

4-H club sews pillowcases for Guardian Care



Sew Fantastic sews pillowcases for a service project. Back (L-R): Hailey Heideman, Haylie Peterson, Grace Ogden and Morgan Orem. Front (L-R): Mackenzie Heideman (at sewing machine) and Morgan Orem. Absent were club members Kayla Rodriguez and MaLinda Morter. —Contributed photo

The Ione Sew Fantastic 4-H Club is sewing pillowcases for the Guardian Care Center, which works with children from abusive home situations in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

At their April 13 meeting, club leader Nancy Jepsen taught the members how to sew a pillowcase using a technique called the "Roll-up/Burrito Method."

The members said they enjoyed making their first pillowcase in a variety of colorful fabrics.

They plan to make more pillowcases, some of

which will be entered as a "Hands for Larger Service" Project at the county fair and then donated afterward to Guardian Care.

After completing their sewing project and having refreshments, the group talked about more possible sewing projects for the county fair and took and recorded their measurements to help with pattern selection.

They will start working on individual projects at their next meeting on Sunday afternoon, May 18.

AWANA holds Grand Prix race, awards

The local AWANA Bible Club concluded its club year recently with a combined Grand Prix race and year-end awards.

Thirty-six members each made a five-ounce derby car to enter in the race. The first place trophy for the fastest car of the night went to Joe Sherman of Hepper; second place to Carter Epperson of Ione; and third place to Hannah Smith of Lexington.

Trophies were also awarded to the best and most creatively designed cars. Taking first place was Grace Smith of Heppner with her black and white "cow" car. Second was Elaina Ehrmantraut of Lexington, and third place was Tacey Schonbachler of Heppner.

AWANA in an acronym that stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed rightly handling the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). The club night includes games and the memorization of Bible verses in the lessons. Attendance this year



Above (L-R): AWANA leader Dale Bates with Grand Prix Winners Joe Sherman, first place; Carter Epperson, second place; and Hannah Smith, third place. Right: Grace Smith (left) and Elaina Ehrmantraut display their trophies for the most creatively designed cars. Not pictured is Tacey Schonbachler. Behind them are leaders Gavin Smith (left) and Dale Bates. —Contributed photos

averaged around 30 to 40 boys and girls from preschool through sixth grade.

Those who achieved special recognition were preschool Cubby members Sam Smith, Tacey Schonbachler, Hannah Smith, Natalie Piper, Madie Stewart, Tucker Epperson and Zariah Martin.

In the Sparks group for kindergarten through

second grade, Book 1 awards went to Austin Brown, Carson Angell, Clara Angell, Hadley Wright, Zaleta Masterson, Nickolas Wenberg and Makyiah Christian. Book 2 awards were given to Aubrey Smith, Teagan Ramsey and Zandra Masterson.

The Truth & Training Club (grades three through

six) had the following members receive gift awards for memorizing all the Bible verses from the lessons taught this year: Sage Ferguson, Grace Smith, Chance McCormick, Logan Parker, Tye Boor, Elaina Ehrmantraut, Hailey Wenberg and ZaBrena Masterson.

AWANA will start up again next September.

Sandford to end reign as Oregon High School Rodeo Queen

Heppner High School Senior Lillian Sandford will be crowning a new Miss



Lillian Sandford

Oregon High School Rodeo Association Queen at the state's rodeo finals in June.

Sandford, the daughter of Rick and Sylvia Sandford of Ione, has served two years as the state's association queen, traveling thousands of miles representing high school scholastics, rodeo, its members, her community and our western heritage.

Sandford attended parades, rodeos, coronations, local and

national competitions "always putting her best foot forward for her state and association," said a release.

She competed at the National High School Rodeo Finals in Rock Springs, WY, last year, winning the national title of Miss Congeniality.

She won several first-place awards participating in parades promoting high school rodeo.

Lillian said she

wouldn't have been able to travel to all the neighboring counties and states without the support of so many local sponsors who have helped her reign. Sponsors, she said, were listed on her autograph sheets and on her trailer panels to promote their businesses.

"This is what it takes to have a successful association and award year-end scholarships in academic and athletic events for our seniors at state and national levels," stated Sandford.

This year the state finals will be held June 11-15 at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville.

The queen event will be held the first two days of the finals and a new queen and first attendant will be crowned at the scholarship auction dinner.

The young ladies will compete in horsemanship, speech, impromptu questions in current events and personality, a rodeo association written test, personal interview and appearance.

"I have made so many new friends here in Oregon as well as across the U.S. and they are life-long friends," she added.

"I wouldn't have been able to do that without my family, the association and our sponsors."

Scholarships, awards and personal growth in interviewing, public speaking and poise are just a few things girls will gain in becoming the new Miss Oregon High School Rodeo.

High school freshman, sophomore and junior young ladies are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must be a member of the association.

Those who have any questions may contact Lillian or her mother at 541-571-5930 before May 1.

Correction

A story in the April 16 Gazette-Times entitled "County school district to receive \$500K in SIP funds" was incorrect.

Morrow County School District will receive 20 percent (\$100,000) of the \$500,000 Portland General Electric Strategic Investment Program (SIP) donation, not the entire amount.

The remainder of the money will go to the other seven special districts in Morrow County based on tax rates.

Community lunch menu

Amazing Grace Fellowship church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, April 30, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include beef lasagna, green beans, sliced tomatoes, flat apple pie and tiramisu. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Meet & Greet

Candidates Forum

Sunday, April 27th

2:00 p.m.

Heppner City Hall

Public Invited

Federal, State and Morrow County Candidates

Question the Candidates

Know the Issues

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