

# Gazette Times

## Blane Mahoney competes in national finals rodeo



Blane Mahoney recently competed at the National Junior High Finals Rodeo in Huron, SD in chute dogging, team roping, breakaway roping, ribbon roping and the light rifle shooting. Blane placed 34<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the breakaway roping and 48<sup>th</sup> in the light rifle competition.

"I enjoyed representing Oregon at the national level. It was a great experience and I hope to qualify again in high school," Mahoney said.

Blane will be a freshman at Heppner High School this fall and will join his sister, Jaiden, as a member of the Oregon High School Rodeo Association and Intermountain High School Rodeo team competing in the team roping, steer wrestling, light rifle and target shooting events.

**Blane Mahoney placed 34<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the breakaway roping event with a time of 3.6.** -Contributed photo.

## Visiting bike group plays pickle ball

The Mid-Valley Bike Club members, spending a couple of days in Heppner on their ride through Eastern Oregon, tried out the new pickle ball court last Thursday. The group invited local residents Dale Bates and Jay Coil to play, teaching them the rules of the game. Bates and Coil managed to win both games.

Of the 41 members of the group, some visited the museums, viewed the murals on the side of the Agricultural Museum, checked out the Talking Rocks, did the walking tour to learn about Heppner's past and did the Pre-Flood Walk through History.

**Members of the Mid-Valley Bike Club, Robert Fox, Bruce Fecht, Ted Wilson and Ellen Tappan played pickle ball on the new court in Heppner.** -Contributed photo.



## Jeff Bailey wins OBA award

Jeff Bailey, president and CEO of Bank of Eastern Oregon was presented the Frank E. Brawner Advocacy Award at the Oregon Bankers Association's (OBA) 113<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention held in Incline Village, NV.

The top priority of the Oregon Bankers Association is advocacy on behalf of its member banks. This includes lobbying at the state level, regulatory relations, federal legislative advocacy, grassroots programs, political engagement and media and public relations. The Frank E. Brawner Advocacy Award was established in 2015 to recognize what it means to be an outstanding advocate for the Oregon banking industry. The award was named after one of the most

passionate advocates in the history of Oregon banking, the late Frank Brawner, CEO of OBA for 24 years beginning in 1974.

Whether testifying in Salem in support of important

legislation; travelling to Washington, D.C. to meet with agency leadership and lawmakers; or writing Oregon's congressional delegation on the importance of bank regulatory reform,

## Currin, Mahoney compete at national finals rodeo



**Jacee Currin**  
Jacee Currin and Jaiden Mahoney, Heppner High School seniors, are currently competing at the National Finals High School Rodeo (NHSFR) in Rock Springs, WY. Both girls completed

their first go rounds on Sunday and Monday.

Currin is in 21<sup>st</sup> position with a time of 8.89 in goat tying after the first go round. Mahoney is in 75<sup>th</sup> position in barrel racing with a time of 22.866.

The Oregon girls' team is currently sitting in 12<sup>th</sup> place and the Oregon boys' team in 13<sup>th</sup>, with the combined Oregon team sitting 12<sup>th</sup>.

The rodeo continues through July 21, with the Saturday performances being televised and available on RFD-TV.



Jaiden Mahoney

## Event trailer makes debut



Lindy Gravelle performs on the new event trailer. -Contributed photo.

The new event trailer stage, the long-time dream of Dale Bates, made its debut at Heppner's Music in the Park on July 7 during

Lindy Gravelle's performance.

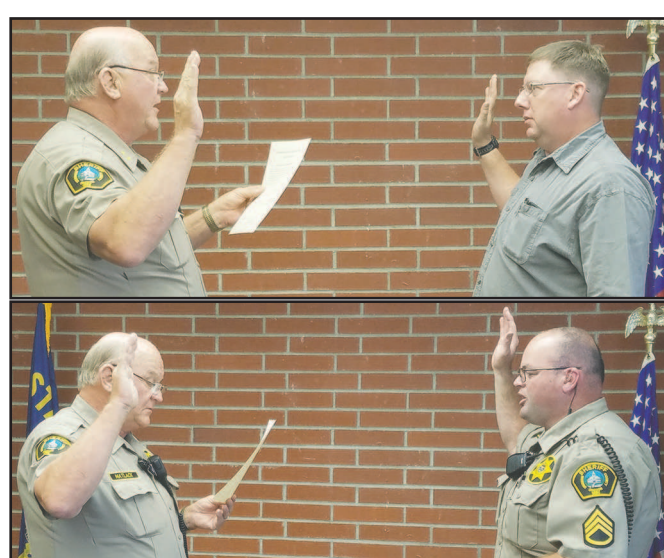
Dale Bates has dreamed of creating a more professional stage for events in Heppner and with the help of other community members and businesses, it became a reality.

The trailer began with the donation of an old mobile home by Wil White. The house was removed from the frame by David Piper Construction and the frame was rebuilt and

reinforced by Miller and Sons and Shane Laughlin. With a bit of fabrication done by Coil Fabrication it was completed to its current state. According to a spokesperson, there are still some things to finish, but the city now has a better stage to use for music events.

The event trailer project was funded by a donation from the Howard and Beth Bryant Foundation.

## MCSO announces promotions



Top photo: Scott Carter (right) was sworn-in as Criminal Deputy/Detective by Sheriff Kenneth W. Matlack at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office this week.

Bottom photo: Nathen Braun (right) was sworn-in as Patrol Sgt. For the Morrow County Sheriff's Office by Sheriff Kenneth W. Matlack.

Navarro while announcing the award. She added, "The reason can be summed up in the adage, 'He says what he means, and means what

he says,' something that is too often absent in today's political discourse. He is as honest and authentic as they come."



Jeff Bailey, president and CEO of Bank of Eastern Oregon was named the 2018 recipient of the Frank E. Brawner Advocacy Award for his outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of the Oregon banking industry.

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