

## Wrangler playdays held Merkley to hold town hall in Heppner



Leadline winners (L-R) Holden Sifford, Hattie Orem, Hallee Hisler and Paul Lorence. -Contributed photo

The Wrangler's Riding Club held playdays and potlucks on April 17 and May 8. Official final placings are as follows:

**Stickhorse racers**  
 1<sup>st</sup>, Hallee Hisler  
 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hattie Orem  
 3<sup>rd</sup>, Healy Hisler  
 4<sup>th</sup>, Reese Weygandt  
 Other Participants: Paul Lorence and Sierra Greenup

**Leadline**  
 1<sup>st</sup>, Hallee Hisler  
 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hattie Orem  
 3<sup>rd</sup>, Holden Sifford

4<sup>th</sup>, Healy Hisler  
 5<sup>th</sup>, Reese Weygandt  
 6<sup>th</sup>, Paul Lorence  
**7 and under**  
 1<sup>st</sup>, Blane Mahoney  
 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gracie Orem  
 3<sup>rd</sup>, (tie) Brian Lindsay and Sydney Bracher  
 5<sup>th</sup>, Sallie Orem  
 6<sup>th</sup>, Shane Sifford  
 Other participants: Brock Hisler, Sierra Greenup and Blair Bracher

**8-10 year olds**  
 1<sup>st</sup>, Jacee Currin  
 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jaiden Mahoney  
 3<sup>rd</sup>, Alex Lindsay  
 4<sup>th</sup>, Paul Taylor

**11-14 year olds**  
 1<sup>st</sup>, Kolby Currin  
 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kaelyn Lindsay  
 3<sup>rd</sup>, Erin Monagle  
 4<sup>th</sup>, Jenna Taylor  
 Other Participant: Blake Greenup

**Most improved award**  
 Jacee Currin

Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley will hold a town hall in Heppner this Sunday, May 22. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Heppner Elementary School gym.

At the meeting, Merkley intends to update constituents on his work in Washington, DC and answer their questions and invite their suggestions about how to tackle the challenges facing Oregon and America.

"Traveling across Oregon and meeting with residents in every county is crucial to helping me advocate for all Oregonians," Merkley said. "I invite all residents of... Morrow Count[y] to come and discuss how we can create jobs, strengthen Oregon, and put America on the right track."

## Cattle Barons weekend coming up

The Cattle Barons Weekend in Pendleton is this week.

Festivities start with the kick-off celebration on Thursday. The kick-off will feature Juni Fisher at Hamleys Slickfork Saloon for the "In the Company of Cowgirls" art show. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

Now in its fourth year, the Cattle Barons Weekend continues to grow. Added to this year's offerings are a livestock handling demon with Curt Pate, a ranchers' challenge for cattle ranchers, a bit and spur competition, artists' day draw and a live art auction.

Further information on any of these events can be found at [www.cattlebarons.net](http://www.cattlebarons.net) or [www.inthecompanyofcowgirls.com](http://www.inthecompanyofcowgirls.com).

## Local event hops to a good cause



Three- and four-year-old students at Heppner DayCare participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Hop-a-Thon on May 4. The kids gathered pledges based on the number of times they could hop, and they money they raised went toward the MDA's programs. The event also helped raise awareness for the MDA's programs. -Contributed photo

## Plant sale still going strong

The FFA and HHS plant science plant sale still has a large selection of hanging baskets, vegetables and flowers. The students have worked hard to put together this sale, the proceeds of which will go toward next year's plants and the FFA trips to national and state conventions.

The dates and times for the plant sale are:  
 Thursday, May 19 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.  
 Friday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.**

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175  
 Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161  
 OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

## Hands-on learning at Willow Creek watershed field day



Top: Ryan Watts of Wildlands, Inc., teaches students about streambank stabilization during a recent Watershed Field Day along Willow Creek. Bottom: Students learn about water quality from the Heppner High School science class. -Contributed photos

More than 108 fifth-graders attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Willow Creek Watershed Field Day on Wednesday, May 4 at Duane Neiffer's property west of Lexington. Students from Heppner, Lone, and Boardman stepped off of their buses, gathered in groups with an lone student leader and headed for the various stations.

With the help of Ryan Watts of Wildlands, Inc., Kevin Payne of Riparian Tech-Morrow SWCD and Riverside High School science teacher Dawn Calow, the students planted willow cuttings on the banks of Willow Creek. At this station, they learned how planting the trees helps protect the stream bank.

At the weather station, National Weather Service Hydrologist Dennis Hull and Rob Brooks helped students take temperature and humidity readings. As a weather balloon was released, one student tracked its direction with a compass, another watched its height with a range finder and a third wrote down the direction and elevation at certain points as the balloon floated away. This taught the kids how the wind patterns may change as the balloon moved from ground-level to higher elevations.

At the water quality station, Dieter Waite's Heppner High School science class—Joe Armato, Taighler Dougherty, Natalie Rauch, Shane Smith, Justin Bailey and Colby Goebel—helped students measure basic water quality parameters including pH, turbidity, conductivity, temperature, and dissolved oxygen.

## Catholic parish men to hold spring gathering

The men of St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic churches will hold their annual spring gathering at the Miller Farm Shop on the evening of Tuesday, May 24.

Mike Proctor will be barbecuing hamburgers; beverages will be furnished. Social hour will start at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call John Murray at 676-9631 or Dan Van Schojack at 676-9971.

## Red Hat luncheon scheduled

The Red Hat Rowdies are having a luncheon May 25 at 11:30 a.m. at Back 2 Beechers in Lone. All interested ladies are welcome.

## Hunters Education

Course to be held June 14th, 16th, 21st and 23rd

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Heppner High School  
 Field day - June 18th at Lexington Gun Club

Any person under 18 who wishes to hunt must pass this course in order to acquire a hunting license in the State of Oregon. Any person wishing to hunt out of state must also hold a valid Hunter Education Card. The course is being taught by Jim and Darlene Marquardt.

To register for the class call Jim at 541-969-4845

The fee for the course is \$10 and is set by ODFW  
 Information about the course can be viewed at [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/outdoor\\_skills/hunter/courses/index.asp#Northeast](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/outdoor_skills/hunter/courses/index.asp#Northeast)

## Farrens to graduate with triple degree

R.J. Farrens will graduate from The College of Idaho on Saturday, May 21. Farrens graduates with triple majors in history, religion and philosophy. He plans to attend law school at Gonzaga University in the fall.

Farrens is the son of Pepper and Connie Farrens of Beaver Creek, OR and a 2007 graduate of Heppner High School.

## Come By Our Heppner Branch In April & May



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## 6th Annual Youth Fishing Derby

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**Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Morrow County Parks are sponsoring a FREE YOUTH FISHING DERBY**

**Where:** Cutsforth Park  
**When:** May 21, 2011  
**For children 14 years old and younger**  
**Address:** 58430 Willow Creek Rd., Heppner, Oregon

**Start Time:** 8:30 am  
**End Time:** 11:00 am

For more information contact Betty Gray at the Morrow County Public Works Office (541) 989-8214

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