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Local cowboys and cowgirls win in Morrow County rodeo



oy Patterson took first place in the Morrow County Rodeo amateur calf roping, taking home the 2019 championship saddle donated by Morrow County Grain Growers. Pictured: Jessica Hughes, OTPR committee member, Coy Patterson, Kevin Gray, MCGG and OTPR president, **Tanner Britt.** -Photo by Juli Kennedy.



The cow hide race winners Lane Bailey and Wacy Coil were presented buckles, sponsored by Eastern Oregon Mobile Slaughter and BLK Truck Parts by OTPR president Tanner Britt. -Photo by Juli Kennedy.



Stick horse three-and-under winners Lydia Knowles, first place, Jaxson Nelson, second place and Emma Britt, third place. Trophies were donated by Peterson's Jewelers and the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo committee. -Photo by Juli Kennedy.



Above: Winners of the six-and-seven-year-old stick horse races were Charlie Mullins, first, and Ella Mullins, second. Trophies were donated by Peterson's Jewelers and the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo committee.

Right: Kolt Chick took first place in mutton bustin', taking home the buckle sponsored and presented by Tim Dickenson of Dickenson Chiropractic. -Photos by Juli Kennedy

Local men bring hope to Liberia

'Ministry no bigger than the one in front of us'



Heppner man Sam Bellamy (third from left) pictured with Hope 2's Rich Wrisley (far right) on the recent trip to Liberia to install solar panels on well water pumps.

By David Sykes

Two area men from the local Christian Church have been giving their time and effort to helping those in need, on the other side of the world in the war torn



the winning bracelet cuff for breakaway roping by Tanner Britt, OTPR president. The buckle is sponsored by Buck-



The winner of the all-around, presented by OTPR president Tanner Britt. The spurs were donated by Les Schwab. -Photo by Juli Kennedy.

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Knives donated by Wight's Electric and John Britt Logging were presented to ribbon roping winners Kevin Murray and Kolby Currin by Tanner Britt, OTPR president. -Photo by

try of Liberia.

Sam Bellamy have both made trips to Liberia where the church is helping people obtain water, build schools and gain medical care. Pastor Deloe is the Christian to waste," he points out. Church minister and has He says the solar panel been to Liberia five times. Bellamy is a church member and made his first trip this past May. He went to hard there but then the sun help install solar panels on water well pumps in three small villages. All the work is done under the church sponsored program called Hope 2 - Watering the Thirst.

Most people of course know Bellamy as the longtime owner of Lexington Pump. He has worked on many wells and pumps in the area as part of his job. His trip to Liberia in May, however, wasn't for money but to help those in need.

and diseased ravaged coune everyone started singing. It was very rewarding." Pastor Ray Deloe and He says as soon as the water started to flow people brought out buckets and filled them from the newly operating solar-powered pump. "No water goes pumps work well and will be run just as long as the sun shines. "It will rain comes out."

> Pastor Deloe says the original Hope 2 program was started in 2005 when three men from Muncie, Indiana made a trip to Africa. Liberia is a small country of just three million people and was just coming off a devastating 14-year civil war that left the country with little to no infrastructure. In the beginning the program supplied many water filter systems just to get people clean water.



Getting ready to install the solar panels that will power pumps to replace hand pumping

by hand and then packing poor country. the water in buckets on top of their heads just so they could have drinking water for their families. Sometimes they will spend two to three hours per day just

carrying water, he says. Bellamy used his long experience in the well and pump business to help install solar panels on water pumps in wells that would then supply clean water for the village. Bellamy said it was very satisfying to provide something as basic as water to the people. "When we hooked them up (the panels and pumps) they started pumping right away," he recalls. "At the second village there was an orphanage with 100 kids standing around watching us work," Bellamy relates. "There were ten young guys helping us (they do speak English but not always understandablly). When the water started coming out

Traveling to three small Many babies died before villages out in the jungle, their fifth birthday due to where one trip took three dirty water. The effort has hours from the capital of grown into not only water Monrovia, Bellamy said he but schools, medical care saw people pumping water and other basic help for this

Bellamy says people will donate to the effort if they are asked. He received \$10,000 worth of equipment from one supplier he works with, and another \$5,700 from a local farmer who wanted to help. The equipment, including the solar panels, were shipped earlier by container to Liberia and were waiting when they arrived. He said they did have to load the panels on top of trucks to take them out to one of the villages. "We had mattresses on the top for protection against damage, with the panels tied down on top of them. It was quite a sight," he says with a smile. Once out in the villages he says people just came out of the jungle from everywhere to see them work. Pastor Deloe says the rural population makes a living by hunting,

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