

## Local boy raises 'some pigs'



Ione Community 4-H Member Aaron Smythe spends some time with his pigs during his 4-H leader's project visit. Aaron is the son of Scott and Claudia Smythe and will be a seventh-grader at Ione Community School. Aaron will show and sell his market pigs at the 100th Morrow County Fair. -Photo by Erin Heideman

## Sew Fantastic club tours Pendleton

Members of the Sew Fantastic 4-H Club of Ione recently took a field trip to Pendleton.

Highlights of the excursion on June 25 included a tour of the Pendleton Woolen Mills, a stop at the Pendleton Quiltworks Store, a sewing scavenger hunt at the Thimbles Fabric 'N' More Store, and swimming in the Pendleton Aquatic Park.

Also, while at the Thimbles Fabric 'N' More Store, members had the opportunity to each try out a long-arm quilting machine on a sample quilt that owner Cindy Webb had set up for them.

Chaperones for the trip were leaders Nancy Jepsen and Bonnie Ball. Those attending were Jill Rudolf, Mackenzie and Hailey Heideman, Malinda Morter, Madison Orem, and Payton Miller.

Members are now busy getting projects ready for the upcoming Morrow County Fair.

## Bram Brata at Music in the Parks



Bram Brata steel drum band.

Music in the Parks on July 15 is at the Boardman Marina Park at 7 p.m., this time featuring Bram Brata.

Bram Brata is the senior steel drum band. The name Bram Brata is derived from two Trinidadian slang words meaning "an unexpected party." Past audiences have said they found this a fitting name as they enjoyed the challenging and varied repertoire of Caribbean, Soca, jazz, popular and even classical music.

Spontaneous dancing is not uncommon.

Ben Leggett directs Bram Brata and arranges or writes most of the music. The band practices twice a week and performs on the average about two times a month in the community and throughout the Pacific Northwest. Bram Brata has performed in Hawaii, Disneyland, and at Caribbean music festivals in Oregon and British Columbia, Canada.

## Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

-July 3, 2013: Justin Christopher Fennern, 27, of Irrigon, and Kelsey Colleen Greenup, 28, of Irrigon.

## Currins among top placers at NJHFR

GALLUP, NM—After a week of competition that featured more than 940 contestants from all across the United States, Canada and Australia, the 2013 National Junior High Finals Rodeo National Champions were crowned recently at Red Rock Park.

The top 20 contestants based on their two-head average times and scores advanced to the short round on Saturday night, where they competed in front of a packed house and cameras from RFD-TV's Cinch High School Rodeo Tour.

National champions were determined by their three-head average scores and earned awards that included college scholarships

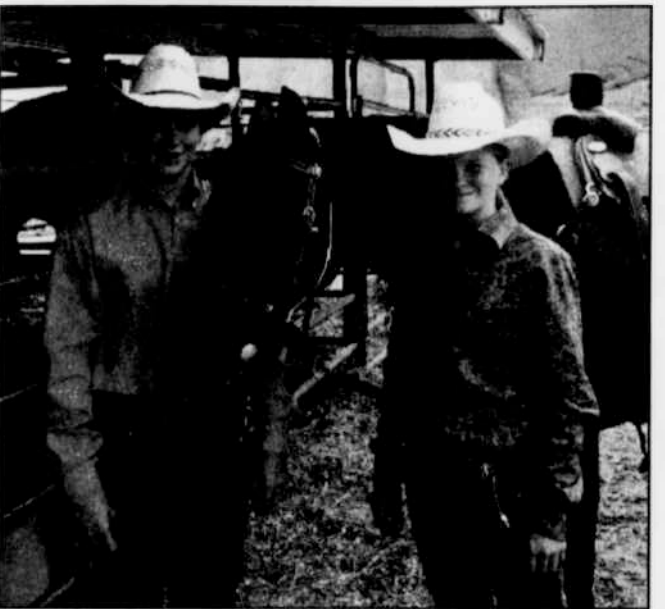
and custom Gist Silver-smiths buckles, as well as products from Cinch Jeans and Shirts, Ariat Boots, Resistol Hats, Professional's Choice, Tod Slone saddles and more.

Local cowgirl Jacee Currin brought home a beautiful Gist buckle with a seventh-place finish in the pole bending short round on Saturday night, which placed her ninth overall in the final standings.

She also qualified for the short round in the girls breakaway and ended up 20th overall in those final standings, as well as sixth overall in the All-Around Rookie Cowgirl standings.

Kolby Currin also had a good week, just missing the short round by finishing 21st in the goat tying, 24th in the tie-down roping and 20th in the rifle shooting overall.

Find more information on performance results at <http://www.nhsra.com/2013-NJHFR-Performance-13>.



Top: Jacee Currin with the Gist belt buckle she earned for pole bending, in which she finished ninth overall. Bottom: Kolby and Jacee Currin. -Contributed photos

## Fowler boys take on Mt. Adams



Pictured: Fred Fowler of Corvallis, OR, and Dave Fowler and Bryce Fowler of Heppner atop Mt. Adams at 12,280 feet above sea level. Dave Fowler with son Bryce at brother Fred summited Mt. Adams on a weekend climbing trip recently. After several attempts over the past few years, they were successful with the 16-mile, 6,700-foot elevation gain trip. It was a beautiful sunny day with light winds. Bryce only complained mildly about carrying some of his dad's gear for him. -Contributed photo

## Nasario, Basile to perform at Heppner Music in the Park



Jamie Nasario and Luke Basile

Music in the Park is coming to Heppner this summer.

On Sunday, July 28, from 5-7 p.m., the community is invited to a free concert at Hager Park (near the dam), sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and facilitated by the Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church.

Jamie Nasario, with Luke Basile on guitar, will be performing old-school soul and blues in this first

of two Sunday-evening concerts. The community is invited to bring lawn chairs and picnic baskets, and enjoy an evening of great music. Food will also be available for purchase, to raise funds for the Shared Ministry's well-building mission trip to Guatemala in December.

The second concert in this series will be held on Sunday, August 25, same time, same place, with La Grande's Sharon Porter, Matt Cooper and friends on stage.

## TRUCK STOP DEBATE

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LUBA ruled in favor of Love's, and Devin took that decision to the Oregon Court of Appeals. In August of 2012 the Court of Appeals upheld the Planning Commission and LUBA's decisions, ruling against Devin Oil. Devin attempted to take that decision to the Oregon Supreme Court but the highest body would not hear it.

In this latest appeal, filed April 29 of this year, Devin says both Love's and the county made errors in the site plan review application and zoning permit issued April 12, 2013, and Devin's attorney Michael Connors, of the law firm Hathaway, Koback and Connors of Portland, submitted more than 16 points laying out those errors.

Love's attorney, Carrie Richter of Garvey, Schubert and Barer, which has offices world-wide as well as Portland, responded saying Devin was trying to "delay and derail" the project.

"On behalf of the Applicant Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores, Inc., we ask that you deny this appeal," they wrote to the planning commission.

"This is another in a long string of appeals, pursued by a competitor fueling company... seeking to delay and derail this project at every step," Love's attorney Richter said in the letter. "Notwithstanding this effort, LUBA and the courts have continually affirmed the County's multiple decisions. Undeterred, Devin continues to persevere—misrepresenting the applicable legal standards or overlooking evidence and analysis in the record showing that the standards are met," she said.

Connors responded

saying Love's "grossly misrepresented the history of the proceedings."

"Instead of simply responding to the issues raised in the appeal, Love's chose to disparage Devin Oil and accuse it of filing frivolous challenges," he told the planning commission. "In doing so, Love's grossly misrepresented the history of these application proceedings to give the planning commission the false impression that Love's has strictly complied with the legal requirements throughout the proceedings and Devin Oil is only raising objections to delay or thwart the project. While it is unfortunate that Love's resorted to these tactics, it is important for Devin Oil to set the record straight," Connors wrote.

Devin's attorney also said they were not objecting to the truck stop just because Love's would be a competitor.

"The mere fact that Devin Oil is a competitor does not give Love's the right to falsely accuse it of improper motives. Devin Oil has a right to participate in these public processes just like any other member of the county," Connors said.

He said Devin opposes the project because it "does not believe this is an appropriate location for the travel center and Love's has continually tried to evade compliance with land-use requirements."

The planning commission reviewed documents and listened to testimony from both attorneys before voting unanimously to deny Devin's appeal of the site-plan review and zoning permit.

Devin is expected to appeal the planning commission decision.

## Harvest begins early, low yields so far

Harvest has started in some areas of Morrow County, including Sand Hollow, Butter Creek and along the Bombing Range.

"We only have a handful of guys going right now," says Duane Disque of the Morrow County Grain Growers. "Probably by the end of the week we'll have a good number going."

As far as yields, Disque

said most of his information so far was hearsay, with numbers ranging from eight to 20 bushels per acre.

The start is on the early side this year, which Disque says is often a sign of poor yields, but he added that it is often the worst wheat that is cut first.

"Hopefully we'll see better yields as we go along," he says.

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