

Youth track meet held

The Heppner Day Care celebrated Heppner with a youth track meet last week.

The meet was sponsored by the Heppner Day Care board members, staff and volunteers.

There were running and field events for preschool through high-school students.

Those who participated reportedly had lots of fun and competed well. Each participant received a prize for attending.

Below are the results for the events:

Javelin

Maya Payne, age 4, distance, 12'5"; Isabel Payne, age 3, distance 4'; Kooper Miller, age 3, distance 9'7"; Caige Chandler, age 4, distance 18'; Tripp Stewart, age 4, distance, 13'8"; Logan Turner, age 5, distance 20 ft; Zach Brown, age 6, distance 9'7"; Jace Coe, age 9, distance 56'; Connor Brosnan, age 9,

distance 49'; Drew Coe, age 11, distance 74'3"; Jordan Sweeney, age 11, 48'; Chris Pryor, age 14, distance 86'.

Long Jump

Isabel Payne (3) 3'2"; Maya Payne (4) 3'5"; Kay-nenn Brown (2) 1'3"; Logan Turner (5) 3'10"; Tripp Stewart (4) 5'3"; Zachery Brown (6) 6'2"; Jace Coe (9) 9'2"; Drew Coe (11) 9'7"; Jordan Sweeney (11) 9'3"; Connor Brosnan (9) 7'7"; Kooper Miller (3) 4'2".

50 Meter Dash

Connor Brosnan (9) 7.5 sec; Drew Coe (11) 7 sec; Zach (6) 9 sec; Jace Coe (9) 7.5 sec; Jordan Sweeney (11) 8 sec.

Logan Turner (5) 11 sec; Tripp Stewart (4) 11 sec; Isabel Payne (3) 14 sec; Maya Payne (4) 12 sec.

100 meter dash

Jace Coe (9) 19 sec; Connor Brosnan (9) 17.5 sec; Jordan Sweeney (9) 20.5 sec; Drew Coe (11)

17 sec; Zach Brown (6) 19 sec; Logan Turner (5) 25 sec; Tripp Stewart (4) 26 sec; Maya Payne (4) 27 sec; Isabel Payne (3) 32 sec; Kooper Miller (3) 43 sec.

200 meter

Drew Coe (11) 37 sec; Jace Coe (9) 39 sec; Jordan Sweeney (9) 43 sec; Tripp Stewart (4) 1 min; Maya Payne (4) 1.16 min; Isabel Payne (3) 1.22 min.

400 meters

Drew Coe (11) 1.38 min; Jace Coe (9) 1.48 min; Connor Brosnan (9) 2.28 min; Jordan Sweeney (9) 1.54 min; Zach Brown (6) 2.06 min; Kooper Miller (3) 3.02 min; Isable Payne (3) 3.22 min; Tripp Stewart (4) 2.29 min; Logan Turner (5) 2.31 min.

1600 meters

Tripp Stewart (4) 8.05 min; Jace Coe (9) 7.53 min; Connor Brosnan (9) 9.24 min; Drew Coe (11) 7.45 min; Jordan Sweeney (11) 8.15 min; Kane Sweeney (14) n/a.

Retiring city manager always liked a challenge

Breazeale headed both Heppner and Irrigon

By David Sykes

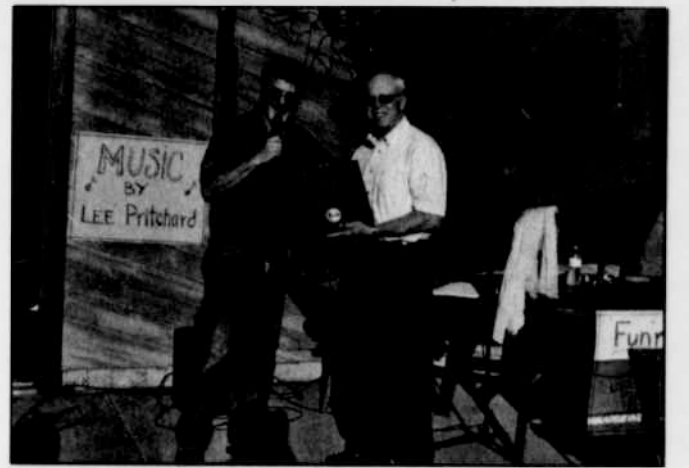
Finding out what a community wants to accomplish, and then helping them get there, was always the motivating force behind retiring Irrigon City Manager Jerry Breazeale's willingness to keep pushing forward.

"I like to look at the big picture and to build things," says Breazeale, who is stepping down after eight years at the helm of the city of Irrigon, and seven years before that as the Heppner city manager.

Honored at a potluck Saturday, he received a plaque of appreciation from Irrigon Mayor David Burns and also a certificate of appreciation from the Irrigon city crew. Music was provided at the gathering by American Idol contestant, and Irrigon hometown son, country singer Lee Pritchard. The gathering was held at the new Stokes Landing Bed & Breakfast, which is located by the Marina in Irrigon and owned and operated by former school principal Phyllis Danielson.

Breazeale was born in Portland 65 years ago where his father was attending Reed College, and then after moving with his family to Washington for a while, and then to New York, he moved back at 13 to Palo Alto, CA. He started his public career working at a water district in the 1970 at Georgetown, CA, and then went to Minnesota for a few years, where he tried homestead farming.

"I found out I could not support myself; I was visiting my sister in Eugene, I saw an ad for a utility



Irrigon Mayor David Burns (left) presents a plaque of appreciation to retiring city manager Jerry Breazeale. Breazeale was treated to a retirement party at the Stokes landing Bed & Breakfast on Saturday. -Photo by David Sykes

worker at the city of Veneta, and I applied."

He got the job and spent four years there before moving to Madras, where he worked for the city public works department for the next nine years. After that he was hired in 1998 as Heppner's city manager, and then in 2005 took the Irrigon city manager job.

While at Heppner, he oversaw the complete rehabilitation of the city water system. In Irrigon he saw a new city hall, skate and children's park built. The city is currently having a new library constructed next to city hall.

"I would not take a job where there is no challenge," Breazeale said of his desire to "take on big projects." He praised his city council for backing him up and working to improve Irrigon.

"It is sometimes hard on the council when you do these things. When you do anything, you are going to take some flack for it," he says, "but they hung in there."

One project Breazeale

worked on but did not see materialize was a plan to use the former Army Depot near Irrigon to lure a big mushroom grower.

"Jerry wanted to make Irrigon the mushroom capitol of the country," Mayor Burns said at his retirement party, "but with the powers that be it was not to happen."

Now that he is retired Breazeale plans on staying in Irrigon where his wife, Marsha, is head of the library district, and, "I have a boat I am working on that I will be taking out fishing," he says. Although he is ready to take a break from the public spot light, he is still on the Morrow County Planning Commission and has some other unnamed projects he is contemplating.

"I also want to spend some more time with my family," Breazeale says. He has a son, two daughters and a step-daughter.

"I enjoyed working with the people of both communities," he says of Heppner and Irrigon. "It's been fun."

Hog Handlers 4-H club forms

By Olivia Schmidt, Club Reporter

Heppner Hog Handlers are led by Jennifer Wilson, and the group is made up of Micha Hintz; Emma, Shayna and Kael Osmin; Blake and Hunter Greenup; Makenzie Correa; Brian Fowler; Baily Bennett; and Joe Schmidt. The group has had five meetings, a barbecue to paint pig waterers, and a field trip to David Piper's to learn about raising a litter of piglets.

For community service, the group plans to help spruce up the fairgrounds because of this year's centennial celebration. With the combination of community service and raising pigs, 4-H is designed to



A few of the members of the new Heppner Hog Handlers 4-H club. -Contributed photo

teach selflessness and responsibility. But, of course, it pays to do so; if you take good care of your animals, it's a great opportunity to earn some money.

Heppner Hog Handlers will be putting on a

donation-only car wash at the Neighborhood Center parking lot Friday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any funds raised will help offset the cost of float and fair decorations for this year's centennial celebration.

Music in Parks to honor vets

Music in the Parks is honoring our vets July 1 at 7 p.m. at the Boardman Marina Park.

Rolling Hills Chorus is a group of real women, singing real harmony and having real fun today. It is affiliated with North Pacific Region 13 of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style through education and performance.

The Rolling Hills Cho-



Rolling Hills Chorus

rus is community-based and centered in the Tri-Cities area of Southeastern Washington and Northeastern Oregon, with members hailing from the lower Yakima

Valley, Tri-Cities, Ritzville and Hermiston. Membership is open by audition to adult women. The Rolling Hills Chorus performs for community events, charitable organizations, private functions, and produces annual shows.

To get to Boardman Marina Park from I-84, take Exit 164 and turn north on Main Street toward the Columbia River. Continued north about one-half mile and turn left on Marine Drive. Continue west about one-quarter mile to the day-use area.

Tracking down 100 years of royalty

Over the past few weeks, Rita Bergstrom has been on the hunt for contact information regarding past Morrow County Fair & Rodeo royalty. Of the 100 years of royalty, Bergstrom has narrowed down her search list to 35 names.

Our hope by writing this article is that people from the Gazette-Times community can help Bergstrom collect the last of the contact information for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo's past royalty so we may invite them to come and celebrate the 100th year of the Morrow County Fair. Contact Bergstrom at 541-676-5538 or email her at bergiesplace@centurytel.net if you know how she can connect with the fol-

lowing list of royalty she has yet to find:

- 2002 Salli McElligott
- 2001 Tammy Booth
- 1991 Jodee Vandeventer
- 1990 Donna Flannagan, Stacy Henry
- 1989 Shawna Cash
- 1988 Missy Schoonover Barnhart
- 1987 Cindy Davis Brosnan
- 1981 Kathy Hanson
- Clow
- 1974 Cathy Chapel
- Reyes
- 1970 Vivian Phillips
- Parideso
- 1969 Rhonda Bellinger
- 1966 Mardee Childers
- 1963 Sharon Donavon
- Barrick
- 1962 Irene Potts

- 1959 Judy Cochell
- 1957 Lorena Coder
- 1956 Maxine Sicard
- 1955 Carol Ann Wigglesworth Meredith-Graham, Betty Olmstead
- 1954 Grace Miller Carpenter
- 1951 Nancy Rands
- 1950 Jane Seahaffer Tye, Evelyn Miller
- 1940 Phyllis Pollock, Marjorie Parker Day
- 1939 Dorothy Howell
- 1937 Betty Bergevin Garvey
- 1935 Camille Stanley
- 1934 Lillian Carter Wyman, Mary Cunha
- 1933 Edna Lindstrom, Ruth Dinges
- 1930 Mary Mollahan
- 1929 Ruth Peterson Fletcher
- 1928 Roxy Sperry

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If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
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OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

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answering in a timely manner
8.) Putting up with high pressure sales tactics
9.) Being talked down to or hearing jargon
10.) Facing inflexibility when making a request
Bower said these were the top things that drove 98 percent of customers away

from a business, and she urged business owners and managers to not only work with their staff to make sure they do not happen, but to practice avoiding them themselves.

She also said that not taking care of one customer can be very expensive for a business because that person will tell 10 to 20 people about an unhappy experience, and that story

gets repeated to five additional people.

"It just spreads out and hurts you," she emphasized.

She urged businesses and their employees to pay attention to grooming, since first impressions are very important, and to give customers their undivided attention by using the customer's name, maintaining eye contact and saying hello to them when they enter the business.

Bower also pointed out that most of what is necessary for good customer service does not cost any money, and can have an immediate impact.

The program was part one of a two-part training effort; the next session will be for local employees on Wednesday, July 24. There will be two sessions that day, tailored for employees to learn more about customer service and customer relations.



All Friends and Family are invited
To a Wedding Reception for
Jim Lankford and
Debbie Young

On Saturday, June 29 at 6:00 p.m.
At "The Landing" Restaurant
at the Morrow County OHV Park
It gets harder and harder to remember these days!
We're sure we forgot someone, but didn't mean to. Really!!!!!!
There will be plenty of food, drink and dancing.
Please come help us Celebrate.
We would love to see everyone!