

Possible lightning strike at courthouse

Anyone running late the weekend of June 22-24 might be able to blame the Morrow County Courthouse clock. The clock was off time from Friday, June 22, until the following Monday, when it was finally able to be reset.

Though no one saw the cause, Morrow County Court Executive Secretary/Personnel Director Karen Wolff said the clock's malfunction was unofficially blamed on a "lightning event," probably a lightning strike, early that morning.

"Since no one saw it strike, we don't know for sure; where it hit, we don't know for sure," she said.

Wolff said she was one of many people who heard the thunder associated with the lightning strike around 3 a.m. June 22.

"Lots of people got up because they thought it hit their house. There's a mark



The Morrow County Courthouse clock stopped keeping time the weekend of June 22-24, one of many results of that Friday's storm. The problems have been blamed on a possible lightning strike, giving rise to jokes about DeLoreans and flux capacitors. —Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

on my ceiling where I had to peel myself off," she joked.

Wolff said she knew of at least one person who had damage to their personal equipment. Aside from an off-time clock, Wolff said

the courthouse suffered damage to the elevator, the air-conditioning system and much of the technology equipment downstairs. The state court upstairs, which has its own equipment, also reported a lot of damage.

Fundraiser planned for new rodeo queen

Ione's Fourth of July celebration will also include some fundraising efforts for newly-crowned Oregon High School Rodeo Queen Lilly Sandford.

A dunk tank will be held in the Ione City Park after the Red, White and Blues Parade July 4. Sandford will also be raffling off a butchered pig, cut and wrapped, donated by

Mike's Mobile Slaughter of Stanfield. The drawing will take place right before the fireworks begin.

As a reminder, a good luck party and fundraising dinner will be held on July 7 at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The event will be a tri-tip and chicken dinner with silent and live auction items and music. Adults are \$20, stu-



Lilly Sandford

dents \$10 and children \$5; under five are free.

Sandford is raising money to attend the National High School Rodeo finals and queen pageant in Rock Springs, WY next week, July 13-21.

Call Sylvia at 541-571-5930 for information.

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Morrow County's Relay for Life a success

Participants voted Morrow County's Relay for Life event this last weekend a huge success both financially and personally, as well as beneficial to local communities.

Anyone who would like to make a donation still ticaname; make a donation online through August 31 at <http://relayforlife.org/heppner> or drop off a donation at Bank of Eastern Oregon, Community Bank or Heppner Chamber, and they'll get it to the right place.

Several food vendors were on hand to help feed the teams as they walked seemingly endless laps. Quality Concessions was there from 3 - 11:30 p.m. on Saturday; Team CCS offered a Taco/Enchiladas fundraiser meal from 12-2 a.m. and The Stable of Youth (Bobbette Lovgren) set up from 1-5 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Heppner Chamber of Commerce has a few lost and found items (black, short umbrella and a colorful rain jacket with hood in a pouch bag); the items may be picked up at the Chamber Office.



The Relay for Life Committee is looking for the identification of a character (called "Yeti") who came during the wee hours of Sunday morning to entertain the walkers, borrowing someone's purple hero cape and modeling one of the donated Port of Morrow backpacks. He was seen hanging out at the "I Believe" tent. If anyone has information on the identification of "Yeti," contact the Heppner Chamber to receive your prize (upon validation of identity) —Contributed photo

Those who purchased luminaries for a loved one can pick them up at Community Bank through Fri-

day, July 13. Look in next week's paper for more information about this event.

Award-winning children's entertainers to visit Heppner

Sisbro Studios to present family programs at Heppner and Boardman libraries

An award-winning author/filmmaker/entertainer team from the internationally-acclaimed Sisbro Studios will make special appearances at the Heppner and Boardman libraries in early July.

Area residents of all ages are invited to come and enjoy a lively Sisbro performance of music, comedy and fun on Wednesday, July 11 at 2 p.m. at the Heppner Public Library. Anyone who missed that performance is welcome to attend the evening performance at 6:30 p.m. at the Boardman Public Library, 200 S.Main St.

Sisbro is the creative sister and brother team of Laura Sams and Robert Sams, whose dream was to create high-quality films, books, educational media and curriculum that help people discover the natural world.

Laura and Rob noticed a need for better family and children's programming, so they set out to create stories that "are so clever, funny, beautiful and catchy that people can't help but share them again and again," according to their website, www.sisbro.com.

Their work has been honored with more than 50 international awards, including a Wildscreen Panda Award (which is often called the "Green Oscars"), a KIDS FIRST! Best of the Year Award, a National Parenting Publications (NAPPA) Gold Award, a Special Jury Award at the International Wildlife Film Festival and many more.

Among their best-selling books and videos



Laura and Robert Sams

for children are the "In the Woods" series and the "Riddle Solvers" series.

Rob and Laura have performed live visits at hundreds of schools and libraries nationally and internationally, with venues from the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in D.C. to the Chicago Field Museum to schools as far away as Dubai.

Sisbro programs are interactive and age-appropriate, and provide a dynamic mix of education and entertainment, mixing stories, music, video clips, art, and humor with learning theory.

"We're so pleased to be able to help bring Sisbro Studios to Boardman and Heppner. Sisbro has had rave reviews elsewhere and we're hoping for a good turnout," said Marsha Richmond, director of the Oregon Trail Library District.

The presentations are sponsored collaboratively by the Oregon Trail Library District, Hermiston Public Library and Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO). For further information, contact Marsha Richmond at 541-481-3365 or LEO executive director Lyn Craig at 541-763-2355.

Community VBS held



Several area churches combined forces for a community-wide vacation Bible school, held June 25-29 at Hope Lutheran church. VBS began each evening with a free supper before the kids embarked on Bible lessons, games, crafts and singing. Above: Baptist youth minister Michael Ehrsam imparts a lesson to his group of kids during game time. —Photo by Megan Futter

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