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Fishing derby makes memories



Estella Chavez, 8, (R) won in her age group (6-10) as well as the biggest overall fish with a 27", 7.5-pound trout. Her sister, Isabel Chavez, 5, (L) won the biggest fish for the 0-5 age group with a 16", two-pound trout. Both sisters are enrolled at ACH in Irrigon. -Contributed photos

The weather may have been cold with snow flurries, but 90 hardy kids registered and participated in the seventh annual youth fishing derby at Cutsforth Park on May 5.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife stocked the pond, and made sure to put in a few trophy-sized fish for the kids to catch. Trophies were awarded to individuals with the largest fish (length) in age groups, as well as overall largest fish and smallest fish. Goodie bags and prizes were handed out thanks to the generous contributions of local businesses. Lunch and refreshments were provided courtesy of the Heppner Elk's Lodge #358.

Kids caught fish, which they brought to volunteers to be measured and recorded. Results of the derby were:

- Ages 6-10 - 41 participants**
1st, Isabelle Chaves - 16-1/4" trout
2nd, Blake Walton - 14" trout
3rd (tie), Stephen Hofbaur - 13-1/4" trout
3rd (tie), Sammie Henrichs - 13-1/4" trout
Ages 6-10 - 41 participants
1st, Estella Chavez - 27" trout
2nd, Preslie Bowles - 20" trout
3rd, Jeremy Bowden - 16-1/2" trout
Ages 11-14 - 20 participants
1st, Noah Bowden - 23-1/4" trout
2nd, Rebecca Waddell - 13-1/2" trout
3rd, Kiara Bailey - 12-1/4" trout
Overall Largest Fish
Estella Chavez - 27" trout
Wee Fish Award
Kamille Holtz - 8" trout

Obituaries

Andrew Jackson Davidson

Andrew Jackson Davidson, 91, died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, and went home to be with the Lord on April 30, 2012. A memorial service and burial at 11 a.m., May 6, at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Portland. Tom Davidson officiated at the graveside service.



Andrew Jackson Davidson

Andy was born on the family wheat ranch in Morrow County near Lone, OR, on February 14, 1921. His parents, William Lee Davidson and Mabel Marie Casas Davidson, moved from California to homestead the ranch in 1916. They raised their six sons and one daughter together until William died when Andrew was 11. As a single mom, Mabel continued raising the children through the depression while running the farm.

Andy graduated from Lone High School and was a member of the high school band, where he developed a lifelong love for playing many musical instruments. He was a skilled mechanic who could fix anything. As a long-haul truck driver/owner for more than 40 years, he always provided for his family. He was an entrepreneur, and participated in many other business opportunities along the way. The wheat ranch is still family-owned and will become a family century ranch in four years.

Andy was an avid amateur radio operator, call sign WB7RKY. He was a private pilot who owned his own plane and even survived a crash during a takeoff from the family ranch. In his retirement years, he worked as a security guard for The Grotto in Portland. When the sewer project came to his southeast Portland neighborhood, he bought a backhoe and began installing sewer lines.

Andy had a tender heart for the lowly and downtrodden, and his family can recall many a Christmas when he brought home a stranger he'd picked up in a truck stop who had no place to go. He always said "it takes all kinds." His hard work ethic was his legacy to his children; until a month before his death, he was still planning the next wheat crop.

Andy was preceded in death by: his parents; five brothers; wife, Austa; wife, Leona; granddaughter, Rebecca; and grandson, Danny Lee.

He is survived by: one sister, 14 children, 33 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Please direct any remembrances to: Midway Christian Church, 2546 SE 131st St, Portland, OR 97236 or Portland Adventist Hospice, 10123 SE Market St, Portland, OR 97216.

Death notice

Daniel Wright--Daniel Wright, 51, of Vancouver, WA passed away May 13, 2012. A Celebration of Life service will be held at his home, 8520 NE 111th Ave. in Vancouver, on Saturday, May 19, at noon.

New fire hall soon to be a reality



(R-L): Secretary/treasurer of the Wildhorse Foundation Board, Bill Hansell, Lexington Recorder Dee Burch and Mayor Jean Brazell at the Wildhorse Foundation luncheon. -Contributed photo

The town of Lexington is about to see its dream of a new fire hall come to fruition. Beverly Steagall and Jean Brazell who studied the need for a fire hall and secured plans that met the needs of the department.

Town recorder Dee Burch was a big part of the process, seeking grants from FEMA and Wild Horse. The citizens of Lexington also stepped up, approving a bond to complete funding.

The grants enabled the town to do the necessary preliminary studies, secure permits, draft plans, plan for a septic system and secure

Cleary Building Company to complete the project. The Bank of Eastern Oregon was willing to partner with the town, and purchased the \$172,000 bond to complete the project.

Groundwork will begin any time, with the first arrival of materials expected around May 25 and project completion slated for the middle of July. A ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house will be planned then. The old town hall/fire station has to be dismantled by the end of June; a small park is being planned in its place.

Birth Announcement

Skylyn Piper Laurendeau—Justin Warren and Tiffany Rose Laurendeau of Heppner wish to announce the birth of a daughter, Skylyn Piper Laurendeau.



Skylyn Piper Laurendeau

Skylyn was born April 17, 2012 at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, WA. She weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and was 19-3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are David and Pamela Piper of Heppner; Claire Laurendeau of Plainfield, VT; and

Bruce and Eileen Bradley of Graniteville, VT.

Great-grandparents are Betty and the late Carl Marquardt, and the late Mel and Betty Piper.

Community lunch menu

Nazarene and Seventh Day Adventist church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, May 23 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include fish sticks, new potatoes and peas, summer squash, bread sticks and peach Melba. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Cheerleaders hold SIDS walk

Ione cheerleaders are organizing a SIDS walk to be held May 26 at 11 a.m. The walk route will start and finish at Ione Community Park.

The walk's theme will

be "A Walk for Bailey." T-shirts will be available for \$20 for adults and \$11 for children.

Anyone who is not able to participate in the walk but who would like to buy a t-shirt or contribute may call Misti Stefani at 541-422-7142; an account has been set up at Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Lunch will be held in the park after the walk, with a bouncy house for kids and a special speaker.

4-H trail horse clinic to be held

The final 4-H horse clinic for the season will be held this Sunday, May 20, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Participants are asked to arrive at 1 p.m. to help set up; the clinic will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m.

This clinic will focus on trail horses. One-on-one time with the clinician will be available.

Dryland Wheat Crop Tour

Thursday May 24th 2-5 pm
meet at the North Lex Elevator at 2 pm
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Wedding: June 10, 2012

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