

Area youth participate in fishing derby



Above left: Charlie Mullins and Hannah Brannon show off their trophies in the five and under and six to 10 age groups, respectively, while Hannah holds the largest fish of day at 19-1/4 inches. Charlie's measured at 16 inches. Above right: Jordan Spaulding caught the largest fish of the 11-14 age group at 17-5/8 inches. -Photos by Carmelo Di Salvo

Young anglers tried their fishing skills at the 12th annual Youth Fishing Derby held on Saturday, June 4, at the Cutsforth Park pond. Children up to the age of 14 participated in the event. The derby started at 8:30 a.m. with a whistle from Seth Moses, volunteer from BPOE #358, and within seconds fishing lines

and bobbers could be seen flying through the air and splashing down in the pond. With warmer temperatures during the day the fish were not as active as in years past. Those who were successful in landing one or more fish worked to get their fish in to the shore. There were 106 registered participants, some

of whom stayed to the very end and grabbed a hot dog and refreshments supplied and cooked by the local Elks lodge. The average fish size was 13 inches with the largest fish of the day being caught by Hannah Brannon and measuring 19-1/4 inches. Due to the generosity

of local businesses, unions and individuals, each participant was able to depart with a prize regardless of their catch.

- The individuals who took home trophies were:
- Largest Fish, Age 0-5: Charlie M. - 16"
 - Largest Fish, Age 6-10: Hannah B. - 19 1/4"
 - Largest Fish, Age 11-14: Jordan S. - 17 5/8"
 - Smallest Legal Fish of Day: Martin G. - 8"



The trophy for the smallest legal catch of the day, an eight-inch trout, went to Martin G. -Photo by Carmelo Di Salvo

Heppner pool opens this week



Children cool off in the Heppner pool last summer. Willow Creek Water Park opens for the season this Saturday. -File photo

Willow Creek Water Park will start its 2016 season this Saturday, June 11, with open swim time from 1 p.m. until midnight.

Regular pool hours for the season will be 1-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Fam-

ily swim passes are available for \$140 and individual passes for \$75. New this year is a senior season pass for \$40.

Lessons begin Monday, June 20. Call 541-676-5752 for more information or to sign up.

Wranglers announce year-end standings

The Wranglers Riding Club has announced its 2016 final standings. Results are as follows:

Lead-Line

- 1st) Peyton Matheny
- 2nd) Tate Turner
- 3rd) Ryker Rauch
- 4th) Ely Jones

Seven & Under

- 1st) Healy Hisler
- 2nd) Quaid Jensen
- 3rd) Hadley Wright/Amy Pinkham
- 4th) Reese Weygandt

- 1st) Brock Hisler
- 2nd) Hallee Hisler
- 3rd) Shane Sifford
- 4th) Saige Jensen

12- to 15-Year-Olds

- 1st) Jessica Cain
- 2nd) Kiersten Holz
- 3rd) Chelsea Echols
- 4th) Asher Hall/Rebekah Ehmer

16 and Over

- 1st) Jordan Stubbs
- 2nd) Suellen Ehmer

Hadley Wright took home the trophy for the 2016 Most Improved.

Sew Fantastic 4-H club members help to 'Dress a Girl Around the World'

Imagine a world where every little girl could own one new dress. Sew Fantastic 4-H Club members have been sewing dresses to help make that dream come true for some little girls in Tanzania, Africa.

The organization Hope for Women International started the Dress a Girl Around the World Project in 2006. They provide patterns and directions on their website and labels to stitch to the front pocket of each dress.

The new dress and the Dress a Girl label help prevent child trafficking by showing that these girls are cared for and identified with an organization. The dresses will be sent to Kelly and Laura Sager, formerly of Lexington, who work in Tanzania. They will distribute them to girls in need.

The Dress a Girl Project was chosen as the club's "Hands for Larger Service" 4-H project this year. It involved learning new sewing skills such as working with



Sew Fantastic club members displaying some of the dresses they made to help with their Dress a Girl Around the World Project. Pictured L-R are: Kylie Boor, Zandra Masterson, Harley Anderson, Hannah Palmer, Aubriana Rodriguez, Grace Smith and guest Hannah Green. Club members not pictured who also sewed dresses were Madison Orem, Grace Ogden, Serenity Rodriguez, Grace Claughton and Isabella Ganvoa. -Contributed photo

bias tape, making patch pockets, and using a serger machine. Several of the dresses will be modeled at the Morrow County Fair

Fashion Review by either the girls or by younger sisters before being sent off to Africa.

If anyone else in the

community would like to participate in this project, they can contact club leader Nancy Jepsen at 676-5244 for more information.

Summer reading kicks off in Heppner

The Heppner library this summer invites local youth to get "On your mark, get set...read!"

Sign-ups for the summer reading program begin this Friday, June 10, at the Oregon Trail Library District Heppner branch; those who sign up will receive a free t-shirt, book and pedometer while supplies last.

Story times will be Fridays beginning June 17 and running through July 22, with a special Teen Week the week June 28 through July 1.

Call the Heppner library at 541-676-9964 for more information.

MARIJUANA EDIBLES

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Many edible marijuana products can be confused with everyday foods, many of which appeal to children. -Contributed photo

or vaped marijuana, edibles can take up to four hours to take full effect.

And, marijuana can make children very sick.

Oregon Health Authority offers some guidelines to keep children safe around marijuana:

-If you use marijuana, you can help keep the children in your life safe and healthy by storing all marijuana products in a locked area that children cannot see or reach.

-If your child eats or drinks marijuana products, call the Poison Center Ho-

ttline as soon as possible at 1-800-222-1222.

-If symptoms seem bad, call 911 or go to the emergency room right away. Symptoms can include your child having trouble walking or sitting up, starting to be sleepy or having a hard time breathing.

THC can affect people differently. Members of the public are advised to ingest less than the 15 mg per unit limit and wait at least 90 minutes and up to four hours before eating or drinking more.

SNOW REPORT

-Continued from PAGE ONE some cases, according to the June Water Supply Outlook Report released this week by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

May provided a return to more seasonable temperatures; however, the majority of the snow had already melted from most basins

by May 1. The rapid flush of early snowmelt caused many rivers to reach their snowmelt-driven streamflow peaks earlier than normal.

"The early snowmelt has resulted in streamflows peaking sooner and beginning to recede to mid-summer levels up to four weeks early," said NRCS

Snow Survey Supervisor Scott Oviatt.

"Water year precipitation (since Oct. 1) has been near- to above-normal across the state, and has boosted reservoir levels that were near record low at the end of last summer," Oviatt said. "This paints a much better picture for water supply this year, compared

to last year when reservoir storage was well below average. However, if the summer is hot and increases demand, water users drawing from reservoir sources could still experience possible water shortages."

Streamflow forecasts for the summer are calling for below-normal to well-below-normal residual streamflow volumes.

Streamflow forecasts in Southeast Oregon are the lowest in the state with most of the forecasts less than 60 percent of average.

Find the latest information on Oregon's streamflow forecasts in the June Water Supply Outlook Report available on the NRCS Oregon website.

The NRCS Snow Survey is the federal program that measures snow and provides streamflow forecasts and snowpack data for communities, water managers and recreationalists across the West.

In Oregon, snow measurements are collected from 81 SNOTEL sites, 42 manually-measured snow courses, and 26 aerial markers.

Water and snowpack data for all Oregon SNOTEL sites are available online in a variety of formats.

The reports are updated every hour and are available at: www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/snow.

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