

RODEO QUALIFIERS

-Continued from PAGE ONE in Winnemucca, NV July 3-8. Silver State is a rodeo for junior high and high school rodeo contestants who place fifth through 15th at their state finals. Jaiden and Blane, children of Mike and Nicole Mahoney of Heppner, both qualified at the Oregon state finals held recently.

Jaiden Mahoney, who qualified for the National High School Rodeo finals in barrel racing, also qualified for Silver State in her other events of pole bending, goat tying and breakaway roping.

Blane Mahoney qualified for Silver State in the junior high division of High School Rodeo in all six of his events—breakaway roping, goat tying, team roping, ribbon roping, chute dogging and rifle shooting.

The top four junior high contestants in the state qualify for the National Junior High Rodeo Finals held in Lebanon, TN last week. Jett Stewart, the 13-year-old son of Jason and Sybil Stewart of Heppner, quali-



Above: Jaiden Mahoney competing in barrel racing at this year's OHSRA State Finals in Prineville. -Photo by Lindsey Wyllie Below: Jett Stewart in team roping at the Oregon Junior High Rodeo finals. -Contributed photo



fied by taking first in breakaway roping, team roping and goat tying at the state competition. He also took fourth in the state in ribbon roping. Jett attended nationals last year, taking ninth in

the nation in team roping. He opted not to travel to Tennessee this year, choosing instead to attend rodeos closer to home during the summer.

HHS announces honor roll

Heppner High School has announced the students named to the 2016/17 Semester 2 Honor Roll. They are, listed by grade:

12th Grade—Emily Cecil 4.0, Kolby Currin 4.0, Kellie Eadler 4.0, Bryan Fowler 4.0, Logan Grieb 4.0, Traylor Hamby 4.0, Trevin Horne 4.0, Jacob Lindsay 4.0, Kevin Murray 4.0, Timothy Jaca, Kane Sweeney, Timothy Gould, Caden Hedman.

11th Grade—Morgan Correa 4.0, Sophie Grant

4.0, Alex Lindsay 4.0, Reiah Waite 4.0, Diana Healy.

10th Grade—Carson Brosnan 4.0, Madison Combe 4.0, Jacee Currin 4.0, Claire Grieb 4.0, Jaiden Mahoney 4.0, Jenna McCullough 4.0, Hunter Nichols 4.0, Leo Waite 4.0, Kaitlyn Martin, Gibson McCurry, Stephany DuBry, Charles Cason, Keegan Gibbs, Caitlyn Scrivner, Jacob Wallace, Trevor Antonucci.

Ninth Grade—Kellen

Grant 4.0, Nicole Prophet 4.0, Brianne Smith 4.0, Casey Fletcher, Jason Rea, Cami VanArsdale.

Eighth Grade—Madelyn Nichols 4.0, Hannah Palmer 4.0, Aimee Doherty, Brinley Dompier, Roy Collins, Hunter Greenup, Genevieve Smith, Alexis Cutsforth.

Seventh Grade—Kyle Boor 4.0, Cody Fletcher 4.0, Blake Carter, Blane Mahoney, Kason Cimmiyotti, Hannah Finch, Jett Stewart, Roen Waite.

BRITTNER RETIRES

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Louis was grand marshal for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo in 1968, and Margaret Cason was a teacher in Heppner for many years. Brittner recalls that her own first grade class was the last class Margaret taught before retirement.

When the Casons retired, they moved to the Beaverton/Hillsboro area, taking their granddaughter with them. Brittner, who was in junior high at the time, was put in a private school to meet her grandmother's exacting standards of education.

"Grandmother was very picky," she recalls. "It didn't do me any good to be picky or not."

Brittner graduated from Laurelwood Academy in Gaston, OR and then went on to Portland Community College, graduating as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in 1966. She says she has since taken classes through Pioneer Memorial, to keep up her certification and keep up with the changes in medicine.

"There's been a whole lot of changes through the years," she says.

Brittner also got married in 1966, and the couple moved to Heppner a year or two later. She started with Pioneer Memorial Hospital shortly after the move, staying there until she and her husband went in with family on a ranch near Paulina, OR in 1977.

One of the things she



Brittner used to ride cattle drives like this one with local rancher Floyd Jones, pictured in this G-T archive article driving cattle by the courthouse in Heppner. -Archive photo

enjoyed during her early life was driving cattle with Floyd Jones, who often drove large herds of cattle right through Heppner. Photos in the G-T archives show Jones and his cattle drives, and Brittner can even point to herself in a photo or two.

"I enjoyed doing it, and it helped him out," says Brittner.

After two years in Paulina, the young family moved to North Powder for a year before heading to Montana. They stayed there until 1981, when the Brittners' marriage ended in divorce. She returned to Heppner with sons Ted and Leonard, and returned to her work at Pioneer Memorial. She stayed there, working first at the hospital and then as a charge nurse at the nursing home.

"Many of the people I had (at the home) were people I'd known my whole life—which was kind of fun, to try to make their

lives good and do the best you could for 'em," she says.

She recalls a brief time working in Hermiston when Heppner's nursing home shut down.

"I never really quit," she says. "I was just temporarily out of work."

She returned to Pioneer Memorial at the request of Molly Rhea, working on the medical floor and handling a variety of tasks, including changing dressings, a skill she says Sandi Hanna taught her. She helped out frequently in the emergency room.

"I always got stuck in there with the drunks, because I could handle them," Brittner says.

She officially retired a couple of years ago, but has stayed on, working one night a week until last October. Now, though, Brittner says it's time to retire for good, and she was honored at a retirement barbecue with coworkers on June 28.

She says plans to do some visiting with her sons—one local and one in Portland—four grandkids and three great-grandchildren, and she's busy trying to figure out Facebook on her new phone and tablet. She also says she has people she visits around town. And while she may go out of town on visits, she says she has no plans to leave.

"Every time I leave, I end up coming back," she quips. "So I'm not leaving any more."

Vision fulfilled with new Boardman pool, rec center

Ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday opens doors to a 30-year vision of the Boardman community

Sitting just north of SAGE Center and the new Blue Mountain Community College Workforce Training Center on Olson Road, Boardman Pool and Recreation Center is the latest development to address the needs of a growing community. The recreation center has been a vision of the community for more than 30 years, solidifying with the passing of a \$12.390 million bond in November 2014. That vision is fully realized with the opening of its doors on July 1.

The city of Boardman has a population of approximately 3,400, but thousands of employees commute daily to the companies in the Port of Morrow. Through the years, many in the community touted the idea of building an indoor pool and recreation center, but it took the vision and persistence of a five-member park board of directors to develop a workable plan to pass a general obligation bond and figure out a way to pay for the operating costs of a huge facility.

"Our vision of this recreation center is to provide

a safe, affordable space for our community to enjoy," stated Karen Pettigrew, Boardman Park and Recreation District board chair, "and to encourage more of the commuting workforce to move their families to our community."

The Boardman Pool and Recreation center is approximately 43,000 square feet and includes a four-lane swimming pool with a two-story slide, therapy pool, recreation pool with a vortex (a circular area where water is jetted to create a vortex) and 27' tall climbing wall.

It also includes several named/sponsored areas such as the Tillamook Gymnasium, Boardman Foods Multi-Purpose Room, Port of Morrow Weights and Cardio Room, Lamb Weston Aerobics Room and Umatilla Electric Life-guard Station. Other naming opportunities are still available.

The Boardman Park and Recreation District invites the community to celebrate the opening of Boardman Pool and Recreation Center at the ribbon

cutting ceremony on Saturday, July 1, from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. followed immediately by a community barbecue, tours of the facility and membership enrollment. The recreation center will open for regular business on Sunday, July 2, at 12 p.m. The center will be open with extended operating hours daily, with 24-hour access to some amenities. The community has the opportunity to enroll in annual memberships, month-to-month memberships, or can drop in for a daily rate.

Pastor Brudevold returns to Heppner

Rev. Keith Brudevold, formerly of Heppner, is returning this week after an absence of nine years. He will be assuming once again the position of pastor of the Heppner United Methodist Church.

Rev. Brudevold lived in Heppner for six years, beginning in 2002. He

will once again reside at Grace House, the parsonage for the church located on Church Street.

His first Sunday in the pulpit will be July 2; friends and church family are welcome to join the reunion at 10:30 a.m. The theme for the Sunday will be A Nation Under God.

Open house planned for new advocacy center

The public is invited to an open house reception to celebrate the opening of Domestic Violence Services' new advocacy center in Heppner.

The open house will take place Wednesday, July 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first floor of the Gilliam-Bisbee Building (in the former Veteran Services Office) in Heppner.

Call Mary for more information, 541-276-3322.

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