

2016 Ione Thousand Yard Shoot winners announced

IONE—Hunting enthusiasts traveled to Ione on May 7 to compete for bragging rights and a cash prize at the 15th annual Thousand Yard Shoot.

Rifles. Yvonne was awarded a long-range rifle scope and \$100 cash.

The winner for the open-site 500-yard target was Jules Martino of Silverton. Martino also received

at the fishpond and other games at the annual Ione Fourth of July Celebration.

This year's event sponsors were: MCGG, Blagg Rifles, Magnum Opus, Snow-McElligot, Route



Eric Orem of Ione presents awards to 1,000-yard shoot winner Yvonne LaCoursiere (above left) and 500-yard open sight winner Jules Martino (above right). -Contributed photos

Yvonne LaCoursiere took the grand prize for the second year in a row, hitting the target dead center after a final shoot-out with her brother Paden LaCoursiere and father Pete LaCoursiere. All three LaCoursiere shooters were using Blagg

\$100 cash. Bill McGovern was the winner of the gun raffle for a Tikka Caliber 6.5 Creedmoor, sponsored by Garner's Sporting Goods in Pendleton.

The annual event is a fundraiser for kids' prizes

74, Tacos Hometown, Mark Anderson, Frank and Joe Halvorsen, Bob Hubbard, Garners Sporting Goods and Ace Outdoor Store. Tacos Hometown, the taco truck out of Ione, provided lunch.

Brass Fire back in Heppner May 21



The Brass Fire band out of Pendleton and Hermiston will be at Sweet Productions again on May 21 from 6-8 p.m. in the Silver Fox Banquet Room. There is no cover charge, and all ages are welcome. Dinner service is available. The group came for the first time last month, and Silver Fox owner Jodi Segraves said they had a good crowd, with people even leaving their seats to hit the dance floor. Brass Fire played everything from Elvis tunes, to 40s Big Band, songs by Chicago and Santana, and even some disco. -Contributed photo

Funds available to help livestock growers mitigate drought effects

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Oregon announces funding available to ranchers to mitigate the effects of drought on rangeland.

Landowners in Morrow County should submit applications to their local USDA Service Center by June 17 to be considered for funding.

NRCS will assist ranchers in developing grazing management plans and installing emergency livestock watering developments and facilities. These practices help reduce pressure on stressed vegeta-

tion, allow the soil to retain more moisture, and deliver emergency water supplies to livestock.

The funding will be made available to eligible landowners through the NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). This is a financial assistance program in the Farm Bill that allows NRCS to work directly with private landowners to implement conservation practices and reimburse landowners for a portion of the expense. Read more about EQIP eligibility, selection and payments on the Oregon EQIP webpage.

Mustangs 'mop up' Heppner



The annual Heppner High School Mustang Mop-Up took place last Thursday, May 12. Among the many projects tackled by the students as part of their community service was the laying of turf on the new soccer field at Hager Park (above). Students also put some spit and polish on the town fire trucks (right). -Contributed photo and photo by Megan Futler



Paint party fundraiser planned in Ione

A paint party in Ione on Thursday, June 2, will benefit both the participants who create their own large flower paintings and Creative Care Preschool.

Katie Woodford of The Cabernet Canvas in Tri-Cities, WA will provide all

the materials and step-by-step instructions to create the paintings, and hosts of the event will provide refreshments.

The party begins at 6 p.m. at the Ione Legion Hall. The cost of \$50 per

person covers materials, instructions, refreshments and a donation to the preschool. Local hosts include Lea Mathieu and Shelly Rietmann. Seating is limited; to reserve a seat, call Rietmann at 541-422-7243.

Irrigon teacher honored at FFA banquet

Irrigon teacher and FFA advisor Lenn Greer was honored at the annual Morrow County FFA Chapter banquet on Friday evening. Greer was honored for his "dedication, passion and commitment to the futures of the young men and women of Morrow County."

Growing up in Irrigon, Greer returns home with an AAOT (Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer) degree

at Blue Mountain Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Ag education at University of Idaho, and a master's in teaching at Oregon State University.

His experience began in 1995 in Jefferson, OR, where he remained until 2003. In 2006, he made his return to Irrigon, where he teaches horticulture, Ag science, welding and Ag mechanics.



Lenn Greer

Greer says FFA is his passion. He has dedicated

his time and effort into building arguably one of the finest FFA programs in Eastern Oregon.

Greer was thanked by the 80-plus guests at the banquet for the countless hours he volunteers to programs, fundraisers and competitions and to kids, neighbors and friends. Greer received a standing ovation from all who attended the banquet.

Wranglers Riding Club celebrates last play date of year

Heppner Wranglers Riding Club finished its season on Mother's Day, May 8.

Not long ago, the Wranglers play day membership had declined, and the fate of Wranglers was questioned. Due to many individuals and families, however, the club kept going. This year, the club membership climbed tremendously with 26 families with 47 children and six adults participating in the four-day series.

The youngest age has dropped down to the two-year-olds; the lead line division, with 17 kids at the end of the year, turned out to be the largest group. Membership came from as far away as Boise, ID and Oregon City, OR, as well as from area towns like Hermiston, Arlington, Condon, Boardman, Irrigon, Ione,

Lexington and Heppner.

Due to the efforts of past Wrangler families, children this year once again had fun with their horses and made life lasting memories with their Wrangler friends. Founding board members who ran the Wrangler horse show, rodeo cowboy breakfast, overnight trail rides, day rides, and play day series, as well as those constant helpers with all Wrangler events, were Howard Bryant, Kite Healy Thorne, Merlynn Robinson, Sharon Lewis, Pat Dougherty, Bob and Bev Steagall, Gwen Healy, Roice Fullerton, Pauline Matheny, Jean Bennett and Jean Adams. Wrangler participants say these, as well as those who have already passed on, are what made a special club possible.

A special highlight on Mother's Day, and the last play day of the year, was having Melba Miller, Pauline Matheny, Jean Bennett, Gwen Healy and Jean Adams all in attendance to watch their grandchildren and great-grandchildren compete.

Heppner Wranglers works to promote horsemanship, sportsmanship and friendship, as well as advance kids' dreams of participating in junior and high school rodeo associations, as well as college, amateur and professional rodeo circuits.

The May 8 play day results are as follows:

Stick-Horse Race
Three & Under
 1st) Morgan Milligan
 2nd) Pearl Miller
 3rd) Savvy Joy Hall
 4th) Ella Mullins
Four- & Five-Year-Olds
 1st) Peyton Weygandt
 2nd) Tate Turner
 3rd) Paige Miller
 4th) Axton Hendricks
Six- & Seven-Year Olds
 1st) Reese Weygandt
 2nd) Quaid Jensen
 3rd) Brooklyn Hendricks

4th) Mary Ashbeck
Barrels

Lead-Line
 1st) Peyton Matheny 24.88
 2nd) Ely Jones 27.04
 3rd) Tate Turner 27.28
 4th) Ryker Rauch 27.93
Seven & Under
 1st) Quaid Jensen 20.49
 2nd) Reese Weygandt 25.16
 3rd) Hadley Wright 25.90
 4th) Paige Miller 27.69
Eight- to 11-Year-Olds
 1st) Shane Sifford 25.47
 2nd) Saige Jensen 25.56
 3rd) Emalei Hendren 34.79
 4th) Nevaeh Hall 35.53
12- to 15-Year-Olds
 1st) Jessica Cain 17.79
 2nd) Josie Evans 20.63
 3rd) Kelsey Stewart 26.94
 4th) Becky Ehmer 32.39
16 & Over
 1st) Lynsi Weed
 2nd) Jordan Stubbs
 3rd) Ann Shear

Poles
Lead-Line
 1st) Tate Turner 46.50
 2nd) Ryker Rauch 48.14
 3rd) Peyton Weygandt 51.72
 4th) Ely Jones 53.01
Seven & Under
 1st) Reese Weygandt 44.87
 2nd) Paige Miller 46.69
 3rd) Hadley Wright 50.87
 4th) Kit Jones 52.55
Eight- to 11-Year-Olds

1st) Saige Jensen 38.23
 2nd) Shane Sifford 40.01
 3rd) Emalei Hendren 49.41
 4th) Holden Sifford 55.53
12- to 15-Year-Olds
 1st) Jessica Cain 26.53
 2nd) Josie Evans 32.84
 3rd) Daisy Coombs 50.61
 4th) Asher Hall 1:22.26

16 & Over
 1st) Jordan Stubbs 31.70
 2nd) Ann Shear 44.42
 3rd) Lynsi Weed 1:35.97
Goat Untying (pull ribbon from tail)

Lead-Line
 1st) Tate Turner 10.89
 2nd) Ely Jones 11.16
 3rd) Mary Ashbeck 13.22
 4th) Morgan Milligan 13.33

Seven & Under
 1st) Quaid Jensen 11.45
 2nd) Reese Weygandt 12.71
 3rd) Hadley Wright 20.13
 4th) Amelya Pinkham 20.56

Goat Tying
Eight- to 11-Year-Olds
 1st) Shane Sifford 29.57
 2nd) Saige Jensen 36.29
 3rd) Nevaeh Hall 46.32
 4th) Holden Sifford 1:11.04
12- to 15-Year-Olds
 1st) Jessica Cain 20.48
 2nd) Josie Evans 22.39
 3rd) Asher Hall 32.12
16 & Over
 1st) Jordan Stubbs 15.89

Calling all county cultural organizations

The Morrow County Cultural Coalition, funded by Oregon's Cultural Trust Foundation, is now accepting proposals for the next grant period.

Categories for qualifying groups or projects are: literary, historical preservation, visual and performing arts, or humanities and cultural organizations. Grants in the past have included quilting and art groups, art displays, historical library books, cultural entertainment structures and kid's activities for parks.

The deadline for Funding Proposal Request Forms is Aug. 1. Complete guidelines and grant applications for 2017 can be obtained by contacting Susan Russell at 541-481-4277 or smsel@hotmail.com. Proposals must meet criteria noted on the application and include a timeline with project to be completed no later than Oct. 15, 2017.

To learn more, visit www.culturaltrust.org. Grants can be awarded up to 50 percent of total project cost.

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