

Tri-County All Stars participate in Babe Ruth state tournament



District 6 Babe Ruth runners-up, Tri-County All Stars, competed in the State Tournament in 100 degree plus heat in Ontario, OR July 19-23. The team representing Heppner and Condon played good solid baseball, but came up short losing to Astoria and Union County but defeating a solid Baker team. Seeded fourth in the finals bracket, Tri-County gave Snake River All-Stars a run for the victory losing 6-3. (L-R): Brett Harrison, Jared Hedman, Justin Gutierrez, Bill Jaeger, Daniel Jeffreys, Michael Hawks, Ian Murray, Justin Reed, Willy Gentry, A.J. Jrzeck and Donald Matthews. Not Pictured: Coaches Rick Johnston, John Murray and Bob Reed and batboy, Austin Gutierrez. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

Fair and Rodeo Court volunteers at Heppner Library



(Clockwise from bottom left): Queen Heather Yocom, Pennant Bearer Jarreid Miller, Princes Josie Miller and Pennant Bearer Jessica Hamilton make preparations for the Heppner Library reading program's stuffed animal wash.

On Wednesday, July 19, the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court had fun helping the Oregon Trail Library in Heppner finish the summer reading program. The time was spent having fun.

After preparations, the court helped with a Stuffed Animal Wash. The kids had fun doing a relay of washing the animals in a

4-H announces Livestock Bowl Results

The 4-H Livestock Knowledge Bowl was held at the 4-H Annex on July 18. 4-H members have been studying questions on animal husbandry in addition to questions specifically related to beef, sheep, swine, dairy and goats for the last couple of months. At the competition on Tuesday, teams competed against each other on knowledge of all these subjects through a

bucket. The court had a fun time helping the preschoolers and kindergarteners get to the right bucket and wash their animals. Then they played a game of trying to get the other animals off the parachute the fastest.

After the games, the court helped the kids get their prizes and shared cupcakes with them.

Jeopardy-like game.

The first place team was Team Beefers, consisting of Jessica Hughes and Emily Thompson. The second place team was Team Oregon Trail Livestock, consisting of Makenna Ramos, Stephanie Schuler and Steven Thompson. The third place team was Team Columbia Junior Ranchers, consisting of Sean Barron, Trevor Graff, Cody Parker and Justine Parker.

Football camp to be held in Ione

Ione football camp for incoming sixth graders through high school seniors will be held Aug. 7-11. The camp will begin at 6 p.m. each night. Participants should come in shorts and bring cleats if possible.

The price for the camp is \$20 per camper and includes a tee shirt.

Contact Dennis Stefani, 422-7364, or Josh Browning, 422-2530, for more information.

City of Irrigon receives \$5000 for new skate park

The City of Irrigon received a check for \$5000, from the Safeway Foundation, for the building of Irrigon Skate Park.

The City will be building a new skate park of approximately 8000 square feet. This facility will also accommodate BMX bikes. The skate park is part of a larger project that will provide public restrooms, a parking area, paved walkways, benches and landscaping. The City intends to break ground for the project this fall and have the facility in operation before the first of the year.

Report noxious weeds along roadways

With the vast spread of noxious weeds on the county road system, Morrow County Road Department would like to know where potential problems might need to be addressed. If you wish to report a potential problem area, contact Dave Pranger, Morrow County's Weed Control Supervisor at mcweed@co.morrow.or.us or by phone at 989-9502 or cell phone at (541) 980-2878.

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

The residents and staff at Willow Creek Terrace view as their good fortune Dot Halverson's moving into the Terrace this month. Dot has been a familiar face to many of the residents for several years and they are now delighted to call her "neighbor." One apartment is vacant at the Terrace and interested persons can come by or call 676-0004 for information.

These neighbors are enjoying many social occasions around their tables and on the back patio as the summer months bring great weather and some amusing excuses for getting together. "B Day" focused on the letter "B," with many of the day's clothes, decorations and food beginning with that letter (bandana and brooch, balloons, bananas and beets?).

"Gorgeous Grandma Day" was also the birthday of the Ice Cream Cone (how many people knew about those national days?), so gorgeous grandmas and friends, of course, ate ice cream cones while chatting. "Christmas in July" returned on the 24th, with Santa again leading the special Bingo game. Bugs Bunny also has a July birthday, which will be observed with carrot cake for everyone. On July 28, some fortunate visitors might get in on the Terrace's celebration of "National

Milk Chocolate Day" (such possibilities). And good old "Mutt Day" is the day on which the residents will share time with Spot, Molly Rhea's loveable mutt. Spot plans to spend the day and some young people from the Seventh Day Adventist Church plan to bring their dogs up for a shorter visit.

Independence Day has been July's most noted celebration and the residents and staff celebrated this important birthday with a fireworks show of their own. Thirteen of the residents, with some staff and volunteers Chris Burkenbine and Suzanne Jepsen, had traveled to Boardman the evening before for Music in the Park. Barbershop-quartet music and a fine picnic were enjoyed by all that evening, with a song just for them as they prepared to bus back to Heppner, so they were content to stay home on the 4th. They ate watermelon slushies and watched "one [heck] of a show" on their hill.

July has also been filled with the weekly games, crafts, exercising, reading of the "Gazette Times," cards and matinee movies, but Sunday, July 9, made room for a special visit. Tessa, a registered miniature horse owned by Tom Shear, demonstrated his best manners as the residents let him know how intrigued

they were.

August will continue the summer pace on the hill and already the residents are looking forward to the Music in the Park presentation in Irrigon. The event on Aug. 7 has a Lewis and Clark theme and residents plan to attend if they find volunteers to join them for another bus ride, picnic and fine entertainment. Interested persons are encouraged to call 676-0004.

Entertaining, also, will be the visit by the Oregon Trail Rodeo Court in August. The reading of some "Cowboy Poetry" will be included in their social call. The residents are now considering what they might enter in the Morrow County Fair, which precedes the rodeo and will soon decide whether they will have a booth at the fair. They expect to take in Family Day at the event, as that day's activities and the serving of ice cream are always such a hit.

Ice cream has, in fact, become a feature of Sundays at Willow Creek Terrace. One might ask, "Why?" To which the residents and staff might shrug and say, "Why not?" After all, these "Sunday Sundaes" provide another occasion for being social, something the community of neighbors on the hill views as very important.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Come enjoy a great meal on Aug. 2. The menu for the day is barbeque pork chops, potato quarters with cheese, mixed vegetables, hot rolls and fresh banana pudding.

Lucille Kostechke left Oct. 2, 2005 to go to Phoenix, AZ for six months. From there she came back to Portland and left to go overseas on April 11, 2006. She flew over Canada and Greenland before landing in Frankfurt, Germany. Traveling with her daughter,

Kay, Kostechke said, "We made quite a site. My luggage and cane were loaded onto the wheelchair, Kay pulled and carried her own."

Kostechke returned to Heppner May 13, 2006. She is active in the center where she has lived since 2004. She enjoys playing Mexican Train dominoes, bingo, swimming and walking. A flower in her hair and flowers on her cane will let you easily spot this resident of the week.

Grant funds available for economic projects

The Baker-Morrow Regional Partnership (BMRP), a volunteer board overseeing regional and rural investment dollars from State lottery funds, is midway through the 2005-2007 Biennium with \$146,000 remaining of a \$270,000 grant fund for economic projects in Baker and Morrow counties. The emphasis of the funding is for projects that promote healthy communities through job creation and job retention activities. Recent awards in the two counties

have included assistance to a sandblasting company, a playground equipment manufacturing company and a call center in order to expand their organizations and create and maintain family-wage jobs.

Selection for funding projects will be based on applications that 1) successfully demonstrate the ability to complete the project outlined in the grant application; 2) propose job creation and/or retention activities; and 3) leverage outside funding sources to maximize the impacts of the grant funds.

The BMRP Board will consider all qualifying applications for private or public projects that promote these goals in the two counties. Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) manages the program and can provide assistance on the application process. For more information or an application package, please

Fair and Rodeo to hold kick-off festivities

On Saturday, July 29, the Morrow County Fair and OPR will have their Kick-Off Festivities. The Fair and Rodeo Court is hosting their second annual Stick-Horse Round-Up, entry fees are \$5 a person. These funds will go towards the court and their needs this summer.

The kids can do barrel racing, saddle bronc and pole bending. But before you ride those stick horses, fuel up with a free BBQ at the Fairgrounds starting at 5 p.m. Afterwards, relax to the sound of "MuchMoreCountry" at the Kick-Off dance at 8 p.m. No admission is charged for the dance. The band plays country music old and new.

Make sure you come down for the evening of festivities to remind you of the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo held the third week in August.

contact Karen Kendall at the Pendleton GEODC office at (541) 276-6745. Completed applications must be received by: GEODC, 2016 Airport Road, P.O. Box 1041, Pendleton, OR 97801, at least three weeks prior to a BMRP meeting. These meetings are open to the public and are typically held on the first Monday of every other month. Funding approvals will be subject to the availability of funds from the State.



GUESS WHO IS TURNING 50?
LORRIE FOX!
(on Monday, July 31st)
Help us celebrate what she calls just another year!
EVERYONE IS INVITED!
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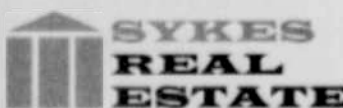
NEGOTIATING

When either selling or buying a home, negotiating the best possible price and terms is an art, and it is one that often takes much training and experience.

Usually, a third party, such as a real estate agent, can act as a buffer between the two principals and work out the differences that would be hard to overcome by both buyer and seller meeting face to face and not trained in negotiating. Also, someone not involved in the actual transaction can take

a more distant and realistic look at the two sides and offer solutions that a buyer or seller who are emotionally involved would not think of.

Some of the largest and most sophisticated corporations in the country regularly hire negotiators for important projects because of their expertise, so it's only natural that someone buying or selling a home, which usually represents one's largest financial investment, would have an agent negotiating on their behalf.



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Surplus Property For Sale (Closed Bid)

The Heppner City Council at its July 10, 2006 meeting declared the following property as excess property to be sold by bid:

Welder: Miller 40G, 400 Ampere
Unit Ser. # 98010845, City of Portland #A7618
(located in the PW yard)

Welder: Hobart Model: Titan 7000
AL/PC Spec. 7142, Ser.# 91 WS 17173
(located in the PW shop)

Car: 1997 Crown Victoria, 111,300 Miles.
VIN: 2FALP71W3VX137319
(located at the PW office)

Bids may be mailed to City of Heppner, P.O. Box 705, Heppner, OR 97836 or hand delivered to Heppner City Hall at 111 N. Main Street, Heppner. Bids will be accepted until Friday, August 11, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. Bids will be opened at the Heppner City Council meeting at 7:00 P.M. on August 14, 2006 and the sale of each item awarded by the Council.

If you have questions or concerns please call Dave DeMayo at 676-9618.

All property will be sold in an "as-is" condition.