on display in window) that the girls are also raffling off on Sunday, Aug. 20 at MOCO.

EOU awards degrees to local students

Eastern Oregon University awarded a total of more than 800 bachelor's and master's degrees in the 2005-06 academic year. Graduates were formally recognized for their achievements at the Commencement Ceremony held in Community Stadium on Saturday, June 17 at EOU.

Local graduates included: Heppner- Robert Waite, Masters in Business Administration; Patti Allstott, B.S. Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude; Blake Matthew Knowles, B.S. Business

Administration; Richard J. Drake, Masters in Teacher Education; J. Andrew Johnson, Masters in Teacher Education; Joseph Anthony Lindsay, Masters in Teacher Education; Sarah Jean Eckman, B.S. Multidisciplinary Studies; William T. Hurl, B.S. Liberal Studies, Stefanie A. Spivey, B.S. Multidisciplinary Studies, Summa Cum

Laude; and Lexington-Amellia B. Peck, B.S. Crop and Soil Science, Cum Laude

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Cayuse Junior Rodeo coming

After many years, junior rodeo excitement is returning to Heppner. On Saturday, July 22 at 1 p.m. and Sunday, July 23 at 10 a.m., there will be a Cayuse Junior Rodeo at the OPR/Morrow County Fair and Rodeo outdoor arena. Rodeo cowboys and cowgirls between the ages of 5 and 18 will be competing in a variety of exciting rodeo events such as goat tail untying, roping, chute dogging and bull riding.

You can be treated to two afternoons of young rodeo excitement as a spectator for free or local youngsters may enter the rodeo. Entry forms can be picked up at the Morrow County Fair Office or at MCGG/Green Feed and must be postmarked by Saturday, July 15, if you wish to enter. For further information, call Kyle Robinson at 676-9014 or Rodeo secretary Karen Smith at (541) 278-1798, or pick up an entry form and read the instructions carefully.

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Keithleys receive July Yard of the Month



Ginger and Vern Keithley.

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Yard of the Month recognition in Heppner for July has been awarded to Vern and Ginger Keithley.

Their well maintained home sits on a corner lot at 590 Gale Street. The house was built in 19 and occupied by Joe Nye. Ginger's brother, Pete Schwarzin, purchased the home from the Nye's estate and lived in it until selling it to the Keithleys in 1976.

Ginger's family moved to Heppner from Western Oregon when she was an eighth grader. She and Vern, who is part of a large, local family, were high school sweethearts and graduated together in 1956. They will celebrate 50 years of marriage in January 2007. Previous homes for them were on Cowin, Water and Baltimore Streets, all in Heppner.

Vern is now employed by Willow Creek Park District to do park upkeep and maintenance. In the past, he worked at Kinzua Mills and also was a self-employed carpenter. Vern has put those skills to use over the years on their home with various projects, sometimes with the help of son, Jay, who is a local area contractor/carpenter.

The Keithley's also raised daughters Ruth Ann, Linda and Suzanne in Heppner. All four children were born at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Vern and Ginger now share their home with their golden cocker spaniel, Noel.

A volunteer now at the Neighborhood Center, Ginger is retired from her 'downtown' jobs; she clerked at Peterson's Jewelry for 18 years and Coast to Coast for 12 years. She and Vern sell gourds at craft fairs that they have crafted into works of art with help from Linda.

Vern mows the thick grass lawn while Ginger trims it. They both pull weeds. A clean, crisp white lattice fence in the side yard defines the only property line shared with a neighbor. Below is a raised bed full of a variety of plants that Ginger enjoys trying such as Christmas roses, lobelia, holly, coral bells, ornamental grasses and clematis vine. The pansies and primroses scattered throughout are Vern's favorite plants.

Ginger's favorite plantings are a number of maple trees that provide deep, cooling shade and an invitation to the backyard. Located there is the generously large, wood deck used almost year round. Hanging from the deck's cover are colorful lights and hanging baskets of annuals. Planters full of flowers are scattered around its broad steps. Willow Creek provides the property's back border, a constant cool breeze and the soothing sound of flowing water.

The yard is very bird friendly and a variety of birds nest throughout. In the past, beavers began falling neighborhood trees for a dam on the creek, but fortunately spared Keithleys' trees.

The backyard in general is Vern's favorite place while Ginger's is the lawn swing that sits on a brick paved area. Other plantings throughout the property are spirea, snowball and mock apple shrubs, apple, apricot and Linden trees. The yard's shade is so deep that Vern's sister, Trish Sweeney, calls it their "jungle." However, there is enough of a sunny spot to allow room for a clothesline for fresh air drying.

Future plans are to replace the home's original sidewalk that leads to the garage/workshop. More shrubs might be planted in place of flowers to cut back on maintenance.

The Keithleys have a long history of keeping up appearances of their yard. In August 1981, they were recognized as "Garden of the Month" by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and received a copy of the book, "Homes and Heritages" by Gil French.

Both Vern and Ginger are interested in gardening so much that it is enjoyment to them, not work. And the community of Heppner appreciates and benefits from the results, in 1981 and 25 years later in 2006.

Yard of the Month recognition is co-sponsored by the Heppner Garden Club, MCGG Green Feed, Heppner TV and the City of Heppner.

Family BBQ and golf scramble held at WCCC

A family BBQ was held at the WCCC on Sunday, July 9. Fifteen golfers braved the warm afternoon, with a four-man best ball scramble. The first place team consisted of Gene and Luvilla Sonstegard and John and Pat Edmundson. The second place team consisted of Jim and Barb Hayes, Bob Jepsen and Betty Christman. And a tie for third place went to the teams of Dale and Kathy Boyd and Earl Norris and Les and Jan Paustian and Roger and Andrea Mortimer.

A fun time was had by all. The next family BBQ is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 17 at 4 p.m.

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