

Heppner's Stewart wins Big 4 Rodeo award

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HEPPNER — The first thing Jason Stewart did, when he found out he won the Big 4 Rodeo Association's "Best in the Northwest" title, was text his good buddy Trevor Brazile.

"I thanked him for not coming to the other rodeos," Stewart said. "This was a big surprise. I knew I was potentially in the running, but I never looked at the standings. When I won the Walla Walla steer roping title, I knew I had a chance."

The award is given to the cowboy who accumulates the most points while competing at all of the Big 4 rodeo — Kennewick's Horse Heaven Round-Up, Walla Walla Frontier Days,



Jason Stewart

the Lewiston Round-Up and the Pendleton Round-Up.

Stewart, 43, who competed in team roping and steer roping at all four rodeos, won the tightly contested race for the first time.

"Have you seen the names on there?" Stewart

said of the past winners. "I can't believe my name is on there with theirs."

Brazile has won the award six times, Tuff Hedeman won in 1987, Dee Pickett in 1979, and the great Jim Shoulders in 1957.

Stewart's winnings between the four rodeos was \$11,864. He also will receive a custom-made saddle designed for the winner by Stoney Saddlery of Wickensburg, Arizona.

Stewart, who backed off from rodeoing full time when he and his wife Sybil started a family, has pretty much stayed within the Columbia River Circuit, where he is third in the all-around standings, second among the headers, and is third in the steer roping.

Boardman Fire receives new equipment

Boardman Rural Fire Protection recently received four Lucas 3 CPR Compression Units, which help assist first responders during cardiac events when chest compressions are needed. CPR chest compression units deliver consistent chest compressions under difficult conditions and for extended periods of time.

The purchase was made possible with support from AWS InCommunities, a program with Amazon Web Services Infrastructure focused on community stewardship where the company built its cloud. The Port of Morrow assisted in the process of receiving the grant.

The first in Morrow County, the four CPR chest



Pictured: Adam Cole, Captain of Boardman Fire; Stephanie Irons, Boardman Fire; Ethan Salata, Firefighter; Josie Foster, EMT; Marc Rogelstad, Fire Chief; Jeremy Gierke, LT, Boardman Fire; Kenneth Browne, Boardman Fire; Don Sousa, Boardman Fire; Steve Myren, Boardman Fire; Mark Souza, Boardman Fire; Todd Milev, AWS Community Engagement; John Deloach, AWS Senior Management Infrastructure Delivery.

compression units will help local first responders aid and train members of the local community. Many other local agencies are also receiving the devices including Boardman Rural Fire

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Jack and the Beanstalk auditions held

Upcoming performance planned



The cast of Jack and the Beanstalk.

What happens when a young boy plants wonder beans in his own backyard? For Jack, it is the beginning of a great adventure. Audiences are invited to come along this Saturday, October 5 when the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) and several local

students present Jack and the Beanstalk.

Auditions were held Monday, September 30 at the Ione American Legion Hall. The local cast features Grace Smith as Jack, Paige Beebe as Mother, Emily Ehrmantraut as Jill and Phegley Padberg as the



McKenna Brand and Jessica Pawlak, directors with the Missoula Children's Theater, hold auditions for the cast of Jack and the Beanstalk.

legendary Giant. Adding a unique twist to the story will be an unusual mix of characters including farmers, merchants and circus performers. Sure to steal the show are the Wonder Beans. All cast members are under the direction of McKenna Brand.

Jack and the Beanstalk will be presented at 6:30 p.m. at the Ione American Legion Hall. The perfor-

mance is free to the public and all are encouraged to attend this fun and entertaining interpretation of the classic tale.

The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Ione is brought to Ione by the Ione Community-Agri Business Organization with support from the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. For additional information, call Peggy Doherty at 541-989-8443.

Mustang volleyball wins one loses one last Saturday



Zabrena Masterson (10) goes for the ball at the net while Sydney Wilson (12) Nicole Prophter (16) prepare to assist during the game against Union. -Photo by Kirsti Cason.



Kayla McAnninch (7) and Nicole Prophter (16) reach for the ball as Genevieve Smith (14) looks on while playing the Enterprise game. -Photo by Kirsti Cason.

MCHS to meet

The Morrow County Historical Society's annual meeting will be held October 6 at the Ione Community Church. A business meeting, including ongoing plans of an online presence, will be combined with a fall luncheon beginning at 2 p.m.

Annual dues of \$5 may be paid at this time. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

Men schedule First Friday

The men of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Heppner and St. William's Catholic Church of Ione will hold their First Friday of the month meeting on Friday, October 4 at the parish office in Heppner.

The meeting will start at 6:45 a.m. and will be followed by First Friday Mass at 7:30 a.m.

LCAC schedules meeting

Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC) will hold a meeting Thursday, Oct. 3 at 9 a.m. at the Port of Morrow Well Springs room. Everyone is asked to attend to help prepare for the November 7 public community meeting.

The Workforce workgroup will meet at 8 a.m., prior to the LCAC meeting.

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