

Little League team Kids experience outdoors, Disney-style second in districts



The John Day River All Stars Little League team, which consists of kids from Heppner, Ione, Arlington, Sherman County and Dufur, played for the district championship on July 7 in Madras, OR. The tri-county team was one of eight trying for the championship, and beat out teams from Hermiston, The Dalles and Bend North to win a spot playing the ultimate champions, Bend South. Play culminated in a double-header—a total of 17 innings—but the JDR All Stars ended up losing by a mere two runs. Even though the Wheatland Insurance-sponsored team lost their Saturday game to Bend South, they came in second in the district tournament. Pictured are (back L-R) Coach Joe Justesen, Treve Martin, Trey Homer, Coach Doug Martin, Bailey Keever, Brody Woods, Kurtis Woods, (front L-R) Connor Uhalde, Dayshawn Neal, Jake Lindsay, Kolbe Bales, Brett Troutman, Jacob Justesen and Jered Fritts. —Contributed photo

BEO collects school supplies

Bank of Eastern Oregon is once again offering its 12 branch lobbies as drop-off sites to collect school supplies for local elementary students during the month of July and part of August.

Each year, BEO employees join in the bank's efforts to collect these supplies for their community schools. Each Bank of EO branch will also offer a drawing for backpacks filled with supplies for lucky students, in addition to collecting supplies for their local grade schools or

ESD offices to distribute. "We welcome you to join with your local branch and celebrate the spirit of your hometown; bring your school supply donations to any branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon," states a BEO release.

Anyone with a grade-school student is encouraged to stop in, fill out a drawing ticket and enter for a chance to win a school backpack for their student. You do not have to be a customer, and no purchase is necessary.

CUTSFORTH HIRED

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Other training includes certifications from Rural Development Initiatives, Inc, a Walla Walla Community College grant writing workshop, a Grant Seeker, Grant Makers workshop, and a 2003 continuing education program at Eastern Oregon University, where she was enrolled in a Small City Rural County Management Degree program, where she obtained credit for land use and environment and cultural geology courses.

"I have worked on many committees and numerous boards," she said in her application for the manager job. "I have utilized my business background to lead the turnaround and stop the closure of both the local childcare center and the water park. Both of these community centers were in danger of a precipitous financial insolvency and required compete staff

changes, training, budgeting and stringent regulation compliance measures."

Cutsforth will receive a \$53,000-per-year salary from the city, including medical, vision and dental plans. She will also receive 10 vacation days per year and one sick day per month. The city will pick up her portion of payment into the PERS state retirement program. A contract covering her working arrangement will be written by the city attorney, a change from current City Manager DeMayo, who worked without a contract.

"I am excited about coming to work as city manager," Cutsforth told the Heppner Gazette following the council meeting Monday night. "I have spent my life promoting Heppner and the great things we have here, and I look forward to doing more of it in the future."

The 2012 "Disney Goes to 4-H Camp" was a great success this year, according to camp coordinators.

From June 25-29, 18 counselors and 61 campers, along with adult staff, camp cooks, nurses and volunteers hailing from Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties, gathered at Cutsforth Park for a fun-filled week. A few days of poor weather turned around as the week continued, and kept enthusiastic campers going with high spirits.

This year featured classes from the ODFW teaching on "Bambi's" habitat and other wildlife in the area, hands-on birdhouse building taught by Erin Heideman, flying saucer construction and launching from the South Morrow Rocketry Club (SMoRC), and, of course, crafts galore.

The group was lucky enough to catch up with the Oregon Army National Guard 234th Engineer Company that was working on some major camp improvements at Cutsforth Park. 4-Hers toured the work the troop was completing, had some great hands-on time in the troop's Hummer, shared pledges from both 4-H and the National Guard, and had a great time learning about the work they do.

Outdoor activities like

capture the flag, "Pajaggle," roping demonstrations and multiple "Get Acquainted" games kept everyone busy in the warm sunshine that eventually presented itself.

The hike was a long journey to the top, but almost everyone was able to make it to the top this year. The ever-popular dance was quite the hit again, and dream-boats to cap off the night were a quiet and peaceful way to end the week-long activities. "Everyone went home tired and happy again this year, and a great deal was learned by all," says OSU Extension Agent Ashley Jones.

Behind the scenes were all the camp volunteers, instructors and helpers who made the week possible, including but probably not limited to: Shelley Rietmann-nurse, Shelley McCabe-nurse and hike help, Glenda Taylor and Sylvia Sandford – camp cooks, Tiffany Harrison and Tony Clement – kitchen help and all-around help, Sue Gibbs – kitchen help, Andrea Fletcher – night patrol and all-around help, Pat Struthers – night patrol and grocery runner, Erin Heideman – craft teacher, SMoRC 4-H Group – saucer class leaders and saucer launches, Dave and Roberta Jones – camp hosts at Cutsforth Park, Cheryl



Top: Tri-County 4-H campers (L-R) Morgan Orem, Madison Combe, Alexis Villegas and Emily Taylor hang out in the back of a Hum-V with their friends and two Oregon Army National Guardsmen. Bottom: Travis Schultz of ODFW teaches Tri-County 4-H campers about antler sheds and the various types of animal pelts. —Contributed photos

Taylor – grocery shopper, Travis Schultz and Steve Cherry of ODFW – class instructors, Miss Osterlund – class instructor.

Campers voted, and the 2013 theme will be Wild,

Wild West.

For more information on how to participate in 4-H or attend 4-H camp, contact the Morrow County Extension Office at 541-676-9642.

Men's Club news

On July 7, 24 men played in the regular Sunday morning men's play. Winners were as follows:

Gross: 1st, Matt Scrivner, 62; 2nd, Greg Grant, 64; 3rd, Don Eaves, 67.

Net: 1st, Gene Orwick, 56; 2nd (tie), Charlie Ferguson and Tom Shear, 59.

Special events: Shawn Wilson and Greg Grant.

The first half of the Wednesday night two-man team match play competition recently completed its schedule. The Division A and Division B first place teams played for the championship and split their

matches, resulting in their being designated co-champions. The teams were Tom Shear/Don Eaves and Roger Ehrmantraut/Denis Lien. The second place teams in each division played for the runner-up position; they split their matches, too. The runner-up teams were Ralph Walker/Earl Fishburn and Jeff Cutsforth/Cliff Harris. The second half of the team match play competition starts on July 11.

Ed Struthers, Don Eaves and Tom Shear will host regular Sunday morning play next Sunday.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be on Thursday, July 12 at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. Gary Propheter will speak to members about Willow Creek Country Club.

Lunch cost is \$9; Heppner Family Foods. Attendees are asked to RSVP by the Wednesday before.

ArtsEast calls for fiber artists

ArtsEast invites artists to submit entries for "High Fiber Diet," an exhibition of fiber arts which will open September 14 in their office gallery. Fiber artists in their 10-county service

area, which includes Morrow County, are eligible to apply.

There is no entry fee; submissions are due August 3. Application packets are available at www.artseast.org. For additional information, call 541-962-3624 or email dheath@eou.edu.

Work submitted for this show envisions fiber artworks expressed in a range of materials. It encompasses the coloring, patterning and structuring of fiber and fabric.

The work can represent a new direction or a surprising variation on a traditional technique, expanding the definition of fiber art through innovative approaches.

The entries will be juried by Katherine Jensen, an artist and retired visual and performing arts educator who resides in Cove.

Correction



In last week's article, "Heppner girls chosen for softball all-state" the photo caption incorrectly identified the girls in the photo as Cassi Day and Baily Bennett, rather than as Cassi Day and Natalie Rauch. Rauch was the starting first baseman on the team. The editor apologizes to both Bennett and Rauch for the error. —Photo by Sandy Mathews

Council to hold special meeting

The Heppner City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 17 to review the proposed new personnel manual. The council will meet in the council chambers at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Wolf advisory committee forming

Morrow County is in the process of developing an Advisory Committee on Wolf Depredation.

The advisory committee is to be made up of a county commissioner, two livestock producers and two conservation-friendly people; those members will then recommend two business representatives to serve on the committee.

This advisory committee is important to Morrow County in that it enables the

county to request funding to be expended to assist livestock growers who experience wolf depredation of livestock.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee can contact the Heppner Chamber of Commerce office to have a copy of the application and information sent to them. Contact Morrow County Commissioner Leann Rea at 541-676-5289 with any questions.

4-H horse show July 15

This year's 4-H horse show will take place Sun-

day, July 15, at 9 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Contact OSU Extension Agent Ashley Jones at 541-676-9642 or ashley.mund@oregonstate.edu for more information.



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