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Rolling Hills Run is back

The 2012 Rolling Hills Run will take place Saturday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

"Last year we had a great time and a lot of participants at the Rolling Hills Run," said a Morrow County Health District spokesperson. "In support of the countywide focus on a healthy lifestyle, and in order to promote the Morrow County Health District's vision of promoting wellness and improving health, we're happy to sponsor the Rolling Hills Run again in 2012."

The event will include a 5K walk/run, a 10K run and a Kids' Fun Run. The course will be the same as in years past, with contestants walking and running along Highway 74. Prizes will be awarded

by age groups. Proceeds from the event will go toward community health education in Morrow County.

Early registration is available online through April 5. Cost is \$8 without a T-shirt and \$20 with a T-shirt. Hooded sweatshirts will also be available at an additional cost. Early registrants will be able to guarantee their T-shirt or sweatshirt purchase. Registration will be allowed after April 5 up to the day of the race; however, fees will increase slightly and T-shirt and sweatshirt availability will not be guaranteed.

For additional information and to register, look for a brochure or visit <http://www.active.com/running/heppner-or/rolling-hills-run-2012>.

Americans in Paris

Ione High School students spend spring break in France



Ione students at Notre Dame in Paris. Back (L-R): Gus Peterson, Daniel Holtz, Tanner Bass, Steven Holland, Adam Collin and Oskar Peterson. Front (L-R): Lauren Garrett, Julianne Carlson, Stacey Halvorsen and Mary Rietmann. —Contributed photo

Ten Ione high school students spent spring break in France with teacher Lea Mathieu and parent volunteers Joe and Donna Rietmann.

The group spent four days in Paris viewing well-known sites such as Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum, Versailles Palace, Luxembourg Gardens, and the Museum D'Orsay, as well as Fragonard Perfumery. One evening was spent on a cruise down the Seine River, followed by a trip up the Eiffel Tower, which is lit at night. They divided one afternoon to either go shopping at Gallery Lafayette or to take the train to Chartres to see the famous cathedral there.

On their fifth day, the group took the train to Bayeux in Normandy, where they saw the famous 11th-century tapestry that tells the story of the Battle of Hastings. They then visited the American Memorial Cemetery, where 9,000 American servicemen from World War II are buried,

and walked Omaha Beach, one site of the D-Day invasion that turned the tide of the war. They were also privileged to hear a World War II veteran speak of his experience in Normandy.

They enjoyed typical French food throughout the trip; favorites included croissants, pain au chocolate, crepes, mousse, baguette sandwiches and, to their own surprise, escargot (snails).

The trip was organized by EF Tours, and the Ione students spent a year raising more than \$7,000 to help with expenses. Their train tickets to Normandy were donated by Don Peterson, a World War II veteran and retired Ione farmer. Students will earn academic credit for the trip through travel journals, research and presentation, and several reflective papers.

"Travel is an excellent form of education," said Mathieu, "that I hope these students continue to pursue throughout their lives."

Arlington rodeo dates changed

The Arlington Jackpot Rodeo has changed dates this year, moving from the first full weekend in May to the second weekend, May 12 and 13, in Arlington, OR.

Events for the 65th year will begin Saturday, May 12, with a parade through downtown Arlington at 10 a.m. and the queen's luncheon immediately following the parade at the United Methodist church hall, 150 Hemlock St.

Rodeo action begins at 12:30 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. A cowboy breakfast will be served on Sunday at the Masonic Hall from 7-10 a.m.

Arena action will feature the traditional rodeo events, including bull

riding and ranch bronc riding. There will be added money each day, except for specialty events. The specialty events will be mutton bustin', junior and pee-wee barrel racing, and a calf scramble. The 10th annual Kevin Johnson Memorial buckle will be awarded to the all-around cowboy or cowgirl.

The cook shack will be serving food both days. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. A two-day pass is available for \$9 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

For additional information on the Arlington Jackpot Rodeo, call 541-980-1593 or 541-980-7108. For royalty-related information, call 541-384-6251.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Fond memories of Heppner

Dear Editor,

As I complete my working career in Heppner, my family looks back with so many fond memories of our time here.

We moved to Heppner in August of 1974 so I could take a teaching job at the high school. My college roommates helped us move. It was Fair and Rodeo weekend. After we unloaded the truck, my long-haired, California roommate headed for Bucknam's for a beer. He returned some time later, bruised and bloody, after a beat-down from a cowboy for being so loud and abrasive. Such was our first night in Heppner. Things did improve.

I ended up at the bank in 1979 and spent the next 32 years with a fantastic organization, the Bank of Eastern Oregon, which was and is a cornerstone of helping people succeed in their businesses and creates a large number of good jobs for people who want to live in the Willow Creek Valley.

Debbie was able to work for Morrow County Grain Growers and Devin Oil Inc., both excellent examples of great organizations with committed managements and boards that care about the area, create good jobs and are successful endeavors.

Along the way, we raised two boys in the community. They received a top-notch education that helped them finish college and start their careers. They also were able to participate in so many extra-curricular activities that taught the value of participation, teamwork, discipline and dedication that still serves them to this day.

We have so many memories of participating in the Elks, Lions, Booster Club, church, Little League, chamber, et cetera that keep a community strong and progressive and are the price you pay and the privilege you have from living in a small community.

We met so many great people whom we will never forget, both acquaintances and people who will be lifelong friends.

In retirement we will be throwing away the alarm clock, traveling to places we've never been before and finding somewhere warm to spend the winter months.

We will always cherish our time in Heppner and will continue to refer to it with pride as our hometown.

Signed,
Debbie and George Koffler

Marine gets world-class welcome



Former Marine Sgt. Michael McCabe received a big smooch from his three-year-old nephew, Logan Turner, upon his arrival back in the U.S. after two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. Both are now at home in Heppner. —Contributed photo

Holly Rebekah card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will host their monthly card party on Saturday, April 7, at the Lodge Hall in Lexington. Play starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes snacks throughout the evening. Prizes will be awarded to the high and low scores for both men and women.

Bingo is still held every Thursday starting at 1:30 p.m. Blackout prize starts at \$150.

The public is invited to join the fun at both of these events.

Correction

In last week's issue of the Gazette-Times, the article "Morrow County teacher to retire after 27 years with district" incorrectly stated that Windy River Elementary is in Irrigon rather than Boardman. It also incorrectly stated that Frank Osmin has two sons; Osmin has a son, Derek, and a daughter, J.J. The editor apologizes for the errors.

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