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Oregon ranks 30<sup>th</sup> in nation in identity theft

State official says Social Security number most valuable info for thieves  
By David Sykes

Although Oregon has moved from seventh in the nation for identity theft, to now ranking 30<sup>th</sup>, people should still be careful to keep thieves from stealing their identity, an official with the Oregon Dept. of Consumer and Business Services told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce recently.

Diane Childs says in 2007 Oregon ranked seventh, but has since tightened up with new laws and rules to improve the guarding of data here.

"Personal information is protected by law," Childs said. "And if we get that info in our businesses we must safeguard that info." She said the most soft-after info is social security numbers, followed by driver license numbers and state ID cards. Childs said the social security number especially can open up all sorts of doors for identity thieves who will open charge and credit card accounts with the information.

To obtain the information, thieves most often use computer hacking techniques, Childs said. Hacking accounts for about 19 percent of identity theft, inside theft at businesses, etc., about 17



Diane Childs of the Oregon Dept. of Consumer & Business Services recently spoke to the Heppner Chamber of Commerce about the threat of identity theft.

percent, and what she called "data on the move" accounts for about 16 percent of the theft cases.

She defined data on the move as when someone transmits personal information over the internet, smart phones or uses their credit card somewhere.

Childs says our personal data can end up on all kinds of devices that we need to be aware of, including thumb drives, laptops and smart phones, as just an example. "Be aware where your data is and monitor who has access to it," she urged. As an example of places where data is stored but many people don't even think about, is used copy machines. The newer digi-

tal copy machines use a hard drive to store data when it is copied or transmitted by fax, and she said businesses should "wipe" or erase those drives before turning them back into the leasing company, throwing them away, or exchanging them on a trade in.

She said business need to train people to handle other people's information, including customers and employees. And she warned people about giving out account numbers based on an email someone received. "Scrutinize emails that come in," she warned. A company will never ask for your account number through an email, she said.

Round-up themed fund raiser to benefit Roy Proctor

Tickets for a fund raiser to benefit Roy Proctor, a Heppner native who is recovering from a second bone marrow transplant on August 18, are now on sale. Proctor has Fanconi's Anemia.

The tickets are for a Pendleton Round-Up themed basket that includes: a Pendleton Woolen Mills blanket; two Wednesday or Thursday tickets for the 2012 Pendleton Round-Up; two adult tickets to the Happy Canyon Pageant; two adult tickets for the Round-Up Hall of Fame; one bottle Round-Up Whiskey; four Pendleton Round-Up glasses; one bottle of Hamley's wine; two Hamley's wine glasses; two Pendleton Round-Up wine glasses; one Pendleton Round-Up cookbook; \$50



Pendleton Round-Up basket on display at Murrays Drug

gift certificate to Hamley's Steak House; 2012 Pendleton Round-Up calendar, bumper sticker and brochure; two bottles of Pendleton Round-Up barbecue sauce and one Western themed table runner. The

galvanized bucket was donated by Morrow County Grain Growers.

Tickets are on sale until October 8, 2011. The winner will be drawn that

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Willy Gentry wins MOCO Rodeo All Around

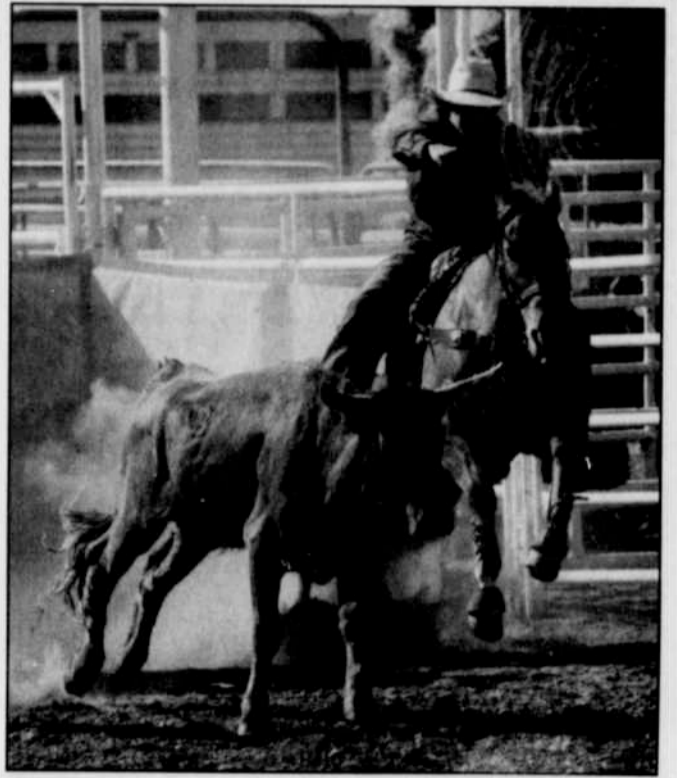
Willy Gentry of Heppner captured the All-Around Cowboy award for the Morrow County Rodeo held August 21 in Heppner. Gentry won the Cow Riding, Steer Wrestling and Open Calf Roping events.

Tiffany Greenup won the Senior Breakaway Roping and the Senior Barrels events and Devin Robinson won the Amateur Calf Roping.

Ty Sturza of Hermiston won the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo (National Pro Rodeo Association) All-Around saddle. Sam McKenzie of Jordan Valley won the Mike Currin Memorial Calf Roping Buckle. The OTRP was held on Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20.

Complete results are as follows:

**Morrow County Rodeo**  
All Around: Willy Gentry-Les Schwab Tires.  
Cow Riding: Willy Gentry-Miller & Sons.  
Calf Riding: Tim



Willy Gentry

-Photo by Sandy Matthews

Gould-Paul Hisler, Jr. Family Shad Hisler Memorial Buckle.

Blane Mahoney-Dickenson Chiropractic. Senior Goat Ty-

Steer Wrestling:

Willy Gentry-Mike Mahoney Family.

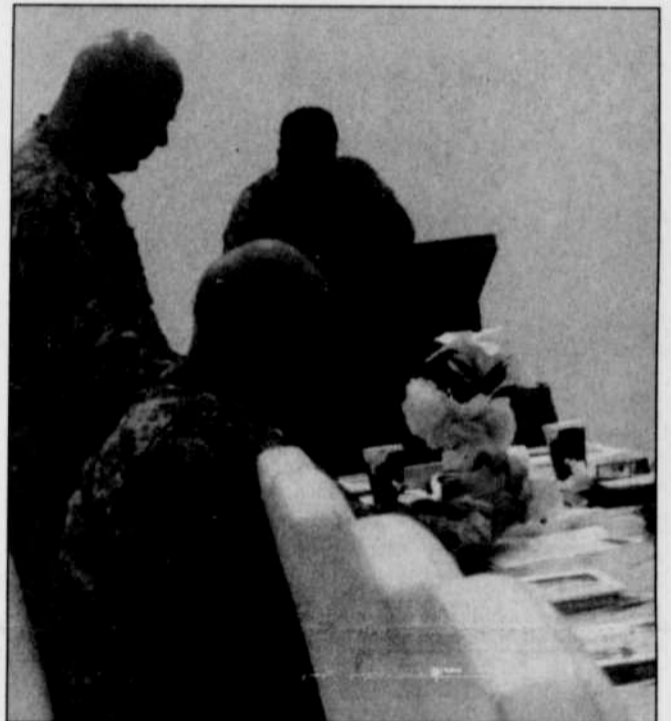
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Soldiers in Iraq unite for prayer

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Bright lights flooded the room, which was filled with soldiers from Oregon's 3rd Battalion, 116th Cavalry Regiment, and Kentucky's 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry Regt., both belonging to the 77th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Sunday, Aug. 21. These soldiers, including the commanders of both units and others from all ranks and jobs, united for a Sunday morning prayer brunch for two main reasons: to celebrate the completion of the 149th's training process in transferring operations from the 116th and to ask for God's blessing in the journeys ahead for each unit. After a brief speech from the 116th Cav. and 149th Inf. Regt. commanders, each unit's chaplain led the group in teaching of lessons learned in the deployment and a moment of prayer aimed at offering fellowship between two units from different ways of life and complete opposite ends of the U.S.

Capt. Andrew Johnson, the 116th Regt. chaplain, a native of Heppner, Ore., said, "It's important to realize that our fellow brothers and sisters aren't our enemy on deployment. Realizing the value of our teams is important, however."



Pictured left to right: Capt. Andrew Johnson, chaplain for the 3rd Battalion, 116th Cavalry Regt. from Heppner, and Silverton, OR, native Lt. Col. Phillip Appleton, 116th Cav. Regt. commander, bow their heads as 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry Regt. chaplain Maj. Brian Seidel leads a prayer at Joint Base Balad, Sunday, Aug. 21. Both units are a part of 77th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. The 149th Inf. Regt. has recently reached the end of a lengthy mission hand off process which sees them taking the reigns from 116th Cav. Regt. in escorting supply convoys across the roads of northern Iraq.

Overall, the prayer brunch offered a reminder to soldiers of the importance of a strong spirit in the face of adversity.

Maj. Brian Seidel, chaplain of 149th Regt. and a native of London, Ky., said, "The spiritual component of [a Soldier's] total fitness is often undervalued till

crisis. Sometimes we don't appreciate the significance of spiritual fitness till we desperately need it. But we need it for all of life, the good and the bad."

For both units in the months to come, perhaps good spirits will be useful to successfully finishing their respective missions.

Kids head back to school



The school year opened Monday for these kids at Heppner Elementary school. Principal and staff were at the door to welcome back the children for the new school year.

School opened for both the Heppner and Ione School Districts. These kids got right with some activity going right away Monday morning when they got a soccer game going before class at the Heppner Elementary playground.

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